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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: May 23, 2017

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on May 23, 2017 at 12:30 pm in Jefferson city at the Harry S. Truman Building Room 490-492 with Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding. A quorum was present.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS: Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ben Chlapek, Joan Eberhardt, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl, Sam Schneider, Dr. David K. Tan.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Andrews, Joan Eberhardt by phone, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, and Helen Sandkuhl

ABSENT: Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Sam Schneider, and Dr. David Tan

DHSS: Les Jobe, BEMS Chief; William Koebel, DHSS Health Standards and Licensure; Terry Ellsworth, BEMS

GUESTS: Mike Bail, Independent Consulting; James Baysinger, SSMHC St. Mary's; Lori Beck, SLCH, Chuck Doss, Boone County Fire Department; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash U and East Central Region; Dave Gibson, University of Missouri Ambulance; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director Multiple Services; Debbie Leoni, Southeast Heath; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance.; Lee Varner, Center for Patient Safety

CONFERENCE CALL: Nicole Grover, Mercy-Springfield; Bud Mantle, Mercy-St. Louis; Dean Meenach, Mineral Area College; Dr. Jay Reich, KCMO Fire& EMS; Luke Walker, Mercy-Springfield

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/ Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes	April 25, 2017 minutes reviewed. Helen Sandkuhl moved to approve. Second by Wally Patrick. Motion passed	Approved minutes will be posted on BEMS website after	

		signature obtained.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
A. Pediatrics Subcommittee **Noreen Felich, Chair**	Pediatric Subcommittee did not meet today.		
B. Trauma Subcommittee **Dr. Doug Shuerer, Chair**	Trauma did not meet today. Next meeting scheduled in June.		
C. Legislative Subcommittee **Mark Alexander, Chair** **Mark absent, Report given by Jason White.**	• The Legislative Committee met this morning. Discussion included what passed and what did not. There was also discussion about the good and bad aspects of BEMS and how it functions A list will be developed to identify what is functions and what is not. Also need to determine what is funded and what needs to be funded. Identifying where BEMS sits in the bureaucracy is a priority. A survey monkey may be sent out to help determine the issues. • Special Need language was attached to the 911 watered down bill that passed. The Governor is expected to sign it. Governor Grietens has indicated his interest in getting the 911 bill passed next year. A 911 Board will be formed and a study will be conducted as a result of the modified bill that passed. Some senators think this is a stalling technique for the issues and others think the process may identify problems. Study some senators asking for is being geared up. Jason asked participants to send letters to the Governor encouraging him to sign the 911/Special Needs bill. • Blood draws—law enforcement wants blood alcohol drawn. Some agencies have policies they will draw blood alcohol on the scene but others say they will not unless there is a need for a patient care issue. Some EMS agencies do not have policy to address the issue. Jason reminded everyone that a policy should be in place.		
D. Education Subcommittee **Chuck Doss, Chair**	• The committee met via conference call on May 17th. The problem that surfaced with the Mineral Area College audit was discussed. The auditor indicated students at that college would not be eligible for federal financial aid because Mineral Area College program requirements exceeded the number of hours cited in Missouri regulations for paramedic education. Sen Romine drafted a bill to correct the issue. His language was attached to several bills but none of them passed. There were no objections raised but the issue had no visibility. Discussion with Terry Ellsworth and Bill Koebel to explore ways to correct the problem has taken place. Les Jobe is doing background work to explore possibilities. The education committee is		

	exploring the best option. There is consideration to reflect accreditation instead of hours. Chuck Doss said most believe a change in legislative language will ultimately be necessary. is legislative. Efforts continue to get the regulatory language changed. The education subcommittee is also trying to establish how many people would be affected by the federal financial aid being withheld. Next meeting is a conference call June 21 at noon. • Dr. Andrews asked Chuck if more emergency management training is needed before paramedics get out of school. Chuck said there are emergency management tracks at a lot of schools. Chuck indicated he thought there is enough classroom training for the entry level students. Once they begin working they will get more. Dr. Andrews asked if they are prepared to go out and participate in the emergency management system. Chuck said the most effective learning tool is a series of drills. • Dr. Andrews inquired about training for Ebola or other infectious diseases. Chuck said infectious disease training is provided and that the local advisory board required by CoAEMSP should guide training in the area. Mike Bail interjected saying it all stars with the first 911 calls—the right questions need to be asked to get the right services responding. Dr. Gustafson said the small local services should raise their level of awareness of the possibilities. He said the college in Warrensburg has students from West Africa. Also, pork processing plans import workers and new diseases arrive with them. Dr. Andrews said it is paramount that the paramedics area often the first responder and they should be highly aware of the possibilities. Wally Patrick said MHA provides hospital with info which could be forwarded to prehospital agencies. Chuck reemphasized that entry level education was adequate but repeated drills bring expertise.		
E. Air Ambulance Committee **Ruby Mehrer Chair**	Air Ambulance subcommittee cancelled due to EMS week activities for participants. Next meeting June 27.		
F. Emergency Management **Wally Patrick, Chair**	Wally Patrick referenced the explosion following a concert in Manchester England last night. At least 22 were killed. Bomb shrapnel travels at least 1100 feet and can impact a lot of people in a crowd. Wally emphasized that EMS systems must be prepared to deal with these incidents. Drills and the EMS Mutual Aid Plan should be used. Helen Sandkuhl said St. Louis' 4th of July celebration is one of the largest in the U.S. She also said the Lake of the Ozarks is one of the 10 vacation spots. The Eclipse on Aug 21 is also likely to draw crowds.	.	

