

MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2009
150 N. 18th Ave
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

Members Present

Bentley Bobrow, Chairman
Sgt Mike Fink
Paul Coe
John Gallagher
Daniel Spaitte
Janine Anderson
Mark Venuti
Rob Ramsey
David Ridings
Charlie Smith
Roy Royals
Coy Amerson
Gene Daniels
Jerry Stein
Joe Gibson

ADHS Staff

Terry Mullins
Joel Bunis
Vicki Conditt
Elizabeth Roig
Angie Cauthon
Noreen Adlin
Robin Gil
Thomas Bortell

Members Absent

Michael Hagerty
Rod Reed
Jeff Daniel
Stewart Hamilton
Dale Woolridge
Misty Cisneros
Bobby Ruiz

Member Teleconference

Michael Ward
Ronalee Quarles
Mike Evans
Taylor Payson

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 a quorum was present

II. DISCUSS/AMEND/APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2009

Charlie Smith made a motion to approve the minutes and it was second by Gene Mc Daniels with the correction of adding Jerry Stein as absent on the roster for January 20, 2009 meeting Minutes passed

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Additional EMS Council Rep needed for the Disaster Preparedness Committee

Bentley Bobrow asked for an EMS Member to volunteer as a rep for the Disaster Preparedness Committee

Mark Venuti, Bob Ramsey and Michael Ward will be added to the list of members of the Disaster Preparedness Committee

IV. BUREAU CHIEF REPORT

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief announced the following:

A. Members needed for work groups;

1. STAB Work Groups

Develop triage and transport guidelines to accommodate Level II, III, and IV Trauma Centers (May 18, 12:00 – 15:00)

Quality Improvement and Education for triage guidelines (May 8, 13:00 – 15:00)

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and approve Amiodarone drug profile

John Gallagher made a motion to approve Amiodarone drug profile with changes that were made and approved by the Medical Direction Commission and was second by Mark Venuti. Amiodarone drug profile passes as a guidance document

B. Discuss and approve Chitosan Dressing

John Gallagher makes a motion to table the Chitosan Dressing until MDC takes a deeper look into it, second by Daniel Spaite. Motion to table this item passes

C. Discuss and approve Atropine Drug Profile

John Gallagher asked Terry Mullins if he would like to open the discussion of changes to this item. MDC has approved this item with changes and a discussion ensues. John Gallagher makes a motion to approve this item with changes second by Mark Venuti. Motion passes with the amended changes

D. Discuss and approve TTT Guidelines

Joel Bunis discusses the path of this guidance document and it is ready to be approved by the EMS Council with the added changes and the temporary removal of the DNR Protocol upon clarification of the Statutes. Discussion ensues. John Gallagher makes a motion to approve this item as amended second by Bob Ramsey. Motion passes

VI.

REPORTS

A. Concept of a joint position statement (EMS Council, MDC and STAB) concerning voluntary adoption of air medical safety guidelines – Chris Salvino

Terry Mullins reported on the Air Ambulance Committee, Chris Salvino forged the idea of putting together a group of individuals to develop a consensus document that would be something that the EMS Council, MDC and STAB would jointly sign. This would be more of a statement as opposed to a regulatory or guidance document dealing with some voluntary activities that area air ambulance providers could implement to reduce the risk of crashes

B. BEMSTS Rules Analyst – Elizabeth Roig

Elizabeth Roig, Senior Rules Analyst reported that on January 22, 2009 the Governor announced a Rulemaking Moratorium in effect in order for her staff to review any new or pending rules. As a result of the moratorium all rule making has seized. The moratorium is scheduled to end on April 30, 2009. No further information is currently available at this time. As a result of the moratorium any rule making projects have been suspended until further notice

C. State Trauma Advisory Board – Vicki Conditt

Vicki Conditt reported that STAB now has four level IV trauma centers and two more pending. We have a level IV Trauma Center in Winslow, Page Wilcox and Show Low, the two pending are in Tuba City, Parker.

The first group will be led by Chris Salvino who will discuss air versus ground field transport group meeting on May 8, 2009. Second group meeting will discuss quality assurance and training issues, training for pre-hospital now that we have more trauma centers. May 08, 2009. The third meeting will be lead by Dr. Anthony Rhorer will discuss trauma triage and transport protocols. May 18, 2009

D. Data and Quality Assurance Program – Joel Bunis

Joel Bunis reported that his section has been producing reports for STAB review. Currently, a report has been produced which looks at patients who have died after being admitted to a non-trauma-designated hospital with ISS of greater than 15. The section is also producing individualized quarterly reports for the designated trauma centers showing different system, process and EMS indicators. We have also begun work on a need's assessment using GIS technology to see the frequency of trauma within 30 minutes driving distance of non-designated hospitals. This may help to guide future designations as Level III or Level IV trauma centers. There was a Stakeholders meeting for the Premier Agency Program which is going to roll out on May 11th, there are four components to the program; one is Senior administrations buyoff to participate in the quality assurance process the second is to do a hundred percent quality assurance on four categories of trauma, stroke, ST elevation M.I. and possible cardiac arrest. The third is to use that information developed from the quality assurance process to feed back information to the providers and the fourth part is to submission of

electronic data to the EMS data base. We went over the confidentiality of quality assurance process is bound to the one we are setting up in terms of the confidentiality of information that we receive, the Bureau of EMS is specifically a protected health entity that is prohibited to give any confidential information out. Any requests for information must go through the Department of Health Human Subject Review Board, which is responsible for ensuring that confidentiality will be maintained within the research project. We are looking to roll it out by May 11th. Our whole goal is to produce Data and Quality Assurance from individual agencies on the four categories to see if there are changes in care that can be implemented based on actual information that we receive.

E. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Subcommittee – John Gallagher

John Gallagher had nothing to report and the next PMD meeting is May 14, 2009

F. Disaster Preparedness – Joe Gibson

The initial committee meeting was an orientation and introduction to the EMS response to the Statewide Pandemic Influenza Plan we learned that the plan that was submitted to the Federal Government had some opportunities for improvement in some areas of scores that can be improved. A second workshop meeting divided up the opportunities for improvement among different members of the committee to bring back some thoughts and recommendations. We worked our way through a lot of the segments. We were resourced by other documents of existence of government or other states with similar plans to share their best practices then incorporate them into our documents. We will meet again on May 14, 2009 at 3 p.m. to bring it to a conclusion so it can be submitted shortly thereafter.

G. Rules Committee – Mark Venuti

There is a Moratorium in effect, therefore all rule making and Rules Committee meetings have ceased till further notice.

H. Education Subcommittee – Janine Anderson

Janine Anderson reported that on February 04, 2009 the National Education Standards were finally approved and that it will be an on going high priority agenda item for the Education Committee from now on. Bentley Bobrow, Medical Director has asked the committee to look at some educational opportunities in regards to out of hospital cardiac arrest, ST elevation M.I., stroke and trauma. These were distributed to the members along with some power point presentations from the state in regards to the four criteria. These will also be on our next agenda. The next Education Committee meeting is May 14, 2009

I. Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils

1. NAEMS

Paul Coe reported that at the last meeting they have authorized supportive funding for; continuing education to Summit Health Care, (1) EMT-B refresher and (4) Students in IEMT to Paramedic courses. At its March meeting they approved the budget for the next fiscal year. The schedule for the provider grant process with application forms to be posted on the website. The grant screening committee will meet in Flagstaff to review the requests on April 21, 2009. We will be sending out the EMSC survey along with the regular EMS needs assessment survey. We proposed a by-law change regarding tuition reimbursement that will be on the agenda for a vote at the May meeting. We had a presentation from Mike Todd on the AZ Interoperability Radio System. Members were urged to sign on to the system and utilize it for both large and small incidents. A report was given on the March 3, 2009 Regional meeting with BEMS. Yavapai College is now certified as a Pearson testing center. The next NAEMS meeting will be held on May 1, 2009 in Flagstaff

2. AEMS

Joe Gibson reported that the 9th annual EMS ODYSSEY Conference is May 28, 29 in Mesa at the Mesa Marriott, brochures were available. The 2nd week of March was the COYOTE Campaign which included pre-hospitals, law

enforcement and MMRS. The AEMS Categorization Project with Dr. Londeree has moved forward with a lot of new facilities and reorganization of some facilities and some of the specialties that have surfaced. At the April 15th, board meeting we brought forward the newest categorization guidelines that were approved by the board. Dormant for a while was the hospital diversion issues in the valley where flu season has been non visible for the last couple of years and in late February and end of March we saw a spike of activity and backups in hospitals and diversionary concerns and this will continue to be an opportunity for discussion at the Transfer of Care Committee. In the southeast section of the Central Region we had a pilot project running of the no diversion, Dr. Gemar and Chief Cameli from Mesa Fire Dept. Co-Chaired the administrative over site to see the success of the project. The Regional Red Book Guidelines have been updated by Allison; Gilbert Fire Dept. was approved by the Board and will be posted to the website. Bringing forward the Regional Needs Assessment which is tied to our provider assistance program, which is moving forward.

3. WACEMS

There was no report given

4. SAEMS

Taylor Payson reports that the Rural Data collection project is moving along, They have distributed all 2009 AEDS, We have issued the 2009-10 Provider grant applications, due in May 1 and decisions at June Council meeting, We have awarded 3 \$1000 scholarships for Paramedic training through the Chuck Kramer Fund, we have reestablished the air medical subcommittee- now meet quarterly- We have a quality assurance report that is available on our web site, that is filled out after every scene request and sent to our office for follow-up, all our committees are going through a bylaws review and update and Next council meeting- April 21 at UPH /Kino at 10am

5. Legislative Updates – Terry Mullins

Terry Mullins reported that there is an access Bill 282- Intrafacility Transport, Dr. Bobrow added AED Bill 2399 which relaxes the type of training you have to have to use an AED in public and it also removes all physicians and Medical Directors from liability but this Bill has not gone anywhere as of yet. This Bill is waiting for the Senate Committee

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response from the Public

VIII. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 21st thru the 23rd is EMS week

SATNET in Tucson August 6-7, at the Tucson Convention Center

AEMS Odyssey May 28-29, 2009 in Mesa – see website for more information

HAZMAT Conference is November 05, 2009

State Resuscitation Symposium on April 29th at the College of Medicine at 9 a.m., reservation is required, seating is limited.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

By: EMS Council

Approved: September 18, 2009