

EMS Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2012
Department of Natural Resources, Springfield

Call to order, Mike Hansen at 11:03am

Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Present: Don Davids, Melissa Dunning, Richard Fantus, Randy Faxon, Ralph Graul, Michael Hansen, Marc Levison, David Loria, George Madland, Connie Mattera, Mary Ann Miller, Annie Moy, Brad Robinson, Kathleen Schmidt, Douglas Sears, Jack Whitney and J. Thomas Willis

Absent: Glenn Aldinger, Kevin Bernard, Stephen Holtsford, Terry Pool, Thomas Stecher, Herbert Sutherland and L. Bill Wood

Proxy: Mary Ann Miller proxy to Glenn Aldinger

We do have a quorum for this meeting.

There are no minutes for approval at today's meeting.

Division of EMS Report - Jack Fleeharty

- Introduced Stu Thompson and Stephanie Howard.
- Added three ambulance inspectors as well. They are Darla Lane in the Edwardsville office and Emily Doering and Louise Roberts in the West Chicago Office.
- There will be a new AA starting in EMS in a couple of weeks as well.

Doug Sears inquired what to do when fee shows up in the system and was advised to email misty.leonard@illinois.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – EMS

Legislative & Planning – Mike Hansen

- Groups did not meet during last three months so have nothing to report.

EMS Rules & Regulations – George Madland

- Have not met yet. Nothing to report.

State EMS Protocols – Annie Moy

- Met in October and December of 2011 and February of this year and collaborated with EMSC.
- Discussion between EMSC and Poison Control Center representative. Added dosing for frail and elderly patients. Finalized document was submitted to council for review. Will be discussed under new business during today's meeting.

- Designated infection control officer was also discussed at meeting.
- Talked about tourniquets and clotting agents as well.

EMS Data – Mike Hansen

- Since NEDARC the committee has been very active.
- Next meeting is March 22, April 19th, May 17th and June 21st.
- Looking at data issue from funding standpoint. Looking for new dedicated funding source.

EMS Education – Connie Mattera, RN

- Met on Jan 23rd and sent tons of documents out.
- In process of updating all old DOT to new education standards to meet national guidelines.
- Item writing committees have met twice. Met in January to rewrite EMT-B and February to rewrite EMT-P. Most of meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of every month. Keeping everything about EMT-I's in place and nothing will change so far.
- Talked about continuing education hours and looking to reduce number of hours based on national guidelines. Online hours need to be relaxed but we need to keep an eye on them. Our goal is that at the end of this year we are saying all of our students should be getting good education.
- Clinical performance committee headed by Linda Angarola was initiated as well.
- Moving forward with creating state exams. A memo was sent out earlier last week regarding new instructor courses. Medical director is supposed to be involved and some programs have MD that is not engaged in Level 2.

EMS Recruitment and Retention – Greg Scott

- Committee has not met. Wanted to wait until house task force report to come out. Next meeting is April 12th at 10 am.

Tactical EMS - Patti Lindemann

- Nothing to report.

Emerging Issues - Mary Ann Miller

- Met December 19th 2011 and February 27th 2012.
- Emerging Issues have followed most of legislation.
- Following Stroke and STEMI and they are making good headway.
- American heart association sends someone to every meeting and submits report.
- Have report from region 8 almost every meeting.
- Drug shortage is a big concern throughout the state.
- Committee meets the 4th Monday of every other month except for April which will be on the 9th instead.

George Madland Reported- have copies of draft plan for board members regarding felonies. Issue is how to not violate personal rights. Emerging Issues have developed a plan for consideration that was submitted to council. Committee came up with color coded system using green, yellow and red. Green means go, red would be a flag saying something is wrong coming from IDPH and yellow meaning caution to look at person and see what the issue was and

to see if it is being fixed. This new system is a way to back up paperwork and keep everyone accountable.

Jack voiced his concerns regarding what goes into state database because of FOIA's.

State Stroke Advisory – Cheryl Colbenson absent. Mike reporting for her.

- Last meeting was in January.
- Next meeting will be on March 26th in Champaign. Will be making revisions to draft rules at that meeting.

Trauma Advisory Council Report-Dr. Fantus

- Meet earlier this month and meeting was successful.
- Next meeting in June in Springfield.
- Registry is working on update for 2012.
- Recommendation approved to adopt National Trauma Registry.
- CQI- motion was passed to submit data to national databank.
- Advanced Practice survey going out.
- TNS committee rolled out web registration @ illinoistraumanurse.org. Society of trauma nurses has expressed interest in Trauma course. Injury prevention committee put together a five page list of web links. Will be placed on illinoistraumanurse.org as well.
- Outreach committee is surveying other trauma centers to see what they are doing in Illinois.

Old Business:

- HB 1391-held a couple of phone meetings in order to make the 90 day period.
- Public comment is scheduled on March 23rd.
- Discussion on HSVI registry. Adding six fields that will enhance value of collecting data. (motion was passed).
- CDC has come out with new national guidelines...going to work with CDC between now and June to get recommendations from them.

New Business:

- NATO Summit was briefly discussed.
- Going to attend regional EMS Committee to see what can find out.
- Indiana legislation set to go into effect July 1st 2012...this will affect Illinois.
- Patients transferred to Illinois Trauma Centers if time is less than 45 minutes. Public Aid discussion regarding patients being brought over state lines.

New Business – EMS

- State EMS Advisory Council award: Lifetime achievement award given to Dr. Stan Zydlo who created the paramedic program in 1972. Brief history report was read by Mike Hansen.
- EMS legislation and funding: Developing a great network of people to work with legislators. EMS Systems please double-check your email addresses and keep them up to date. Paramedics drawing blood from DUI's are working outside of the EMS act.

- Council is looking to have dedicated funding source for EMS. Greg Scott reported- Representatives do identify need to call it an essential service. Resolution should be presented this week or next.
- Medication shortages: Have been receiving emails regarding extended expiration dates on drugs. We do not have that authority within the EMS Act to extend expiration dates. We can follow the American Heart Association using first, second and third line choice of drugs. Some drugs are expected to come off the shortage list within the next couple of months. Greg Scott inquired if State Pharmacist could help. Dr. Gaines reported that there is no State Pharmacist so unfortunately nothing can be done.
- Duo Dote state Protocol: Presenting document for committee to review. Kathy motioned and Dr. Whitney seconded. All in favor-yes and none were opposed. Motion passed.
- EMSC Draft Rules: These will be gone over at the June 5th meeting.

Old Business

- **EMS Task Force Meeting-** Is scheduled for April 15th.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Call for Public Comment

- Jack introduced Stephanie Howard as the Hospital HPP Coordinator.
- Jack announced that Nicole Jones had submitted her resignation on March 14, 2012 and she will be greatly missed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Mary Ann Miller and Connie Mattera. Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.