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III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A.Northwest: **Art Maxwell**	• Art Maxwell reported NW Region met in Cameron May 17, 2017. The main discussion was on the legislative efforts. • Also discussed was the current process of having to take Ebola (or similar) patients to BJC in St. Louis for assessment. There are efforts underway for KU to become an assessment hospital so the west part of Missouri will have a closer resource. • There is Strike Team Training in Columbia in June. • NTA and St. Joseph dive units went to West Plains during the flooding. They did 79 rescues with no adverse incidents. • ROSOC grant money is being pursued to replace aging equipment etc.		None
B. Central: **James Baysinger**	Central Region is trying to collect data to have 6 rolling quarters of information. TCD info will be included. The Region is also working on a standard radio report. Next meeting is June 1.		None
C. Southwest:	No report.		None
D. Southeast **Debbie Leoni**	Debbie Leoni reported the SE region has a 92% accuracy from EMS on accurately identifying STEMI patients. The project will continue. Next meeting June 16.		None
E. East Central: **Dr. Brian Froelke**	• May 19th was the 6th annual Life Saving Awards banquet. • TCD community plan distributed last meeting. Work continues to be sure Best Practices are being followed. • Grant money has been provided to SCCAD to develop a 60 second video to cover Trauma, Stroke and STEMI. The plan is to have it available for use state wide. • There are different tools to evaluate suspected stroke patients: LA, MEND and RACE. Discussion has included if we should be using the same tool statewide.		
F. Region A – **Dr. Dave Gustafson**	• Dr. Gustafson reported the Region met May 1st. • Blue Springs and KCFD area finishing clinicals for Community Paramedic classes.		

	• Higginsville EMS is starting community involvement by connecting with patients discharge planners at Centerpoint and St. Mary's. • The Hand-off form in the community plan for Region A is not being used. It seems nearly impossible to get one form accepted by all. Discussion is now shifting to having the hospital personnel responsible for writing down medic report information. The medic would sign the form after arrival at the hospital. • An app of community services has been delayed. • CJCFPD will have a paramedic class in the fall.		
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors **Dr. Brian Froelke**	Met this morning. Key topic is special needs patients. EMS Regional Medical Directors duties need to be better defined. There is a need to develop how community paramedics and other issues fit into the role of the regional medical director. Dr. Andrews said all regions need to have all current medical directors contact information available so correspondence can take place.		
IV. DHSS-BEMS Report			
BEMS Report **Mr. Les Jobe**	• Chris Herring hired as new inspector. Orientation starts tomorrow. • During flooding BEMS reached out to EMS agencies. No needs were identified for more equipment or personnel. Main issue was needing roads to get patients to hospitals.		
Center for Patient Safety **Lee Varner**	CPS has a patient safety Boot Camp preconference workshop the Mo EMS Conference & Expo on July 25. Boot Camp is for new enrollees and for those wanting additional information. The Boot Camp will provide understanding of the leadership responsibilities. Participants will leave with a patient safety plan in place and with actionable items identified. 8 CEUs are available. The first Boot Camp was held in Ft. Meyers Florida. Lee said the class will be deeply discounted. The EMS Expo website should have a link on it to the Boot Camp. www.moemsconference.org		
New Business and Announcements			
July 25 SAC meeting **Dedication new ambulance station**	Rooms are booked all day Tues, July 25th at the MO EMS Conf & Expo in Branson. The July SAC meeting is traditionally held at this conference. SAC will be held at 6 pm the evening of July 25th with light snacks provided. A new ambulance station in St. Joseph is being dedicated June 6th from noon to 3pm. All are invited.		

Adjournment	Meeting was declared adjourned at 1:30 pm. Next meeting June 27, 2017, Truman Building, Jeff City, Room 490-492		

Lynthia Andrews, DO, SAC Chair_____Date Approved 7-25-17

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer