

EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Memorial Medical Center, SIU South Auditorium
801 N. Rutledge, Springfield, IL 62701

Call to Order—Mike Hansen at 11:00am

Roll Call and Approval of Minutes—Mike Hansen

Council Members Present: Glenn Aldinger, Stephen Holtsford, George Madland, Connie Mattera, Doug Sears, Ralph Graul, Michael Hansen, Tom Willis, Leslee Stein Spencer, Jim Rutledge, David Loria, Greg Scott, Randy Faxon, Brad Robinson, Justin Stalter (non-voting), Kevin Bernard, Herb Sutherland, Don Davids, Jack Whitney, and Ken Pearlman

Council Members Absent: Richard Fantus

Chair Mike Hansen announces there is a quorum.

Mike Hansen requests a Moment of Silence for Amy Ludford, who passed unexpectedly yesterday, and Dr. Hevesy's wife who passed in late May.

Correspondence

Emerging issues letter from George Madland will be addressed under old business.

IPC legislation – Chair Hansen sent a letter to the Sun Times editor on behalf of the EMS Advisory Council in support of the IPC that was published.

Letter sent to Senator Don Harmon thanking him for support of the funding of the IPC.

Illinois Department of Public Health Report-Jack Fleeharty

Stroke Designations: Julie Havens has completed providing designations and certifications for 60 hospitals to date. Of those, forty six hospitals are Comprehensive Stroke Centers and fifteen are Emergent Stroke Ready Hospitals. The list has been recently updated and is available on our website along with the Stroke Center designation application. IDPH continues to work with the State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee and will utilize some of the Subject Matter Experts to help write the draft rules from the Stoke Legislation that has been ran once that legislation gets signed by the Governor's Office. Some applications require minimal follow-up to obtain additional information from the hospital. Each hospital receives an announcement letter and a certificate from the State Office.

All EMS Regional Advisory Boards should have established a stroke subcommittee and identified members who will provide recommendations regarding stroke transport protocols and stroke network development.

EMS Data: Upgrades continue to the Hospital Bypass system, recent upgrades include a new GIS mapping function. Additionally IDPH is working to finalize improvements to being able to add data fields for use during events or disasters, integration with the Federal HavBed system and the ability to import data from Intermedix who is a vendor who is contracted with Chicago to provide bed reporting capabilities for the Chicago Hospitals. Dan Lee continues to work with our pre-hospital data contractor to bring upgrades to the EMS data System which will include enhancements to move up to NEMSIS 3.0 those updates should be complete by the end of July with the roll-out to occur over the period of a year.

The EMS Data committee has used google groups successfully over the past year to communicate with its members.

EMS Licensing:

- New License Processed YTD = 2050 (Note: This includes Pass/Fail records imported from CTS)
- Renewals Processed YTD = 4253
- Reciprocity Processed YTD = 179
- Total Licenses Issued YTD = 4989 (Per GLS REPORT)

GLSUITES:

- We continue to work with GLSOLUTIONS on the Initial Transaction Card Letter request along with the ability for ECRN, EMD, LI, PHRN and FRD applicants to pay online using Pin Number from the Initial Transaction Card Letter.
- We continue to work with GLSOLUTIONS on the NREMT Import File.
- Request for software services has been submitted to GLSOLUTIONS for Provisional FRD/EMR enhancement and the new EMD Agency License.
- We continue to work with GLSOLUTIONS to correct the LAPSED vs. EXPIRE statuses for ECRN, EMD, LI, and PHRN.

Update of EMS Grants: The EMS Grant Applications for FY2015 have been submitted to their respective Regional EMS Advisory Board Chairs for review by the Regional Advisory Boards via EGrAMS. All EMS Assistance Fund Grant applications must be submitted back to the Department from the Regional Advisory Boards by August 1, 2014. The Department received 61 qualified EMS Assistance Fund Applications. The Department will again this year be able to award up to \$100,000 in grants.

Update on Heartsaver AED Grants: The Heartsaver AED Grant awards for FY2014 have been announced. There were 80 recipients of the Heartsaver AED Fund award totaling \$36,000.

Regulatory:

- Administrative Rules for fee waivers, decrease in CE hours for EMTs, EMT bridge program for military, 4 year ambulance license renewal, employers to verify an employee's license and technical clean-up have been adopted.
- The Specialized Emergency Medical Service Vehicles (SEMSV) has moved to second notice and will hopefully go before JCAR on June 17th in Chicago.

