

**State of Wisconsin  
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board Minutes  
Department of Health Services  
June 4, 2014  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Members in attendance:** Greg West, Steve Bane, Tim Weir, Dr. Cady, Dr. Collela, Dr. Martens, Dr. Kim, Mindy Allen, Jim Austad, Mark Fredrickson, and Les Luder.

**Members excused:** Jerry Biggart, Carie Meier

**Call to Order:** Mark Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

**Introductions:** Introductions around the room.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from called by Mark Fredrickson, made motion. Mindy Allen made the second. All approved. Motion carries.

Dr.

**Reports:**

- **EMS Data Management and System Quality- Les Luder reporting**

WI TRAC coordinator Deb Van Matre attended the meeting and reviewed the program with the committee.

Aggregate reports were sent to Services to assist with becoming more familiar with the information

Currently only one Service that is non-reporting DHE / EMS working with the Service to become compliant

Committee needs to build by in from Services to realize the value of the data. Clarity or direction may need to be given on some of the data points to ensure that there is uniformity (example, O2 administration as a medication vs. just in narrative).

Attempting to increasing awareness of data and results, the committee was presented a check list draft to be reviewed by committee for information collected on scene to reinforce the recommended guidelines. Chuck Happel will follow up to add a stroke identifier to the WARDS report similar to the Trauma and STEMI for stroke.

- **EMS Education and Training – Greg West reporting**

Instructor/Program evaluation pilot has been approved by the committee Tim Weir and Fred Hornby will continue to develop and implement the process of a pilot program.

S & P manual has been updated and the final draft has been completed and is awaiting final considerations and EMS Board approval.

Narcan pilot is still on going, 18 data points have been received, and one combative patient and no medical director follow up from participating medical directors. Discussions pertaining to the pilot based on new Narcan administrative laws. DHS/WTCS are developing plan for training First Responders and EMT Basics. Curricula will need to be updated. Medical Director approved training is adequate. It was decided by the committee to recommend discontinuing the pilot based on ACT 200. Greg West called for a motion to formally end the Narcan pilot, Mindy Allen seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

EMT v AEMT Refresher Hours Is it acceptable to go back to 30 + 12 as opposed to separate 30 and 42 hour refreshers?

The committee voted to allow training centers the flexibility to offer refreshers in the format most appropriate for their respective areas. Greg West called for a motion to allow training centers the flexibility to offer refreshers in the format most appropriate for their respective areas, Jim Austad seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Flexible hours with transitions completing, will the guidance document for topical hours go back to the previous refresher requirements? Greg West called for a motion to revert to previous refresher hours and revisit hours for appropriateness at some point, Jim Austad seconded, all in favor, motion passes.

Greg West called for a motion to keep the Skills Testing Stations the same for the 2016-2018 biennium, Jim Austad seconded the motion, all in favor, and motion passes.

Greg West called for a motion to follow the same paradigm as for the flexible hours requirements with previously existing refresher guidelines should be utilized, Jim Austad seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Hot topics alternative/selective spinal to be submitted by Dr. Charles Cady. Jerry Biggart will prepare rescue task force topics. All documents to be submitted to Greg West by June 20, 2014 for submission to the EMS Office for review by Fred Hornby.

- **EMS System Management – Jim Austad reporting**

Interfacility Transport guidelines need to be updated, suggested to the board that EMSC propose a set of guidelines for the EMS Board to review. This is a crosscutting issue with the PAC as well.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare best practices document be developed. Currently there is no official position from DHS on this topic. Currently there are very limited funding sources for this type of program. Does current Administrative Rule allow for this and how does this interact with other agencies such as Visiting Nurses and the Wisconsin Hospitals Association? Recommendation to allow local communities to develop their own programs as related to their individual needs in addition there needs to be a plan developed to take to the Secretary of DHS to develop a plan of direction.

