

**State of Wisconsin
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board**

December 3, 2014

Members in attendance: List with EMS Office

Others attending: List with EMS Office

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Jerry Biggert at 09:04

Introductions: Everyone in attendance introduced him or herself.

Approval of Minutes: August 2014 minutes moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella and 2nd by Dr. Steven Steven Zils; approved. October 2014 minutes moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella and 2nd by Carrie Meier; approved.

Chair Report: Chair introduced new committee member

Comments from Committee Members:

Ad Hoc Committee Report: None

Unfinished Business:

- Mobile Integrated Health Care, formed an Ad Hoc Committee
 - Motion to develop an Ad-hoc committee, staffed by stakeholder appointees, to research and advise the Board on how implementation of such a system in Wisconsin can be developed. Motion moved by Jerry Biggert, and 2nd by Dr. Riccardo Colella; approved.

Action Items:

| # | ITEM | DISCUSSION | DISPOSITION | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | OTHER COMMITTEE IF CROSSCUTTING ISSUE |
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| 1 | EMS Data Management and System Quality – Carrie Meier reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Les Luder unable to chair the committee anymore.• Elements for expanding stroke questions are | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request of DHS/EMS to draft a memo series to update EMS agencies | | |

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| | | <p>included in Imagetrend Version 3.0 (Elite) but they can be added to the current version in the interim.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagetrend Version 3.0 (Elite) system will be ready for Beta testing January 1, 2015. Looking for agencies to participate in Beta testing. • NEMSIS 3.0 update and conversation. Suggest a memo be sent to all Services in the state explaining the changes. Talking points will include: technology change; new data mapping system; working on new data point definitions; seeking Beta agencies. • WiTrac training opportunities in 2015 for EMS and Dispatchers | <p>relating to the concerns of the conversion to NEMSIS 3.0. Moved by Carrie Meier, 2nd by Dr. Riccardo Colella; approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request of DHS/EMS to provide a survey link to EMS providers relating to types of monthly reports they would be interested in. Moved by Carrie Meier, and 2nd by Steve Bane; approved. | | |
| 2 | EMS Education and Training – Gregory West reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S&P manual at secretaries office • Hot topics guidance need to be released sooner to the Training Centers to begin at the start of the biennium. Cannot mandate the use of it if sent out later in biennium. • Ad Hoc committee formed to assist in obtaining guidance of training and education of courses that should be offered • Review of draft letter to NREMT to consider that spinal immobilization be addressed or removed from the practical exam. • Requesting a letter to be sent from the Board Chair expressing concerns with the team leadership capstone course requirement for completion of the Paramedic course. Concerns of additional costs and training time for little benefit. • Follow up on Paramedic medication list, information to be reviewed by PAC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to send the letter of concern spinal immobilization to NREMT through USPS moved by Greg West, and 2nd by Carrie Meier; approved. • Motion to send the letter of concern of the capstone requirement to CoEMSP. Moved by Greg West, and 2nd by Carrie Meier; approved. | | |
| 3 | EMS System Management – Jim Austad reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad-hoc committee to explore items related to Mobile Integrated Health Care • Discussion on FAP to have DHS review the funding process to include all levels of EMS. | | | |

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| | | To be all inclusive would require a change in statute. | | | |
| 4 | EMS System Development – Mark Fredrick reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tactical mass causality template has been provided to agencies as a starting point for developing a document specific to their rescue task force team. Want to include a cover letter explaining the document should follow their agency’s Scope of Practice and local protocols. Emphasizing that local partners and stakeholders should be included in the customization of the document. Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement has not been adjusted in several years. Committee to develop document to justify an increase in Medicare allocations to EMS services. Will forward on to the state for consideration. Request to add a question to the FAP application asking if the Service bills for the service they provide. Committee recommends that a guidance document be developed for Services to utilize to determine if the Mobile Integrated Health Care is a good fit for them. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to forward the tactical mass casualty document and cover letter on to the DHS/EMS office. Moved by Carrie Meier and 2nd by Dr. Riccardo Colella; approved. Motion to request the addition of the Medicaid reimbursement question to the FAP application. Moved by Mindy Allen and 2nd by Greg West; approved. | | |
| 5 | EMS Physicians Advisory Committee – Suzanne Martens, MD reporting (Board Liaisons Dr. Riccardo Colella, Dr. Steven Zils, Jim Austad) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed Medical Director Application requirements and score card. Recommendation for Nitrous Oxide as a 2 star item in the Scope of Practice for the level of Intermediate Technician (AEMT) to Paramedic. Concerns were raised by Dr. Steven Zils that this may not be a safe practice or medication to be used in an ambulance. Dr. Riccardo Colella proposes that PAC develop a best practice document relating to Nitrous Oxide. Discussion of 1 Paramedic vs. 2 Paramedics needed for Rapid Sequence Intubation. Aspirin had previously been approved by PAC for implementation at the EMR level but had | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made to forward the Medical Director Application score card on to the state. Moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella, and 2nd by Dr. Steven Zils; approved. Motion made for PAC to create a beset practice guidance document relating to Nitrous Oxide. Moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella and 2nd by Dr. Steven Zils; approved. Motion made to approved Aspirin at the EMR level as a 2 star item in the Scope of | | |