Legislation:

- SB 3531 introduces the 3 tiered Trauma Centers did not pass out of committee
- SB 3414 introduces the change to the New Education Standards. This has passed in the Senate and is to be heard in the House.
- SB3076 introduces the Advance Directive DNR form name to be changed to the POLST form. This has passed in the Senate and will be heard in the House.
- HB5742 Stroke Legislation-Changes the recognition of hospitals to Acute Stroke-Ready Hospital and Comprehensive Stroke Center as hospitals are recognized nationally. The bill has passed in the House and will be heard in the Senate.

EMSC Program Updates (June 2014):

- **EMSC Day** – This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Illinois EMSC program. Special thanks to all who have supported EMSC efforts in Illinois over the years.
- **Pediatric Awards** - Each year in recognition of EMSC Day, the Department and EMSC program recognizes individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond in pediatric care. This recognition is thru the Ron W. Lee – Excellence in Pediatric Care awards. The following awards were presented this year:

- **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** category
 - Harriet Hawkins, RN, Pediatric Resuscitation Education Coordinator, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
 - Thelma Kuska, RN, Retired, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- **CLINICAL EXCELLENCE** category
 - Sue Emond, RN, Pediatric Emergency Department nurse, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** category
 - Deborah Gulson, MD, Pediatrician, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest
- **Pediatric Facility Recognition** – Site surveys are in the process of being conducted at hospitals in Regions 3 and 6. The next region to undergo facility recognition renewal is Region 7. Their renewal applications were due on May 30th and will begin to undergo review. Their site surveys will take place in late fall/early winter.
- **School Nurse Emergency Care Courses** – Eight School Nurse Emergency Care courses are scheduled this summer in the following locations: Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, Lisle, Maryville, Mt Vernon, Rockford and Springfield. This course provides school nurses with emergency and disaster preparedness information and resources.
- **EMSC Advisory Board** – The EMSC Advisory Board has 2 open board positions for a hospital representative and a trauma representative (the trauma representative can be filled by a pediatric surgeon or trauma nurse coordinator). If interested, please contact Evelyn Lyons.
- **Burn Surge Planning** – The EMSC program has been tasked with developing a Burn Surge Annex which will outline the state response in a disaster that involves a large number of burn patients. Trauma centers will play a key role in a large scale burn incident. The annex will be completed by June 30th, and then will be incorporated into the State Medical Disaster Plan. To ensure ongoing oversight to burn preparedness activities, the Trauma Advisory Council has approved the development of a new Subcommittee called the Burn Advisory Subcommittee. Dr. David Griffen (Memorial Medical Center, Springfield) and Dr. Art Sanford (Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood) are the Subcommittee Chair and Co-Chair. Committee members are currently being recruited. Anyone interested in serving on this subcommittee is asked to contact Evelyn Lyons.

EMS System Meetings:

- EMS System meetings have been held in April and May with the EMS System Coordinators to provide updates from the Department. Meetings were held in Mt. Vernon Il, Decatur, and the next one is scheduled for Downers Grove on June 17th.
- Scope of practice survey was sent out and returned. The department with the assistance of Dr. Jack Whitney has completed a review of the first survey and will be sending the results of the first survey with a second smaller survey back to the EMS System Medical Directors. The second survey has been completed. Needs to be reviewed by the group and redistributed.
- Testing result findings have been shared with the EMS medical directors and system coordinators at their respective meetings. IDPH in conjunction with CTS is going to be able to deploy an online 100 question exam that should assist students in preparation for the State test. The first exam and analysis will be provided for free. Repeat exams will be at a cost of ten dollars each. CTS will handle the website and administration of this exam. This is not part of the States contract with CTS but is being offered as a means to help students prepare in advance to see what areas of an exam they may need to prepare for.

No questions were asked of Jack.

*A **motion** is made by Greg Scott to approve Minutes from the March 4, 2014 meeting. A second motion is made by Kevin Bernard; no oppositions, no abstentions; minutes are approved.

Committee Reports

Legislative and Planning: No report.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Dr. Val Phillips/George Madland: Documents are included in packet. Drafts were distributed for members to review for action at this meeting. Dr. Phillips and George briefed the council. Chair Hansen opened up to council for consideration.

Motion made by Connie Mattera to support the concept of Illinois moving forward with the committee's work as a roadmap. Greg Scott seconds. Chair Hansen calls for discussion/questions.

Discussion included concern about slippery slope. The next layer/phase will be difficult. Want to compare apples to apples and those types of things will have to be defined. A lot of conversation and difficult decisions are to come.

The application is for a pilot program. Need to get the data back to identify the gaps before we can move forward. IDPH legal will have to review and Department of Professional Regulation will need to be involved as well. Please get your comments in to the committee.

Chair Hansen calls for vote: Don Davids abstains from vote. All other members in favor – yes.

State EMS Protocols: No report

EMS Data-Mike Hansen: Mike Hansen reported NEMSIS 3 Data Set for the state. CMS has put a delay in ICD10 codes. Problem with vendors who were going to be compliant with NEMSIS and 10 codes, but not sure how that is going to be handled – how to move from 9 to 10 codes as far as mapping. Forming a couple of pilot groups looking at NEMSIS Version 3 data sets. If you have anyone who is a good data person from Firehouse standpoint and is willing to work on pilot program for the conversion, please let Mike know.

EMS Education-Connie Mattera: Connie Mattera reports committee met in April with the agenda focused in anticipation of the bill passing on changes in continuing education hours.

The prevailing opinion that the education standards need to be kept high:

- 1) Far too restrictive over time for college credit hours for ConED hours.
- 2) Far too restrictive on what is acceptable for distance learning/online.
- 3) Adjusting topical alignment with the national registry level – reasonable distribution of content for Con-ed. Will create a draft for EMS systems to look at where we want to go for ConED hours.

EMS Recruitment and Retention-Greg Scott: Greg Scott worked with Division of EMS to gather statistics on workforce. Drop in over 10,000 since 2012. First responder was biggest drop. Enforces the need to recruit and retrain. Has a 4 minute video to show at the end of the meeting that is a product of the committee.

Tactical EMS: No report

EMS Emerging Issues-George Madland: George Madland reports the group meets every other month. Minutes from February and April are in the packet. Reports the group voted to send letter to Chair to have discussion on the EMT test results. This is on the agenda and will be discussed under new Business. The word "ambulance" was excluded in the concealed carry law language. Discussion was held around the need to have it included in the list of prohibited places. The Division of EMS has met with the Illinois State Police. A policy guidance was issued. Bottom line: Ambulance crews need to be safe; Weapons need to be secured.

EMS Medical Directors-Jack Whitney: Stated to refer to Jack's report on the Scopes of Practice.

State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee-Kevin Bernard: Kevin Bernard reports the committee met May 13th. Pleased HB 5742 passed both houses. Initial training documentation and PowerPoint is available. Final review at next meeting, July 8, 2014. Will have it easily modifiable for each region. Bring to education committee for further review. Initiated a set of sample questions for knowledge based assessment. Another subcommittee

established that will be meeting with State Representatives to legal draft of first set of administrative rules working on consistency of language. Hoping to have completed by end of July.

Illinois EMS Alliance-Alex Meixner: Alex Meixner had not arrived yet. Push to end of agenda to see if he can get here.

Old Business-Mike Hansen

EMS Legislative Initiatives-Mike Hansen: A written report is included in packets. Mike Hansen reports most bills passed through both houses. Some are still out there and may get resurrected. Everyone should be proud of the fact that we had 40 pieces that pertained to EMS. Thanks for the support. Everyone is starting to get comfortable with process of slipping support of bills.

Greatest effort was what we were able to do with the Illinois Poison Center. Will be funded at their full amount through 2018.

Illinois EMS Summit-Greg Scott: Greg Scott reports the summit will be in Springfield at the Northfield Center Wednesday, November 19, 2014. They are trying to get 150 participants. This is not just a rural summit – it is for everyone. Mobile Integrated Healthcare will be a break out session.

New Business-Mike Hansen

Approval of Mobile Integrated HealthCare Guidelines: Discussed in Committee Reports.

EMT Testing Results-Letter from Emerging Issues Committee-Jack Fleearty: Letter requested root cause analysis and a comprehensive blueprint. We don't have a root cause analysis and a comprehensive blueprint has never been done before. The new test deployed April 1, 2014. Test questions have been validated against text books with 88.9% reliability. Test writing committee asked for practice with the online tests and we are working on those. There are no quick fix answers on root cause. The Division of EMS will continue to monitor the exams and the questions/test banks. Need to look at curriculum and see where students are not doing well. Sample tests may help demonstrate where students need to improve.

Election of Chairman and Co-Chairman: Motion made by Connie Mattera to nominate Mike Hansen for Chairman; Greg Scott seconds the nomination; Connie Mattera motions to close nominations; Greg Scott seconds; no further discussion; all in favor – yes; none opposed; no abstentions. Mike Hansen will continue to serve as the Chairman of the EMS Advisory Council.

Motion made by Mike Hansen nominating Greg Scott for Co-Chairman; George Madland seconds the nomination; no further discussion; all in favor – yes; none opposed, no abstentions. Greg Scott will serve as the Co-Chairman of the EMS Advisory Council.

Future Meetings

- On September 18, 2014 there will be a joint meeting with Trauma Advisory Council. Time to be determined – possibly 11 – 2 to accommodate both councils.
- Meetings will also continue to be held over the summer with EMS Alliance and the EMS Caucus.

Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned via a motion made by Connie Mattera and seconded by Greg Scott; all in favor–yes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.