

# EMS Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2011

Department of Natural Resources, Springfield

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### Call to order, Mike Hansen at 11:02am

#### Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Present: Kevin Bernard, Don Davids (non-voting), Randy Faxon, Ralph Graul, Michael Hansen, David Loria (non-voting), George Madland (non-voting), Mary Ann Miller, Annie Moy, Brad Robinson (non-voting), Kathleen Schmidt, Doug Sears, Herbert Sutherland, Jack Whitney,

Absent: Melissa Dunning (non-voting), Richard Fantus, Steven Holtsford, Thomas Stecher, Bill Wood

Proxy: Glenn Aldinger proxy to Mary Ann Miller; Marc Levison (non-voting) proxy to Annie Moy; Connie Mattera proxy to Mike Hansen, Thomas Willis proxy to George Madland

We do have a quorum for this meeting

Call for the approval of the September 15, 2011 EMS Advisory Council minutes. Motion made by Doug Sears and seconded by Ralph Graul. No discussions. All those in favor - Yes, opposed-None, abstentions-None. Minutes stand as approved.

#### Division of EMS Report - Jack Fleeharty

##### EMSC-

###### o Pediatric Facility Recognition

Revisions to the pediatric facility recognition requirements were approved by JCAR in November. Once a final copy of the amended rules is received from JCAR, it will be shared with hospitals across the state that participates in the pediatric facility recognition program.

Pediatric site visits will begin soon in Region 8. Most hospitals have been scheduled for site visits in December. A few Region 8 hospitals will be surveyed in early 2012.

Renewal applications will be sent out soon to hospitals in Regions 4 and 5, pending receipt of the amended rules from JCAR. Site visits in these regions will be scheduled in spring/early summer 2012.

###### o Pediatric Education

An online educational module that addresses pediatric seizures is available on the EMSC website.

A School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) course is scheduled for January at Harper College in Palatine. Planning for summer courses is underway.

###### o Pediatric Disaster Preparedness

A planning meeting was held November 30, 2011 that brought together pediatric and disaster preparedness experts in the state to identify needs for development of a state pediatric disaster/surge plan.

An educational module addressing mental health needs of children during a disaster is being finalized by EMSC and will be available in early 2012.

### **Prehospital Data**

NEMSIS and NEDARC site visit that was attended by about 25 people will continue to meet to finish and implement a data improvement strategy.

Approximately 150,000 NEMSIS-compliant run reports have been collected.

About 75 EMS agencies are using the state-supplied software. A long-term goal is to eliminate paper-based reporting.

About 30 EMS agencies that use 3<sup>rd</sup> party software to collect prehospital run data have completed Illinois' data validation process and are reporting.

### **Trauma**

A number of trauma program redesignation plans have been completed through plan review. Several plans have begun to arrive for redesignation and the plan review has started for those.

Currently, we are looking for an out-of-state trauma surgeon. There is a St. Louis trauma surgeon interested. We are waiting to meet to discuss the process and the level of interest of the surgeon.

Contact has been made regarding the Trauma Advisory Council Legislative and Planning subcommittee to set up a meeting.

### **Special Programs and Legislation -**

#### **o Legislative**

The EMS Assistance Fund Administration and Trauma Center Fund rules have been drafted and approved by the Governor's Office. They went before the Trauma Advisory Council on December 1 and are for vote before the EMS Advisory Council today.

The Spinal Cord injury Paralysis Research Grant is now at 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice.

Changes to the Felony rule are at 1<sup>st</sup> Notice until December 29, 2011.

The TNS rules are going before JCAR on December 13, 2011.

The EMSC rules and the Critical Care Transport rule have been approved at JCAR and will be filed for adoption.

The following rules have been adopted: Military; Stretcher Van; Arbitration; Veteran Facilities; Reserve Ambulance; and BLS Protocols.

#### **o EMS Grants**

EMS Grants have been approved by the State's Grant Review Board and are going through the signature process. There were 47 EMS Assistance Fund Grants approved that totaled just under \$90,000.

- **Heartsaver Grants**

210 out of 213 FY2011 Heartsaver Fund Grant Awardees are still waiting for payment due to the Heartsaver funds being reallocated back in May of 2011. The Governor's Office assured the Department recently that these funds will be restored in the very near future.