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| | | not received Board approval. | Practice. Moved by Dr. Suzanne Martens and 2 nd by Carrie Meier; approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board will restructure committee meetings at the February meeting and will attempt to find a timeframe of 4 hours for the PAC committee to meet. | | |
| 6 | EMS for Children – Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Riccardo Colella reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal to develop a strategic plan on education and training program. Will consider the Illinois program in development. • Meier consulting group on spoke to the committee on preparedness in pediatric readiness. Committee and HCC will consider consulting with the Meier group on pediatric preparedness with potential large scale exercises. • Encouraging the use of bike helmets and ambulance car seats • Discussed leftover Comfort Kits that were developed last year using carry over funds. Proposal to distribute the 32 remaining kits to RTAC throughout the state. | | | |
| 7 | Statewide Trauma Advisory Council – Mark Fredrickson/Dr. Riccardo Colella reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussion on accepting the 2012 American College of Surgeons Standard of Care for Trauma. • Trauma Coordinator position is in the process of being hired. Held interviews already, working through DHS HR process to finalize position. • RTAC and STAC tend to report the same things. Want board to consider having a separate person attend the RTAC meeting or combine the RTAC and STAC meetings in the future. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board will restructure committee meetings at the February meeting and will discuss the future of RTAC and STAC meetings. | | |
| 8 | RTAC – Dr. Riccardo Colella reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined discussion with STAC | | | |

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| 9 | EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chuck Cady reporting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebola: Dr. Chuck Cady in conjunction with DHS have been developing guidance documents for EMS and EMS transports of suspect patients. Guidance updates from CDC or other partners are sent down to all Services when they become available. Disconnect between what CDC/DHS are expecting Services to do and what the media is displaying. Dr. Cady expects the state is ready to handle an Ebola patient today if needed. DHS/EMS office is writing these guidance documents to apply to future needs as well. | | | |
| 10 | WI EMS Office Report – Jennifer Ullsvik and Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Section Chief position has been re-posted • Audits or renewals are underway. Audited first 500 applicants; seeing general compliance. Questions of flexible education. Also there is a significant number of providers that have lapsed CPR or ACLS and in accordance to Administrative Rule those certifications need to be valid in order for the providers’ license to be valid. • Online CPR and ACLS application has been instated. • WiTrac trainings will be held statewide for EMS and Dispatch. Trainings will be provided by Intermedix in collaboration with RTAC’s, PSAP’S Medical Directors and Service Directors. Anticipating being able to deliver 40 to 60 trainings statewide and be delivered at no cost. Objective is to create awareness of the system and its value. Suggested that a letter be drafted from the Board to PSAP’s to encourage education and participation in Wi Trac. • DHS is changing the look of their website in mid-December. Will only be a difference in formatting. | | | |

New Business:

- Report from Dr. Riccardo Colella. EMS is now a sub- specialty for physicians. Motion asking that PAC develop a White Paper to determine the place of an EMS Physician within the state EMS system. Moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella and 2nd by Dr. Steven Zils; approved.
- Clarity of trauma triage guidelines as it relates to a Level I or Level II Trauma facility. Agencies are interpreting the current guidelines to take a patient to a Level I over a Level II trauma center, even if it is further. It has been determined that Level I and Level II facilities are equivalent in the capabilities of providing the initial care. Motion to amend the Trauma Field Triage Guidelines to read “transport of patient to the closest Level I or Level II trauma facility.” Moved by Dr. Riccardo Colella and 2nd by Dr. Steven Zils; approved.
- Ebola EMS Guidance Document for transporting a patient has been reviewed by Jennifer Ullsvik. Board was asked for any other input or considerations to the guidance document. Suggestions should be forwarded to Jennifer Ullsvik by Dec. 5, 2014.
 - Pandemic response or non-response to calls document will be discussed at February 2015 meeting.
- Re-licensure Periods – Opening up discussion to extend the licensure period. Will look at other states re-licensure periods to determine if WI renewal periods should be extended. Will follow up on at the February working Board meeting.
- Inclusion of a respiratory therapist as a legal crew member of an ambulance service. To be followed up on at the February Board meeting.

Correspondence:

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Mobile Integrated Health Care
Pandemic Call Response document
Re-licensure period
Respiratory Therapists

Next meeting date:

February 3-4, 2015. Location to be determined.

Adjournment: Moved by Mindy Allen and 2nd by Dr. Riccardo Colella to adjourn; approved. Adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Thatcher-Baguhn