Included in the discussion should be the ability to bill / reimbursement and education for the practitioners. There is a need for a position statement letter to be drafted Dana Sechler to draft. Committee will continue to gather information relating to this topic and request an appointment to meet with the Secretary of DHS for further discussion. There is a need for a position statement letter to be drafted Dana Sechler and Greg West to draft. Steve Bain and Mindy Allen to be a part of the formal meeting when scheduled.

Trans 309 information will be revealed at the August meeting for discussions with the EMS Board.

Budget suggestion needs to be formulated as a system and forwarded on soon. The recommendations should reflect the priority items identified in the NHTSA review.

Medical Directors do have the ability to pull individual practitioners credentials with a respective service. This does not necessarily mean the individual loses their license rather the permission to practice under the respective Medical Directors license. Dr. Cady to educate Service Medical Directors to the spirit of credentialing or removing the credentialing of an individual from a service. Determination is found in DHS 110 relating to a Medical Directors authority to remove the credentialing of an individual under their license.

- **EMS Service Development – Mark Frederickson reporting**

What can be done for the struggling rural services regarding membership and retention of members? Suggested to create more information for Service Directors to be able find more relevant information. Create a “Retention” link on the Service Directors web page. Explore various methods for assistance such as cross credentialing of members, sharing of call schedules and resources to keep members engaged. Promote more community awareness and combined community awareness programs.

Provide public recognition of members and Services. Discussion on FAP funding, allocation of returned funds and dissemination of returned funds. Suggested to be a new business item for committee: Awareness of the EMS concerns needs to be raised at the Department level with the Secretaries office. Recruitment sub link on the service Directors page to be developed. Information and links will be forwarded from the Committee to the EMS Office for entry into the approval process for permission to deploy to the EMS website.

Discussion is continuing in Dane county to educate Administrators as to the concept and the process. Resources and educational materials need to be created and available for dissemination. Develop a template to be discussed at the working board meeting in August. Results of the August discussions to be reviewed by some of the departments that are actively involved with Warm zone training

Mobile Integrated Healthcare has been moved to the System Management committee.

- **EMS Physicians Advisory Committee – Suzanne Martens, MD reporting**

Presentation on WI Healthcare Coalitions

Presentation on Coverdell Stroke Program with update based on hospital data and EMS WARDS data. Suggestions to determine an EMS stroke liaison to provide case feedback and foster collaboration.

Narcan pilot: PAC recommends this be discontinued due to impact of Naloxone legislation

Changes to scope of practice in the use of Narcan placed on hold pending the interpretation of the wording of the legislation.

At least one agency has expanded their CLIA waiver to cover their associated FR/EMR agencies to cover their use of glucometry.

Recommendation to make CPR-Mechanical Device at the FR/EMR\*\* (two star)

- **EMS-Children-Dr. Kim –reporting**

Patient at risk program is being managed by Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin and would like to make a presentation for the Board in October.

Education subcommittee formed to meet monthly with main objective of improving pediatric emergency education for all care providers throughout the Wisconsin.

1. Assess the needs
2. Gather all existing resources with focus on online education
3. Build collaboration with agencies, schools, and professional organizations

Facility recognition committee formed to develop a process in which all EDs in Wisconsin will be provided resources to meet the pediatric readiness recommendations and be recognized.

1. Review other models
2. Develop a plan

- **Statewide Trauma Advisory Council – Dr. Collela reporting**  
No report was given
- **EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chuck Cady reporting**  
Contract discussions

#### **State Office Update – Fred Hornby Reporting**

**New Business:** The EMS Board thanked Brian Litza for the ten years of service that he has given to the EMS system in his roles in the Department of Health Services and the EMS system.

Greg West made a position statement about the EMS system.

**Next meeting dates:** EMS Advisory Board meeting October 15, 2014 at 10:00 AM  
EMS Advisory Board/STAC joint meeting October 15, 2014 at 12:00 PM

**Adjournment:** Mark Fredrickson called for a motion, made motion Mindy Allen, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM