

**State of Wisconsin
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Emergency Medical Services Systems Management Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014**

Members in attendance: List with WI EMS Office.

Others attending: List with WI EMS Office.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order

Introductions: Everyone in attendance introduced him or herself.

Approval of Minutes: June minutes moved and 2nd, approved. October minutes moved and 2nd, approved.

Chair Report: None

Comments from Committee Members: None

Ad Hoc Committee Report: None

Unfinished Business:

Action Items:

#	ITEM	DISCUSSION	DISPOSITION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	OTHER COMMITTEE IF CROSSCUTTING ISSUE
1	Medicaid Reimbursement	Larry gave a report in December regarding the last Medicaid adjustment was made in 2006 by 1%. The committee would like to task a subcommittee to find research from other states and work towards comparing those numbers to our state. Office of EMS needs board to clarify of what they are looking for: Who makes decision on what the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements for WI? How			Systems development committee

		<p>does WI receive the reimbursement money? Mark, Mary, Dan would like to be on this subcommittee. Send proposal and questions to Jenny.</p>			
2	FAP Funding Assistance	<p>The services are given the option to opt out of receiving the EMT Basic Training funds. EMT Basic education funds can be escrowed in the service from year to year. Needs to be kept separate and can only be used for EMT Basic education/training but they do not need to return the unused funds. How will WI provide oversight to make sure the funds are being used appropriately? Paul Wittkamp offered the comment that the oversight is provided through the FAP Expense Report. Mindy Allen then suggested that the EMS Section does not have sufficient staff to monitor these reports. The EMS Board could recommend to changing the statute to say the money can be used for all levels of education.</p> <p>Committee would like to remove this topic from the agenda until someone brings a plan forward. Committee will ask for a report in the future and share with members. Questions or concerns should be sent to Mindy or Paul.</p>			
3	MIH	<p>Met yesterday with Tech colleges to discuss MIH and decide how to proceed. Tech colleges to provide a plan before next meeting</p>			
	Advisory vs Governing Board	<p>Presentation on the MN perspective (by Tom) of a governing board. Funding distribution changed 20 years ago. Operational leadership also changed and caused distrust by services. The board became a regulatory board. Currently have 17 – 19 board members. Have someone from the general public also on the board. People of the governing board are state employees and cannot lobby legislation. Need to pass it as a consensus. Took 5 years to</p>			

		<p>have enough votes and support to bring the vote to the legislators to change the EMS Advisory Board to become a Governing Board. Services and ambulances in MN have to be licensed and pay a fee. Seatbelt fines go 90% to EMS and 10% to State Patrol and is considered a primary offense.</p> <p>Any downsides from becoming a governing board? No. All under one roof. Decisions get made and things get followed up on quicker. MN was experiencing turmoil 20 years ago and it made sense. Not sure it will have the same reaction in WI it did in MN 20 years ago.</p> <p>Boils down to funding in WI. Would require statute change. Brad and Dana to do research on this and present to the board.</p>			
	Individual Provider License Renewal Period	<p>Financial purposes and reduce burden on volunteer providers. Committee would need to put together a statement. Do we need to do more research on it? Yes. Board needs to decide if we have enough information to make a decision. Need a subcommittee to prioritize a game plan. Want DHS support before put in a lot of work and detail into it.</p> <p>Sent out list of other states renewal periods to committee members. Survey from 2011 said most states renewed once every 5 years.</p> <p>Will put on agenda for next time</p>			
9	Sustainable Staffing Models	Put on June agenda			
10	Pre-arrival instructions for PSAP's	Heart Association has made this a funding priority this year with their government relations. Consider having board communicate with legislators to support Heart Association's initiative.			

11	Background Checks	<p>REPLICA has 8 states ready to sign and another 3 almost ready to. One of the requirements for adopting REPLICA is a FBI fingerprint background check. Would need administrative rule and statute change for WI to sign. Does the board need to send a recommendation for support to DHS on REPLICA? Consider a motion and/or recommendation from the board ready by June or August.</p> <p>DPH EMS will hold 8 service director courses in 2015 and will discuss background checks with it.</p>			

New Business:

Correspondence:

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Next meeting date: June 2, 2015

Adjournment: Moved by Dana and 2nd by Josh to adjourn, carried. Adjourned at 2:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Thatcher-Baguhn