



Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
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**Meeting Invitees:**

X	Jerry Biggart (Chair)	X	Dustin Ridings	X	William Oemichen
X	Mark Fredrickson (Vice-Chair)	X	Craig Nelson	X	James Newlun
X	Dr. Michael Clark	X	Dr. M. Riccardo Colella	X	Chuck Happel
X	Gregory West	X	Dr. Steven Zils	X	Helen Pullen
X	Gary Weiss	X	Carrie Meier	X	Ray Lemke
X	Don Kimlicka	X	Erica Kane	X	Paul Wittkamp
X	Dr. Suzanne Martens	X	Robin Schultz	X	Rick Stenson
X	Dr. Michael Kim & Dr. Lorin Browne (Co-Chairs)	X	Ben Eithun	X	Mark Mandler
X	Timothy Weir	X	Ashley Bergeron	X	Sandy Ryce
X	Dr. Steve Andrews	X	Michelle Seitz		Committee Members, Stakeholders, & Public

**Agenda:**

Time:	Topic:	Lead:	Follow-up Items:	Notes:
9:00	Meeting Called to Order	Biggart		Meeting was called to order at 9:01.
	Introductions of Board & Audience	Biggart		Introductions were made.
	Public Comment Opportunity to Full EMS Board	Biggart		Invitations were made to the "Be Somebody Media Kick Off Event" on June 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 in downtown Brule. This event is to raise awareness for EMS recruitment and retention.  A draft resolution was passed around to have the National Registry be an option for EMS licensure instead of a requirement with a score on the National Registry of 78 percent.
	Approval of Past Minutes	Biggart		<b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Don Kimlicka to approve the minutes of the February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b>



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	<p><u>Standing EMS Committee - System Quality &amp; Data</u> *NEMSIS 3.3.4 / Elite Status Review *Data Management Staff Report *New Business *Adjourn Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Meier, Lead/Chair</p> <p>Additional reporting from Committee Members, EMS/DHS Office Staff, and potential action and commentary by EMS Board Members</p>		<p>Chuck Happel gave an update on NEMSIS. There were only 32 transporting services that the state needed to contact about the transition that had not responded to the communications sent out. The total number of services (not including EMR and TEMS) that have reports in Elite is at 60.66%. There are some issues with third party vendors with the transition. Chuck feels that with the progress that's been made in the past month, he believes that everyone will be completely transitioned before the June deadline.</p> <p>Concerns were brought to the Board about third party vendor problems. The validation percent that is showing for this particular services shows 60-80% based on fields that are not mandatory and are only recommended or optional. Questions were brought up to Wisconsin to either make the fields mandatory or an optional but not have the validation percent tied to the optional or recommended fields. Chuck had mentioned that the "recommended" fields may be causing the validation percentages to be off.</p> <p>Chuck had a meeting with Image Trend to discuss the motion from the previous meeting to work on Image Trend/WARDS issues. Image Trend has been making changes in e-licensing to accommodate the Service Director level permissions and completed this at the end of March.</p> <p><b>Motion by Carrie, second by Craig Nelson to form a NEMSIS compliance sub-committee. The members will be determined by Carrie and the sub-committee will need to work with Chuck about any issues. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p>
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	<p><u>Standing EMS Committee – Education &amp; Training</u>          *Approval of past minutes          *Meeting formally brought back in session          *Public Comment          *Awards Program          *Credit for Prior Learning          *Preceptor Training          *WTCS Updates – Tim Weir          *New Business          *Adjourn Committee Meeting</p>	<p>West, Lead/Chair           Tim Weir           Additional reporting from Committee Members, EMS/DHS Office Staff, and potential action and commentary by EMS Board Members</p>		<p><b>Motion by Dustin Ridings, second by Jerry Biggart to approve the minutes from the February meeting. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <p>Greg spoke about having an educator of the year award. Concerns were brought up about a conflict of interest or if an awarded person ends up receiving a discipline 6 months later and the role of the committee. The decision was made to leave it up to third parties (WEMSA, PAAW, etc.) to do awards of that nature.</p> <p>A question was raised by Greg about a student that is an Intermediate Technician that is taking a transition course to Paramedic. The National Registry requires the student to take the cognitive but not the psychomotor exam. James said that the student would be allowed to move forward with National Registry because it is an isolated situation.</p> <p>A situation was brought up about a provider from IL that wanted to come to Wisconsin but needed National Registry. The student was told to obtain National Registry from the state that they did their education in. Illinois decided not to allow the student to challenge registry because they are not a registry state. Another scenario mentioned would be an emergency RN that wishes to use their education to be a Paramedic provider. James said these situations can be looked at and addressed at a later date. Administrative rule and state statute need to be looked at. Tim Weir suggested contacting the NREMT for their opinion on using prior learning to obtain licensure.</p>
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				<p>This will remain on the agenda for further discussion. There's a training center meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Greg and Tim will come back with information.</p> <p>Don Kimlicka spoke about preceptor training. Greg made the suggestion for this agenda item to be added to the training center meeting coming up in May.</p> <p>Tim Weir gave an update. Most of their energy has been focused on the joint legislative counsel and the shortages in EMS. The recommendations that were received were mostly process improvements. Tim has the report available if anyone would like to contact him for it. Tim stated that services/training centers are not required to gain approval. They may be audited but the initial approval is not necessary. The MOU is being redone to reflect this. It's been more a past practice than a requirement. The Board is ok with this as long as there is an audit process to hold services/training centers accountable.</p> <p><b>Motion by Jerry Biggart, second by Gary Weiss to no longer require the pre-approval of CEU's for EMS continuing education by the Wisconsin Technical College unless specified in rule or law that it occur. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <p>The draft resolution that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting will be addressed at the next meeting as well as the training center meeting.</p>