- **Fees**

HB 5183 set up the licensing fee charges. Jack Fleearty explained the process and timeline.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – EMS**

### **Legislative & Planning – Mike Hansen**

They didn't meet during this time. The next scheduled meeting will be in January and we can discuss some issues later under New Business.

### **EMS Rules & Regulations – Mike Hansen**

No report for this time. George Madland said that the lead is coming from Jack.

### **State EMS Protocols – Annie Moy**

The group met October 24<sup>th</sup> at Superior Ambulance and discussed the Mark 1 protocol and updating; CDC field triage document that's been circulating since '06; and DICO policies that were brought to the Council back in September 2011. Mike Wahl assisted with the documents.

Regarding field triage, they would like to have a broader review of the document from an EMS point of view. Dr. Whitney stated that SEMSV input is being requested and Dr. Fantus was also contacted for his input. This group would like to have documentation by June 2012 for the joint EMS and Trauma Advisory Council meetings.

External hemorrhage control was also looked at as to whether Trauma should be involved.

The next meeting of EMS Rules & Regulation is in December after the Emerging Issues subcommittee.

### **EMS Data – Mike Hansen**

We are merging the existing EMS data people with the people that are part of the NEDARC study. A chairman will get selected from this group. This would then be then be the standing Data Committee for the state. They plan to work on the data from the last NEDARC meeting. NEMSIS 3 is coming out already. HL7 will most likely be the format.

### **EMS Education – Connie Mattera, RN**

No report at this time.

### **EMS Recruitment and Retention – Greg Scott**

A written report from their September 2011 meeting was provided. Representative Moffitt has asked to participate in their committee and has been present. Discussion has revolved around the 1<sup>st</sup> responder age change. Jack and Greg are trying to come to a resolution regarding the age change to help EMS and address the department's concerns.

There are Rules that are going to JCAR. Bridget McCarte provided an update. IDPH included language about fee waivers to help rural EMS providers.

Discussion revolved around the number of hours for initial training and CEUs.

Dr. Whitney is heading up the area relating to Scope of Practice and direction. This group is interested in how this pertains to rural BLS providers.

#### **Lieutenant Governor's Office - EMS**

Mike Hansen invited Laura Kessel with the Lieutenant Governor's Office to speak. They have received 50+ Rural EMS applications, received recommendations and the individuals have been notified about their appointment to the subcommittee.

#### **Tactical EMS - Patti Lindemann**

Pattie was not present. Mike Hansen had some discussions with her earlier.

#### **Emerging Issues - Mary Ann Miller**

They meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month. The last meeting was held 10/24/11 and the next meeting is scheduled for 12/19/11 because of 12/26/11 being a "holiday."

Members of the EMT data subcommittee have been working with members of the Emerging Issues to establish a reporting mechanism that would track issues pending on all EMTs from system to system. George Madland is the Chair; they met Wednesday and this group should have something ready for IDPH after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

Federal EMS lead agency discussions are occurring.

Stroke legislation is being followed and how to manage STEMI patients in the field.

Strategic Plan is being watched and may make more recommendations.

#### **EMS Medical Director**

Mike Hansen noted that a Medical Director report on scope of practice needs to be added to every EMS Advisory Council meeting agenda.

Dr. Whitney is collecting e-mail addresses of all the EMS Medical Directors. He hopes to send out an initial set of attachments discussing the Scope of Practice and requesting information.

#### **State Stroke Advisory – Cheryl Colbenson**

This first meeting was held on November 29 at the Morton Fire Department. They voted on the chair, vice chair and secretary. Cheryl Colbenson is the Chair, Jack Franaszek is the Vice Chair and Lesley Cranick is the Secretary.

A draft Mission Statement was distributed and a subcommittee was formed to review for a final draft to be approved. Also, draft Bylaws document was distributed to the members and they will work together to finalize the document for approval

Bridget McCarte discussed the Illinois State stroke law.

Vacancies on the State Stroke Advisory subcommittee were discussed. Missy Mallory provided a candidate name for the Fire Chief, rural EMS Region which will be provided to Tammy Moomey. The subcommittee will get clarification of the definition of “rural” from the EMS Advisory Council.

The next meeting will be January 24, 2012 from 12:00pm-2:00pm at Carle Clinic in Champaign. Subsequent meetings and the legislative rules will be discussed at that time.

### **New Business – EMS**

- 77 Ill. Adm. Code 515 – EMS Assistance Fund/Trauma Fund Rules

Draft rules were distributed to all EMS Advisory Council members. This rule will go to JCAR next. Motion by George Hevesey to discuss the draft rules and seconded by Mary Ann Miller. Jack informed everyone that the Trauma Advisory Council members recommended that the draft rules be given to their Legislative subcommittee for their recommendation. Annie Moy questioned the language regarding returning unused funds referenced on page 8 and the language regarding the grant cycle end and when funds go back to the state referenced on page 13. Jack clarified that these are two different issues: page 13 is disbursement of trauma funds and page 8 is grant application and the follow up and review policy. This mirrors the criteria of grant laws for the state. Jack agreed that IDPH will look at the need for a specific timeframe for redistribution back to IDPH.

Mike Hansen noted that this Council is of an advisory nature to IDPH and recommended that the EMS Advisory Council move this forward to JCAR.

Brad Robinson questioned language on page 12 regarding hospitals receiving trauma center funds that are non-trauma hospitals. He asked if these hospitals should be held to a level of accountability of the funds when currently there is no accountability for trauma center funds. Joe Albanese noted that the accountability of trauma funds is forthcoming.

Mike Hansen motioned that the draft rule be passed to JCAR. All those in favor – all yes, no opposition, no abstention. Motioned passed to moved the draft rule on to JCAR.

- Yellow Dot Program – Mike Stout, Illinois Department of Transportation

Mike Stout ([Michael.Stout@illinois.gov](mailto:Michael.Stout@illinois.gov)) provided a detailed explanation and documentation regarding the Yellow Dot Program. The Governor’s Office rolled out the program about two weeks ago. The yellow dot goes on the driver side, rear window to identify to the 1<sup>st</sup> responder that in the glove compartment there is a folder for any person in the vehicle and their corresponding personal and medical information. This program is 100% voluntary and free.

For more information you can go to [www.Yellowdotillinois.org](http://www.Yellowdotillinois.org). There is a training video link on this site. IDPH could possibly provide a link to this site on the IDPH website and provide it to all the agencies as well. IDPH can provide names of about 1,400 agencies’ information to Mike Stout.

Mike Hansen stated that the EMS Advisory Council would like to be in on initial discussions for program such as this. Mike Stout said that 402 funds are being used for this program which is a general fund.

## **Old Business**

- EMS Task Force meetings

13 of the 15 meetings now have occurred. There are quite a few Council members regularly showing up and other EMS people. There are two more meetings currently scheduled, but talking about some additional meetings still. There will be a report prepared after the meetings have concluded.

### **The Top Issues:**

1. Need to get reimbursements for Medicaid and post-prior approval with HFS and 1<sup>st</sup> transit.
2. Expanded Scope of Practice.
3. Ambulance inspections.
4. Funding – a dedicated funding source is needed.
5. Loaner ambulances. Fire Caucus has been successful. Need to develop an EMS Caucus with representatives from all the groups.
6. CEUs
7. EMS Data

Discussed the opportunity for EMS to speak and discuss issues with legislators at these meetings. Laura Kessel has offered to be a contact person and you can e-mail her with any EMS issues for the Governor's Rural Affairs Council

## **Future Meeting Dates**

- March 1, 2012
- June 5, 2012 – Joint Meeting with Trauma Advisory Council

Sheila Gerber noted that the March 1, 2012 date is in error. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2012 at DNR in Springfield, Illinois.

## **Call for Public Comment**

The EMS Medical Directors group will recommend the Region 11 STEMI center decision.

Mike Hansen read Dr. Fantus' Trauma Advisory Council report. The Trauma Registry is not happy with their vendor and a motion was passed to get a new vendor. A motion was passed for their Legislative subcommittee to contact legislators and start similar meetings like the EMS Funding Task force meetings. Because of a significant amount of discussion and questions regarding the draft rules regarding EMS Assistant/Trauma Fund, a motion was passed to have their Legislative subcommittee review the rules and have a special meeting to act on them. The next Trauma Advisory Council meeting will be March 1, 2012 at two Illinois Hospital Association locations.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Hansen; seconded by Mary Ann Miller and Ralph Graul.  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.