

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 21, 2007
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540
Phoenix, AZ

Members' Present

Bentley Bobrow, Chairman
Sgt. Martyn J. Fink
Barbara Schaffer
Paul Coe
Taylor Payson
Rodney Reed
John Gallagher
Jeff Daniel
Daniel Spaite
Janine Anderson
Coy Amerson

Members' Present Cont.

Mark Venuti
Kurt Krumperman
Robert Ramsey
Mike Duran
David Ridings
Roy Ryals
Charlie Smith
B. Gene McDaniels
Jerry Stein
Dale Woolridge

Members' Absent

Stewart Hamilton
Marcia Barry
Michael Ward
Scott Petersen
Mike Evans
Thelma Brandon-Davis
Misty Cisneros
Ronalee Quarles
Michael Hegarty

ADHS Staff

Terry Mullins
Ed Armijo
Vicki Conditt
Joel Bunis
Traci Alexander
Paula Brazil

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:35 a.m. A quorum was present. He also welcomed Paul Brazil who is the new SHARE Program Coordinator.

II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON September 24, 2007

Dr. Bobrow asked for motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2007. Motion was made by Roy Ryals and seconded by Mark Venuti. **Motion Carried.**

III. REPORTS:

A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

EMS Council Membership Update – Dr. Bobrow:

New members were introduced: Mike Duran, Representative for **Phoenix Fire Department**; Rodney Reed, Representative from Local Emergency Medical Services Coordinating System for **Western Region** and Dr. Dale Wooldridge, who represents the Pediatric Advisory Committee for Emergency Services (PACES). Presently membership reappointments are pending for Janine Anderson, R.N., Mark Venuti and Charlie Smith. We are still waiting to update one last expired membership - Marcia Barry.

B. REPORT FROM THE BUREAU CHIEF:

1. Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, congratulated Vicki Conditt on her promotion to Assistant Bureau Chief of Development. He also gave an update on the EMTs Practicing in Hospitals Substantive Policy Statement (SP-082-PHS-EMS). Mullins also announced three workgroup projects being developed with the four EMS regions. He is seeking volunteers or regional representatives to participate in these workgroups:
 - Workgroup to establish a core EMS dataset and data definition necessary for contribution to NHTSA/National EMS Information System.
 - Workgroup to identify administrative online medical directors for a new database that will be used for resource sharing via a webpage or bulletin board.
 - Workgroup to review and revise the 1995 Triage, Treatment and Transport guidelines and movement of new guidelines into protocols.

In addition, he also announced:

- BEMSTS has been working with ADOT and the Federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration and was awarded funding from the 408 grant for EMS data collection and analysis.
- BEMSTS has been informed by the University of Arizona Office of Rural Health Policy (OHRP) that OHRP was awarded grant monies for three EMS-Trauma related projects:
 - a. Provide funding for Critical Access Hospitals to become designated as Level IV Trauma Centers.
 - b. Business management courses available to EMS providers
 - c. Medical Director training courses

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

A. Dr. Bobrow entertained a motion to approve the 2008 Meeting Calendar. Motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Dr. John Gallagher. **Motion Carried.**

B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Kurt Krumperman suggested formation of an EMS & Emergency Management Committee to focus discussions and activities related to EMS and disaster response. Areas this will help:

- Intrastate mutual aid
- Interstate mutual aid
- Make sure we receive our fair share for EMS First Response grant.
- Operational issues related to standards, inoperability, equipment, and communications for protocols for disaster.

Discussion followed with an emphasis that efforts should be coordinated so as not to duplicate other efforts that are already underway with FEMA and other organizations. Dr. Bobrow entertained a motion to form the committee. Motion was made by Kurt Krumperman and seconded by Mark Venuti. **Motion Carried.**

C. EDUCATION STANDARDS/EMS NATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Joel Bunis gave an update of the EMS National Scope of Practice study which looked at what the role of EMT, EMT-(I) AND EMT-(P) really is. Additionally, through this study, classifications of EMS providers were redone. New classifications will be Emergency Medical Responders, EMT, Advanced EMT, and paramedic. Advanced EMT will be

closely aligned with the EMT as opposed to paramedic. In order to make this happen, new accreditation guidelines will be created and required for new paramedic programs. This is set to be approved by the national registry which states no one will be able to test for the national registry paramedic unless graduated from an accredited program. The time frame is a problem in regards to doing away with national standard curriculum guidelines and replacing them with educational standards and instructional guidelines which will be fully available to the states in April 2008. Bunis states overall intent is to align the job of being an EMS worker as a profession rather than a vocation.

D. RULEMAKING TO REPEAL R9-25-501, ADOPT A NEW R9-25-501, AND REVISE R9-25-503

Maria Herbert of the Office of Administrative Rules was introduced as the interim Rules Analyst since Sarah Harpring accepted employment with another state agency. Maria provided a brief statement related to this agenda item. These suggested changes are per the Education and PMD committees:

- Repeal R9-25-501, adopt a new R9-25-501, and revise R9-25-503.
- Adopt a new R9-25-501 authorizing EMT I-(99) or EMT-(P) to administer a TB test after completing training per the rule.
- Revising R9-25-503 Table 1 to include immunizing agents.
- Amend R9-25-503 to allow administration of an immunizing agent to an individual.

Currently the table only reflects the change related to R9-25-501. Discussion followed. Dr. Bobrow suggested the document be returned to Protocols, Medications and Devices Committee since there are still issues with the document.

E. Review and Revision of Table 1 in R9-25-503 Antiemetics

ADHS further amend R9-25-503 to remove the category Antiemetics and delete the drugs Promethazine HCl and Prochlorperazine edisylate. The only Antiemetic to be retained would be Ondansetron HCl, but realign it alphabetically in the table. Since the Medical Direction Commission did not have a quorum, Mark Venuti recommended Table 1 in R9-25-503 Antiemetics be tabled until approved by Medical Direction Commission after issues are worked out in Protocols, Medications and Devices. Bobrow asked for motion to table this item. Paul Coe motioned to table this item and Dr. Gallagher seconded.

Motion Carried.

F. Draft Drug Profile for Ondansetron HCl – GD-087-PHS-EMS

Agenda item tabled until next Medical Direction Commission meeting since this morning's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

G. Draft Drug Profile for Promethazine – GD-088-PHS-EMS

Agenda item tabled until next Medical Direction Commission meeting since this morning's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

H. Draft Drug Profile for Prochlorperazine Edisylate – GD-089-PHS-EMS

Agenda item tabled until next Medical Direction Commission meeting since this morning's meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

I. Members' Term Limits – Amendment of EMS Council Bylaws

Terry Mullins recommended committee members serve a maximum of two terms.

Therefore, the EMS Council bylaws were presented with the amended language “**Members**

and councils shall be appointed for a term of three years with a maximum of two consecutive terms.” Discussion ensued that the members are appointed by the Governor, the statutes do not provide for this, and that bylaws do not trump statute. Further, implementing such term limits could lead to potential quorum problems because it can be difficult to get members willing to serve and participate in the meetings. It was suggested that this request is out of order and that bylaws cannot conflict with statute. Further discussion ensued about the Bureau’s ability to notify the Governor’s Office of those individuals who are not attending meetings for potential dismissal. Roy Ryals moved that this item be tabled until guidance could be obtained from the Attorney General’s Office. Charlie Smith seconded. **Motion Carried.**

J. **Legislative Update**

This item was asked to be a standing agenda item so that if legislation that impacted EMS or trauma were passed, the information would be shared with the committee.

Terry Mullins acknowledged progress on CCR education and SHARE program. Because of this progress, Arizona has published the first statewide results for bystander CCR data which will serve as baseline data. Funding has been provided from the Governor’s Health Crisis Fund to conduct a public education campaign. The goal is to train 100,000 lay people on how to do CCR. The American Heart Association will be citing some of this work in their new guidelines that will be out in 2008, which will also reflect bystander CCR stats.

K. **Regional Cardiac Arrest Centers Draft Protocol and related Research Abstract**

Dr. Spaite gave a presentation on a draft protocol that will look at the feasibility of regional cardiac arrest centers. The presentation covered therapeutic hypothermia and improved neurological outcomes when an individual suffers a non-traumatic cardiac arrest. Discussion followed in regards to the protocol. The presentation included the purpose of the protocol and listed inclusion criteria for selective EMS bypass to regional cardiac arrest centers.

L. **Discussion - Southeastern Arizona Radios**

Taylor Payson, on behalf of Cochise County, reported on funding requests for interoperability projects denied by the Department of Homeland Security for the 700-800 MHz project. Homeland Security Grant Process and the Director of Homeland Security asked the Public Safety Communications Commission to review all interoperable communications projects to see if they fit in the state plan. The PSCC conducted an interoperability workgroup to make decisions without informing those who had submitted projects for funding. The Emergency Services Director for Cochise County stated that they were not informed until final decisions had been made. The Emergency Service Director for Cochise County is asking for help from this committee. Discussion followed with Mark Venuti, who is on the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee, a sub-group of PSCC, who stated that proper notice was sent out to the constituents. Venuti suggested this individual contact Kurt Knight for clarification and future assistance. Taylor Payson stated he would do more research.

M. **PACES Update**

Dr. Woolridge gave a brief overview of PACES (Pediatric Advisory Committee for Emergency Services) and its composition.

V. STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD

A. Discussion/Action on Report from STAB

In the absence of Dr. Petersen, Dr. Bobrow gave a brief update from the STAB meeting. He also informed the committee that the Trauma System Evaluation by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma went very well and that the final report is in and will be posted on the Bureau's website next week along with new data analyses on trauma patients.

VI. PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE

Dr. Gallagher reports nothing at this time.

VII. EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE:

Janine Anderson reported that the Education Committee is working on three curriculums - Easy IO, AutoVent, and CPAP. These will be presented at the next EMS Council meeting. The Committee will also be looking at an immunization curriculum because of ongoing changes to R9-25-501 Table 1. Several representatives of ALS Training Programs were having difficulty fulfilling some of the requirements because of rule changes. Anderson is also working with Terry Mullins and Joel Bunis to ensure rules are workable and are understood. Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2007.

VIII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING SYSTEMS REPORTS

A. Central Region – Barbara Schaffer reports:

- The AEMS Functional Group meetings for Planning and Outreach, Patient Management, and Trauma were held in July and September. Next meeting on November 21.
- AEMS board meeting was held on August 15. Next meeting is October 17.
- AEMS has begun its annual financial audit for fiscal year ending June 2006.
- AEMS SE Sector Pilot Project-Patient Destination Alternative Program continues to operate with the intent of reducing diversion problems in the East Valley. The Administrative Oversight Committee that monitors this progress meets monthly. Next meeting will be October 9, 2007. They have developed and received Board approval of the Patient Offload-Transfer of Care Tracking Program. In addition, the Committee will work in cooperation with Mesa Fire Department a Table Top Exercise which will be held in Mesa on September 28th. This will help provide an understanding as well as prepare for what might occur in the event of a patient surge impact on all East Valley hospitals.
- AEMS 2007 membership drive will start in October.
- AEMS is coordinating its 8th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference which will be held on May 29-30, 2008 at the Mesa Marriott Hotel.
- AEMS is in the process of redesigning its website and will be ready in October.
- AEMS is preparing its new strategic plan. Existing plan expires this year.

B. Southeastern Region – Taylor Payson reports for SAEMS:

- SAEMS awarded nine paramedic students through the Chuck Kramer Scholarship fund.
- SAEMS will continue to review their eight to ten standing orders from protocol for review at next council meeting.

- SAEMS has two Pediatric Trauma Training Programs in Sierra Vista and Flagstaff this past summer in July co-sponsored by Rural Health Office at the University of Arizona.
- Representative Gabrielle Griffidge made a presentation at the May Cochise County Sub-regional Council to discuss border issues, EMS funding and other issues.
- 4th Annual Golden Hour Golf Tournament who is responsible for the trauma program at UMC on May 11.
- 17th Annual Southeast Regional Trauma Conference sponsored by Southern Arizona Trauma Network was held in August with 775 attendees.
- I-10 Widening Project is underway. Freeway exits are closed.
- SAEMS submitted final report for Pima County Pandemic Flu Plan on the Emergency Capacity Subcommittee – Taylor Payson - Chairperson. Present concern is lack of specialty physicians for call duty in the local EDs.
- Regional Hospital is no longer called Keno.
- Next SAEMS meeting will be held on October 16, 2007.

C. Western Region – Rodney Reed reports:

- WACEMS held meetings on July 12 and September 13. Next general meeting will be held on November 7 at Yuma.
- WACEMS held a documentation seminar in July.
- WACEMS main project is the data collection in conjunction with the Southeast Region. Currently three sites are being implemented.
- WACEMS has adopted a new Educational Reimbursement Guideline that will cover continuing education instead of initial certification.

D. Northern Region – Paul Coe reported last meeting March 2, 2007:

- NAEMS adopted final budget.
- NAEMS has spent all budget money for provider grant training.
- NAEMS is working on drafts for training requests and processing scholarship programs. Difficulties have come about because there are more programs than fund money so they are currently urging providers to educate legislators for the purpose of funds so that there is more fund money.

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Taylor Payson states during Pima County/EMS meeting issues were discussed:

- Reported atropine recall
- Reported EPI pens will be required for all transporter units.

Dwight Demlin, EMT-(I), reported his concerns and questions related to the required 200 patient contacts in the EMT-(I) to EMT-(P) curriculum requirements in R9-25-318, Exhibit C. It was recommended that he attend the November 8th Education Committee to discuss this matter.

EMS Supervisor Glenn Grape of the Honeywell Fire Department provided the annual Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project report. He reported there have been no uses of Amyl Nitrite and only three incidents that required the application of Calcium Gluconate. All outcomes were favorable. Patients were transported to the hospital and released the same day.

X. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

PACES Symposium October 9, 2007. Contact Tomi St. Mars for information.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2008.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 a.m.