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11:00-12:00	<p><u>EMSC Meeting with the EMS Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Meeting formally brought back in session</li> <li>*Introductions</li> <li>*Approval of February Minutes</li> <li>*Public Comment</li> <li>*Follow-up of Old Business</li> <li>*Facility Recognition</li> <li>*Education</li> <li>*Safe Transport of Children</li> <li>*Epidemiologist &amp; Data Manager Updates</li> <li>*Wrap up topics</li> <li>*New business</li> <li>*Adjourn</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Kim/Dr. Browne, EMSC Lead/Chair</p> <p>Additional reporting from EMSC Members, EMS/DHS Office Staff, and potential action and commentary by EMS Board</p>	<p>Attendance: Michael Kim Lorin Browne Erica Kane M. Riccardo Colella Dustin Ridings Bill Oemichen Jason Selwitschka Melody Mulhall Mary Jean Erschen-Cooke E. Brooke Lerner Ben Eithun Patrick Drayna</p>	<p>The current proposed draft language for DHS 118 contains pediatric standards for level 3 and 4 hospitals. Public hearings will likely be held over the summer.</p> <p>AFCH and CHW government affairs have approached a few key legislators to gauge their interest or opposition to new legislation regarding pediatric DNR orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ohio, Maine and Nebraska as example states that have developed pediatric DNR rules.</li> <li>• Dr. Martens has a contact family that would be willing to provide testimony.</li> <li>• Erica will keep EMSC Advisory Committee updated on any developments related to DNR or DHS 118.</li> </ul> <p>Facility recognition (Review of draft 3, funding opportunities) - Kim/Monica Cain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility recognition will be a major focus of our June site review.</li> <li>• Monica Cain shared Draft 3 of the Facility Recognition Pilot Manual. Members should share additional feedback on the draft with Erica.</li> <li>• Nomenclature for the names of categories needs further discussion. Using numerical (I-III) nomenclature may create confusion with ACS trauma verification and levels.</li> <li>• EMSC staff and chairs will meet with the Wisconsin Partnership Program on May 5th to discuss an implementation grant opportunity.</li> <li>• Erica will report back on grant funding progress for Facility Recognition.</li> </ul>
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				<p>Education (pulse ox, upcoming trainings, comfort kit distribution, reference card distribution) – Kim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nurse midwives are trained to conduct pulse oximetry screening to identify cardiac abnormalities. If a newborn screens initial pulse oximetry screening with a midwife, they should be referred to receive more specific tertiary testing. However, when the newborn arrives in the ER, tertiary testing is not consistently provided.</li><li>• EMSC will include a requirement for EDs to have protocols in place for newborns that arrive in the ED that have failed initial pulse oximetry screening.</li><li>• Several regional trainings are scheduled in May and June. Training will be held in Wausau on May 5th, in Onalaska on May 18th, and at three separate dates in the South Central Region, yet to be determined.</li><li>• With carryover funds, we ordered supplies for 170 comfort kits. 50 have been sent to agencies that requested the kits at WEMSA. The remaining 120 will be distributed to agencies attending our regional trainings.</li><li>• We will distribute the new pediatric reference card at regional trainings and conference.</li></ul> <p>Safe transport of children (discussion of NASEMSO interim guidance) – Kim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The National Association of EMS State Officials has advocated for research and funding to develop evidence-based standards for safely transporting children by ambulance.</li><li>• In the absence of evidence-based standards and</li></ul>
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				<p>crash test data, NASEMSO has developed interim guidance to reduce risk. They will also be developing a document that compares various restraint systems by features and weight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EMSC will develop resources or education around pediatric transport. Erica will learn more about current pediatric transport efforts underway in Wisconsin and in other states.</li></ul> <p>State epidemiologist, data management updates (Ashley Bergeron to present 2016 WARDS peds data)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ashley shared draft 2016 data regarding pediatric runs in WARDS and Elite V3. The final form of the data report will be available after the review process is completed.</li><li>• There were a total of 42,253 pediatric runs in 2016, making up 6.1% of all runs. She will share total runs, total peds runs, pain management, primary impressions, and most common injuries</li><li>• It was noted that pain reporting was low. Pain was recorded for 29% of incidents in WARDS and 19.6% of incidents in Elite.</li><li>• EMSC will continue to educate on the use of pediatric pain scales and pain management.</li><li>• The EMSC advisory committee will review fields in Elite at future meetings, so that we have a better idea of what data may be available.</li></ul> <p>Wrap up (HRSA site review, continuing resolution budget update) –Kim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The HRSA site review will be June 6, 2017 and June 7, 2017. The review team will attend our June 6 advisory committee meeting and would like to spend some additional time meeting with committee members to work with us on Facility</li></ul>
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				<p>Recognition and the new performance measures that relate to EMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The review team would also like additional time to meet with EMSC advisory committee members on June 6 before and after the regularly scheduled 11:00-12:00pm meeting.</li><li>• Erica will reach out regarding availability on June 6 to members that have dual roles and serve on the main EMS advisory committee, or other subcommittees.</li><li>• Nominations for the 2017 Pediatric Champion will close on April 23.</li><li>• Erica will reach out to committee members for voting after nominations close.</li></ul>
12:00-1:00	Lunch			





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**Meeting Invitees in Addition to the Invitees from Wisconsin State EMS Board Agenda:**

X	Steve Andrews, MD (Chair)		Christopher Eberlein, MD		
	Mark Schultz, DO (Vice-Chair)		Bryan McNally (Executive Director CARES)		
	Chuck Cady, MD		Steven Zils		
	Sean Marquis, MD				

*There is usually a quorum of WI EMS Board members at this meeting and the EMS Board will routinely take concurrent action on items brought up at this meeting.*

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1:00-4:30	Physicians Advisory Committee Meeting  See separately posted PAC Agenda as an addendum to the EMS Board Agenda			Minutes of PAC posted separately.

<b>Wednesday, 4/19/2017 @ 09:00</b>	Meeting Called to Order	Biggart		Meeting was called to order at 9:03.
	Public Comment	Biggart		None.



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<p>0905-1100</p>	<p><u>Standing EMS Committee Report Management &amp; Development</u>        *Meeting formally brought back in session        *Introductions        *Approval of February Minutes        *Public Comment        *GEMT Update        *Medicare Audit Reference Document        *PSAP Pre-Arrival Instructions/AHA Support Legislation        *EMR Staffing Exception Update 5min        *HCC Update        *Introduce Michelle Seitz, Healthcare Preparedness Program Manager        *Funding Announcement/Program Measures Overview        *Update on Patient Tracking Strategic Plan        *Community Paramedicine Legislation Update        *WI EMS Assessment Report from Office of Rural Health        *Flexible Staffing Research Update:        *Upcoming Trainings 5min        *New Business        *Adjourn</p>	<p>Dr. Clark,        Committee Lead        /Chair</p> <p>Additional reporting from Committee Members, EMS/DHS Office Staff, and potential action and commentary by EMS Board Members</p>	<p>Dana Sechler gave an update on GEMT. Dana met with James Newlun and Bill Oemichen about the Medicaid reimbursement gap. The state of Minnesota has individual entities applying for this reimbursement. The state of California is using this program. The benefit of having the legislature approval is to have a standardized process. James has put together a position description for an LTE position to work on this. The reimbursement money is coming from federal funding. A fiscal agent needs to be determined. The fiscal agent would need to track the funding, submit the applications to the federal government and then cut checks to the services once funding is received by the fiscal agent. More research is needed on this. Reaching out to other states to determine how this should be done. Reimbursements can be applied for after the call, possibly up to three years later. More research is needed to determine how far back these can go. Dana passed out a handout on Compliance. This handout is for informational purposes only and is a work in progress.</p> <p>Josh Finke reported on his meeting with the American Heart Association. They are looking for support for legislation for PSAP's to provide pre-arrival instructions.</p> <p>There are approximately 40 services utilizing EMR's as staffing.</p> <p>Michelle Seitz gave a brief introduction in the new role as the Healthcare Preparedness Program Manager.</p> <p>Anke Corbeil gave an update on the HCC's. A five year work plan and project narratives were handed</p>
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				<p>out.          A presentation was given by the Office of Rural Health on the Wisconsin Ambulance Service Assessment 2016. This assessment was for Basic level services and above.          The plan is to do this assessment every other year.          The report is available at:  <a href="http://www.worh.org/ambulance-service-assessment">www.worh.org/ambulance-service-assessment</a></p>
	Training Center Training Permits	Biggart/West		<p>The EMT basic training permit can be applied for after 46 hours in class.          Because many applications are submitted without the complete information, this can slow down the approval process. The information that is missing includes: the eligibility certification form is not submitted, the course dates on the certificate not matching the submitted application, the certificate not being signed by the instructor, the driver's license abstract is missing (for applicants that have driving revocations/suspensions on record), missing requested criminal history information, incorrect names/email addresses/social security numbers in e-licensing accounts. All of these errors slow the approval process.</p>
	*Education & Training Committee Membership	West/Biggart		<p><b>Motion by Craig Nelson, second by Carrie Meier to provide one ex-officio position on the Training and Education sub-committee that will be offered to the Wisconsin EMS Training Center Advisory Group to be filled by the Chair of the Training Center Advisory Group of his/her designee.</b>  <b><u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p>
	5-Minute Break	Biggart		



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	Flexible Content Marketed as Full Refresher	West		Greg reported on a training center that was marketing flexible content as a full refresher. James cannot investigate this without the information on the place that is advertising this.
	Interoperability Council 911 Subcommittee	Fredrickson & EMS Office Staff		Jerry will reach out to Don about a position on the interoperability council. A report will be provided quarterly from the 911 subcommittee.
	STAC and/or RTAC Report *Follow-up from joint STAC & EMS Board Meeting	Fredrickson		The EMS Board will be meeting with STAC at the June meeting. James will discuss with Julie about having EMS and STAC seated at the same table.
	Pediatric DNR	Zils		EMSC is doing research on this and will report back. Jerry asked anyone to provide sample legislation on this or any documentation that would provide information.
	Legislative updates with potential action taken by the Board – Community EMS status update, and pre-planning for law	Biggart EMS Board EMS Office		Discussed the proposed legislation for flexible staffing. This would allow a service to change the level of service based on the license level of the EMS provider. Concerns were expressed about the medications, equipment, etc. required for the varying levels. A suggestion was made to have a waiver for a service if they are having staffing problems that cannot meet their coverage requirements. Jerry asked Board members to send informational-only concerns about this legislation this week to him. Jerry will compile a list and get this information to James and Bill at the state EMS office. James will work with the legislative liaison on this.



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	Opioid/Narcotic Epidemic Sub-Committee Update	Full Committee		<p>Jerry asked if the sub-committee had anything to report. Research is being done at this time. Discussed the problem of a potent form of carfentanil that requires larger doses of Narcan than what an EMS provider would carry. A dose as small as a pinhead can cause death. Dr. Kim has volunteered to be a part of this committee as well.</p>
	Cross-Credentialing Paramedic Usage On-Scene & Transport Units	Biggart		<p>Jerry asked about a situation that has occurred with two services at different levels responding to a call and the provider being cross-credentialed at the services. This falls under the flexible staffing issue.</p> <p>Discussed that the call for ALS at that time, the paramedics are acting under the license of the ALS service and the BLS service is just the transporting entity. Two separate reports would be written for the call. One is the transport and the other is the intercept.</p> <p>James will work with Mark Mandler on providing information on this circumstance.</p>



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	<p><u>WI EMS Office Report</u>          *EMS Section Updates          *Licensing update          *Operational Plan Updates          *Critical Care/Paramedic Updates/Planning          *Triage Training Plan          *Recruitment Retention Grant</p>	<p>James Newlun &amp;          EMS Office Staff</p> <p>Potential action and          commentary by          EMS Board          Members</p>	<p>James Newlun reported that the EMS section is at full staff with the addition of the two Regional Coordinators. A spreadsheet was provided showing all of the op plan updates, medical and service director changes, etc. from June 2016 until present. The license review queue is at 49. The training center training permit review queue is empty as of today. Critical Care will be reviewed as far as training requirements, administrative rule, etc. James will have a workgroup reviewing this information and reporting to the Board on the findings. James is developing a work plan for the Triage Training Plan. This is an internal work plan. This training will be provided for free at the Governors Safety Conference in Green Bay. A suggestion was made to see if the State can have a recommended vendor for the triage tags and to ensure that there are not any repeated patient tracking numbers. James is working on this with the RTAC Coordinators and will report back on this.</p> <p>James asked for volunteers for the recruitment/retention team. Mark Fredrickson, Gary Weiss, Don Kimlicka and Fred Hornby (WEMSA) have volunteered to help. James asked that those interested in this to send him an email.</p> <p>Michelle Seitz gave a presentation on patient tracking. Asked for volunteers to work with the patient tracking workgroup. Steven Zils, Gary Weiss, and Michael Clark have volunteered.</p> <p>Legislation updates: The request to allow EMR's to apply for FAP funding, IV tech endorsement and the four year renewal have been removed from the</p>
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				<p>budget.          Jerry Biggart suggested forming a committee for the Community EMS legislation.  <b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Steven Zils to form a Community EMS committee. Motion Carried.</b> Jerry will reach out and determine who will comprise the committee.</p> <p>James will work on adding to the EMS section of the website any actions on licenses such as revocations.</p>
	<p><u>WI Office of Preparedness &amp; Emergency Health Care Director Report</u>          *HCC Update          *DHS 118 update          *Ethics Presentation</p>	Bill Oemichen		Bill was unable to attend the meeting today.
	<p>Committee Appointments          *Vacancies          *Committee Leadership &amp; Board Assignments          *June Elections (Leadership &amp; Committees)</p>	Biggart	If any of Chairs would like to be removed, contact Jerry within the next two weeks.	The application process will begin following this meeting. Voting and discussion will occur at the June meeting. The Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair and Secretary position will be elected. The vote occurs in June and the positions begin at the August meeting.
	EMS Board Agenda & Committee Meetings	Biggart		Jerry asked the Training and Education Committee to hold their meetings on Wednesday to allow enough time for the meetings.
	<p>Additional New Business          *Intro – No action taken till April</p>	Biggart		None.
	June Meeting date/time/location Meeting Dates for 2017	Biggart		The next meeting is June 6 & 7, 2017 at Madison Marriott West.
	Closed Session – Action on Licensure	Newlun		<b>Motion by Dustin, second by Gary Weiss to go into closed session. Roll call vote taken. Motion Carried.</b>
	Transition to Open Session	Biggart		<b>Motion by Greg West, second by Gary Weiss to move into open session. Motion Carried.</b>



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	Adjourn	Biggart		Motion by Greg West, second by Gary Weiss to adjourn. <b>Motion Carried.</b> Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.
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“Parking Lot” Items: