

**MINUTES
MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
APRIL 17, 2009
150 N. 18th Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bentley Bobrow, Chairman
John Gallagher
Frank Walter
Daniel Spaite

TELECONFERENCE

Michael Ward
Thomas Wachtel
Wendy Lucid

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Daniel
Phillip Richemont
Carrie Walters
Harvey Meislin
John Raife

ADHS STAFF PRESENT

Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief
Joel Bunis
Vicki Conditt
Noreen Adlin
Robin Gil
Tom Bortell
Elizabeth Roig
Angie Cauthon

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Janine Anderson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m., a quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND/APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2008
AND JUNE 4, 2008 MEETINGS**

Bentley Bobrow asked for a motion to approve both the April 18, 2008 and the June 4, 2008 minutes together, Thomas Wachtel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John Gallagher. The motion was approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

A. MDC Rep needed for the Disaster Preparedness Committee

Bentley Bobrow announced that the Disaster Preparedness Committee is in need of a MDC Rep for the committee that will meet on May 14, 2009. Daniel Spaite nominated John Gallagher for MDC rep for the Disaster Preparedness Committee. The nomination was approved.

IV. Bureau Chief's Report

A. Members needed for work groups;

1. EMS Pan Flu Annex

An announcement that any committee member who wishes to participate in the May 14, 2009 Disaster Preparedness Committee meeting where they will be working on the EMS annex to the State Pandemic Influenza Operational Plan is welcome to attend.

2. STAB Work Groups

Terry Mullins mentioned that members are invited to participate in the following State Trauma Advisory Board task forces. Terry Mullins indicated that he would send members additional information on meeting logistics if they want to participate.

- **Triage and Transport guidelines** for levels I, II, III and IV trauma centers, May 18, 2009 12:00 – 15:00 at ADHS, Room 540 A

- **Air versus ground transport guidelines**, May 8, 2009, 9:00 – 11:30 at ADHS, Room 540 A
- **Educational opportunities for EMS providers** on the triage and transport guidelines (above), May 8, 2009, 13:00 – 15:00 at ADHS, Room 540 A

V. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Discuss and approve of Amiodarone drug profile

John Gallagher made a motion to approve Amiodarone drug profile with changes, seconded by Daniel Spaite. A question was brought forward about pediatric dosages, and Ben Bobrow was requested to follow-up with Wendy Lucid. The motion was approved.

B. Discuss and approve of Chitosan Dressing

Brian Smith brought forth a request to consider approval of Chitosan dressings. This had been approved by the PMD committee in its last meeting. After discussion Michael Ward motioned that the item be tabled pending better data on clotting and anaphylaxis, seconded by Daniel Spaite. The motion was approved.

C. Discuss and approve of Atropine Drug Profile

John Gallagher made a motion to approve the profile with changes, seconded by Frank Walter. The motion was approved.

D. Discuss and approve of TTT Guidelines

Joel Bunis presented the TTT Guidelines. John Gallagher made a motion to approve with changes, seconded by Frank Walter. The motion was approved.

F. Receive report from National Initiatives Standing Committee

1. EMT Nomenclature and Scope of Practice – Chair: John Gallagher

John Gallagher reported that the consensus of the task force was to adopt the new nomenclature and scope of work.

2. Educational Standards – Chair: Janine Anderson

Janine Anderson reported that the National EMS Education Standards were not published in time for review during the last Education Committee Meeting, but that this would be a standing item on future Education Committee meetings with the goal of identifying the minimum hours for training courses.

3. Paramedic Training Program Accreditation – Chair: Bobby Ruiz

John Gallagher spoke on behalf of Bobby Ruiz. After a series of meetings to discuss the accreditation requirement, the group developed a list of three options. The greatest consensus of the group was for option number 3.

Option 1: Require all paramedic training programs in the State to obtain and maintain CoAEMSP Accreditation.

Option 2: Divorce from NREMT and train/test/certify EMTs using an Arizona system.

Option 3: Develop a two-track training program accreditation and paramedic testing process.

G. Receive report from BEMSTS staff on potential implementation costs associated with national initiatives

Terry Mullins reported on a draft cost estimate for implementing a State-based paramedic exam process.

H. Discussion and recommendations for next steps concerning national initiatives

Terry Mullins reported that the EMS Council had requested that the Bureau:

- Analyze statutes and rules to identify the scope of changes necessary to accommodate the national initiatives, and
- Seek information from relevant national organizations about implementation plans.

Terry Mullins queried the members on actions that they would request that the Bureau perform. John Gallagher asked that the cost estimate include provider costs.

VI. REPORTS

A. Concept of a joint position statement (EMS Council, MDC and STAB)

concerning voluntary adoption of air medical safety guidelines – Chris Salvino

In Chris Salvino's absence, Terry Mullins reported that Chris Salvino had asked to develop a position statement dealing with voluntary actions that air medical providers could implement with the goal of having EMS Council, MDC and STAB jointly approve the statement. Terry Mullins will send relevant information to members so that they can participate in the process. He went on to say that an activity such as this had not been done since he became Bureau Chief and that he would need to consult with ADHS leadership.

B. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Subcommittee (PMD) –John Gallagher

John Gallagher had no additional activities to report. The next PMD meeting is May 14, 2009.

C. BEMSTS Rules Analyst – Elizabeth Roig

Elizabeth Roig, Senior Rules Analyst reported that on January 22, 2009 the Governor announced a Rulemaking Moratorium in effect until April 30, 2009. As a result of the moratorium, all rule making has been placed on hold. When the moratorium is lifted, actions previously in progress will proceed.

D. State Trauma Advisory Board – Vicki Conditt

Vicki Conditt reported that STAB now has four level IV trauma centers (Winslow, Page Wilcox and Show Low) and two more pending (Tuba City, Parker).

Vicki Conditt also reported on the STAB work groups identified above.

E. Data and Quality Assurance Program – Joel Bunis

As the meeting had run past time, Joel Bunis delayed his report until the EMS Council meeting that started a few minutes after the conclusion of the MDC meeting.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No response from the public

VIII. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcement were made

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

X. ADJOURNMENT

Bentley Bobrow adjourned the meeting at 10:39

Approved By: MDC

Date: September 18, 2009