

EMS  
Governor's Advisory Council  
November 2, 2011

Minutes

**Member's Present**

Dr. Timothy Calicott  
Jamin Snarr  
David Stoppel  
Todd Freeman  
Gary Odom  
Tony Hickerson  
Sidney Ward  
Denise Carson  
Norbert Gunderman, Jr  
Rod Barrett  
Nikki Cung  
Cathee Terrell  
Dr. Karl Wagenhauser- conference call  
Doug Duerr- conference call

**Member's Absent**

Billy Artis  
Dr. Darren Flamik  
Steven Henson  
Dr. Rodney Dixon

**EMS Staff**

Greg Brown	Stephen Ryan Tyler
Norajean Miles Harrell	Philip Plischke
Amy Anthony	Jamie Vanderbilt
Larry New	Nancy Gunter
Stella Nelson	Helen Huitt

**Visitors**

Sedley Tomlinson	Laura Guthrie
Renee Mallory	Jon Swanson
Donna Ward	Amanda Warren Newton
Ken Kelly	C. Boggess
Myra Looney Wood	Bill Temple

**I. I. Call To Order**

Dr. Timothy Calicott called the EMS Advisory Council to order on November 2, 2011 at 1:30p.m at Freeway Medical Center Suite 801 in Little Rock, AR.

**II. Welcome/Introduction**

Members and guest introduced themselves.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion of to approve May Minutes was motioned by David Stoppel and was seconded by Rod Barrett. May Minutes were approved.

A correction to August Minutes on page 6 by Denise Carson, Under New Business part A , it should state Arkansas Ambulance Association instead of Arkansas Emergency Medical Technician Association. Motion by David Stoppal to approve the minutes and was seconded by Nikki Cung.

**IV. Old Business**

Point of Order to Move Trauma Systems to top of order due to Bill Temple has another meeting to attend.

A-3 Trauma Systems: See Handouts

Trauma Hospital Destination

29 Trauma Center designated Hospitals

4 Level One Trauma Centers

3 Level Two Trauma Centers

4 Level Three Trauma Centers

18 Level Four Trauma Centers

And currently have 29 Hospitals set Trauma Designation before June 30, 2012

ATCC:

Trauma Radios

500 Radios installed

18 left to be installed

ATCC Statistics:

January when system went live,

EMS Scenes: 183

Hospital to Hospital transfer: 217

October statistics:

EMS Scenes: 1447

Hospital to Hospital transfers: 515

Daily call average for January: 14 calls a day

Daily call average as of October: 63 calls a day

Under new triage guidelines coming out, it is not necessary to call the trauma call center for minor trauma. Only want major and moderate trauma to be called into the call center.

Helicopters: Meet with Air Ambulance Subcommittee

Goal was to have AWIN radios in the helicopters, found out a week ago that cost was high for each unit to install into each unit. Initial quote for each unit was \$54,000 a radio. Will run up through EMS subcommittee or TAC and write a recommendation. About 1.7 million dollar expenditure for AWIN radios in helicopters.

Education contract near completion. Contracting with a company for educational training across the state. There are three courses specific to EMS included in this contract:

PHTLS: 5 course with 15 students each this fiscal year. Contract will probably start February 1, 2012.

EMS Disaster Management Course: 2 course with 15 students each

Critical Incident Stress Management Course: 3 course with 3 students

FY11 sustaining grants 10 close out forms from Training site

FY 12 sustaining grants. Grants sent out early this year with only 7 EMS agencies not responding. 3.5 million dollars available to EMS services this year and only \$319,000 invoiced. One invoices a month, feel free to invoice every month. It is there for you to spend

7 Agencies have not applied:

Delight Ambulance Service    Domtar Industries

Lavaca Fire and Rescue        Life Line

Nucor-Yamato Steel Co.        Ruyan Acres Fire Department

Austin Porter, epidemiologist, is close to being finished with an EMS Data assessment plan score. The report will show type of injuries responding to and response times.

96% of 13,000 runs trauma band was entered correctly.

Stop measures in place to prevent mistyping of trauma band number

Licensure Report: See hand out

New Training Site certified at Paramedic level. Arkansas State University at Mountain Home has been doing a hybrid class with UAMS had their Commission on Accreditation for Emergency Medical Service Providers site visit two weeks ago. Only positive remarks from the informal session with the CoAEMPS representatives and ASU representatives. They are certified Arkansas licensed and CoAEMPS accredited paramedic training site.

Regulatory Report: See hand out

Announcement on background checks:

Late August and September started performing in house.

State check went from 14 days to instant

Federal went from 41 days to 17 days

Larry New last report

December 30, 2011 last day will retire and will see you at some meetings.

Section Update: Greg Brown

New Employees: Jamie Vanderbilt

Nancy Gunter EMS-C program Manager

Hiring a Data Manager position. Hopefully will make decision within a day or so. And hopefully get some in that position to work on the data part for each service.

National State EMS officials meeting

Richard Reed, as the Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Senior Director for Continuity Policy, between now and end of year, the president will sign an executive order moving EMS out of Department of Transportation into the Department of Health and Human Service. Unknown what branch of DHHS will EMS fall under.

Two bills that need your attention:

HR 3144

HR 2853

Bills are at the Federal Level and in committee at this time and being discussed.

**HR 3144:** Sponsored by Rep. Timothy Walz (D-MN) and Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC). **Field EMS Quality, Innovation, and Cost Effectiveness Improvements Act of 2011.**

Perhaps the most significant EMS related bill to be introduced into Congress since the EMS ACT of 1973. Many ways this bill will impact and improve State EMS office the ability to ignite local and regional statewide EMS systems.

**HR 2853: Emergency Medic Transition (EMT) Act of 2011**

**To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide grants to State emergency medical service departments to provide for the expedited training and licensing of veterans with prior medical training, and for other purposes.**

**Child Safety initiatives in EMS:**

**Put out by the following:** National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), the EMSC National Resource Center, EMS Medical Directors Consortium (Eagles), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Subcommittee on EMS, is beginning an NIH-funded research study of the safety and quality of pre-hospital EMS care for children. They are looking for expert opinions and experience from:

- EMTs
- Physicians
- Medical Directors
- Program Managers and Directors

This study will be done over the next few years regarding pediatric care in the pre-hospital setting.

B. Committee Reports

B2: Training Committee: Jamin Snarr

Licensure Report

Greg Brown gave update on electronic CEU with renewals

Looking at Pass rates and supported in Greg sending out letter to college Presidents on pass/fail rates.

Training site will get a letter drafted addressing the concerns of the committees about pass rate. Pass rate broken down by instructor from 2007-2009 and 2009 to 2011 with explanations about each break down.

Letters will be mailed out next week.

B1: EMSC

Nancy Gunter new program manager for EMS-C.

We have been working last couple of weeks putting in new committee member to EMS-C program. We have solicited some input from several committees and have some good represent to the committee.

Federal program partners will be here on November 15 to conduct a four hour meeting with members on the EMS-C committee. They are wanting to be much more involved in our meetings

Arkansas Children's Hospital injury prevention and be participating in TRAC meeting over the next year

Trying to promote pediatric care in Arkansas

600 new Braslow tapes

Will be giving enough out to each service to place on each truck

A DVD will go along with the Braslow tape to educate your staff on the correct use of the Braslow tape. Every employee will have to watch and sign an in-service roster and email it back saying each employee

Purchased 600 sets of oral airway's to place on every truck in the state.

Section has purchased Pediatric ET tube holders to put one or two on every truck in the state.

We are committed as a program and a section to do pediatric care in the state.

The new equipment list has items that relate to pediatric supplies

Also we have purchased 200 pediatric spinal immobilization devices called the Pedimates. Our goal is to put one on every truck in the state.

EMS-C program is committed to taking care of kids in Arkansas.

Will be rolling out PEPP and PEPP/I classes, PEARS, and other classed related to children safety.

Dr. Calicott would like to address the heat related illness and death in sports and try to get EMS on board with treating heat related illness. Make a DVD to get EMS on board with coaches and trainers. A DVD with Arkansas EMS providers and a local Arkansas School, showing providers dunking the student in the cooling tubs and performing the countdown.

Greg Brown was extended an offer to sit on the Arkansas Athletic Association advisory board to provide EMS prospective and build Emergency Action Plan.

Traumatic brain injury is more common than heat related injuries by Dr. Calicott.

B4: Air Ambulance Regs. Sub-Com.

Update on Rules and Regs that Greg will update later

UAMS helipad update: nothing really exciting

EMS Data update that Greg will update later regarding the NEMSIS and transition classes

Pre-determined landing zone, a letter will be sent out from the Section to all service, owner/operators, asking that they send the latitude and longitude for these landing zones for safety enhancements. There is a form on the website that they can go on online and print off the form and send to Sedley.

AWIN radios for the helicopters thought they were part of the system. It would cost 1.8 million dollars to outfit the Aircraft. Under the impression that ground ambulances would be first and aircraft would be after ground ambulance installation. Going to be forwarded to the EMS subcommittee to seek funding for the installation of AWIN capabilities into each aircraft

Elections for Subcommittee for 2 year terms

Sedley Tomlinson: Chair

Cathee Terrell: Vice Chair

Page Keen: Secretary

Laura Guthrie: Parliamentarian

Next meeting is February 15, 2012 at 10:00 am at Freeway Medical Tower

B3: EMS Rules and Regulation Committee

Working with the Trauma Section to incorporate the trauma rules as they apply to EMS and to the EMS Rules and Regulations. Goal is to have majority of the EMS rules in the Trauma Rules and Regulations moved into the EMS Rules and Regulations.

Finishing up the Air Medical Rules and Regulations.

Making the rules and regulations easier to follow.

Odds of getting EMS out of Legislative code and give EMS to the Health Department presented by Dr. Calicott.

## B5 EMS Data Committee

National Level meeting: see handout

Service submit data go to national database for EMS is in version 2.0

Version 2.0 is on its way out

84 data points collected in 2.0

In version 3 will be able to collect 530 plus data points

Data dictionary has gone from 180 to 700 plus pages in the new version

Reason for version 3 in EMS is to get EMS from version 2 to HL7. HL7 is going to be the national database for all hospital and anything that does healthcare.

For EMS to go from version 2 to HL7 is not feasible. Transition from version 2 to version 3. And will still use version 2 up till 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in 2014.

Section has started moving into version 3.

Going to be an export

Version 3 built around the ICD 10 code for better diagnostic and categorize injuries.

If all software vendors will be NEMSIS compliant due to software vendors will submit software to the NEMSIS to perform test and stamp compliant.

State will pick and choose from the 535 data points. And the service will still be free to services using our product.

Everyone will be on board with Version 3 by second quarter in 2014.

Data Submission is getting better. Jack did a great job. Hoping to have his position filled within the next few weeks. Looking to do service audits to see how many runs each service has actually run and will correlate the difference between actual and submitted data.

Data

## C. Project Updates

### C1: RSI

Update 712 RSI patients

1<sup>st</sup> attempt is 70%

2<sup>nd</sup> attempt is 88.2 %

3<sup>rd</sup> attempt is 95.3 %

4<sup>th</sup> attempt is 97.9 %

5<sup>th</sup> attempt is 98.8 %

Numbers have consistently gone up each year

### C2: Equipment List update

We are ready to move forward with the list. We have made one and quantify the list. This is one of EMS-C's performance measures.

The list will have to go out for public comment and go before the Board of Health.

C3: 2011 EMS Data Report  
No new business

**V.** New Business

2012 GAC calendar included in packet

Election time: every November

Chairman:

Quorum: present

Motion to delay elections until February

Motion by David Stoppel

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion by Todd Freeman

Passed with no opposition

Nikki Cung asking about starting a committee or task force to see about getting EMS out of Legislative Code. This committee will weigh the pros and cons of moving out of Legislative Code.

Motion to start a committee/task force by Dr. Tim Calicott

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion by David Stoppel

Committee/Task Force members: 6 members

Nikki Cung for Legal Consultation

Jamin Snarr

Ken Kelly:

Sidney Ward

Rod Barrett

Nora Jean Miles Harrell

Vote to form a subcommittee to review EMS code and suggest Legislative modification of EMS.

Vote passed with no opposition to the vote.

**VII.** Next meeting Date

**VIII.** Adjournment

Motion for Adjournment by Cathee Terrell

2<sup>nd</sup> the motion by David Stoppel.