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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
October 20, 2022

Members Present

David J. Weller
Samantha Richards
Brian Potter
Brian Doughty
Paul Seamann
Trish Watson
Marsha Knight
Robert Craig Horn
John Smoot
Samantha Stamper

Guest

Sue Alt
Anthony McDaniel
Justin Smith
Doug McDonald
Ed Bays
Monica Mason
Sean Mason
Terry Ryan
Steve Nuckles
Tory Bain
Susannah Sellers
Heather Brown

OEMS Staff

Jody Ratliff
Jason Rucker
Julie Burner
Dr. Jonathan Newman
Sherry Rockwell
Justin Doughty
Andrea Persinger
Dr. David Kappel

Guest

Kevin Duckwall
Forest Weyen
Shirley Morrison
Courtney Turner
Elisabeth Lloyd
Nick Cooper
Rita White
Laura Foren
Sean McManus
J. Scott Hall
Dr. P.S. Martin
Dr. Cynthia Persily
Mike Alt
Torie Geis
Shawn McKenna

I. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call (Please turn cell phones to silent or vibrate)

Chairman Weller called to order the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council at 1:00 PM on October 20, 2022.

Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

II. Approval of July 21, 2022, EMSAC minutes

Motion made by Brian Doughty to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022; regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Paul Seamann. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates – Chairman Weller

Chairman Weller welcomed the new EMSAC members Samantha Stamper, Thomas Hayes, John Smoot, and Steven Schetrom.

Chairman Weller also requested that New Business Item No. 2 be addressed during the Chairman Report to accommodate a scheduling conflict with Dr. Persily. No objections.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports

1. Special Interest – Paul Seamann

Paul Seamann presented a brief report on the status of CCT, C2IFT, and C3IFT. Rita White gave an update on CCT All programs are moving forward successfully. CCT Guidelines were discussed, a motion was made to pass to MPCC for consideration, motion seconded. Motion carried.

2. Administration - Chairman Weller

Working on recruitment and retention, OEMS interaction, and licensure. We also had regional boards under that and that was removed and replaced with mental health awareness, and we also added financial stability.

3. Safety – Connie Hall

Working with infection control, vehicle markings, and pediatric transportation.

4. Policy/Procedure & Protocol - Chairman Weller

To be addressed in New Business

5. Training

To be addressed in New Business

6. Medical Command

Shirley Morrison stated working to bring updates to EMSAC.

7. Community College Forum

Ed Bays reported they continue to maintain open communication and moving forward very well.

Chairman Weller also requested that New Business Item No. 3 be addressed during the Committee Reports to accommodate a scheduling conflict with Justin Smith. No objections.

V. Special Reports

1. OEMS Report – Director Joseph “Jody” Ratliff

- We had regional meetings with each region, and they went well, and we are working on getting everyone involved from the directors, providers, and support staff.
- Discussed providing leadership training in the future for all directors. We are actively looking into this, and the goal is to create better directors and help them anyway we can.
- A big complaint we are hearing from throughout the state is people not getting their charts done. Expect changes coming out soon on this issue.

2. OEMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Jonathan Newman

Working on updating protocols and encourage new protocols from EMSAC and providers. Working closely with Jody and others at OEMS. Also, I am on several EMSAC committees.

3. Air Medical Report – No report.

VI. Old Business (Some topics may be addressed during committee reports)

1. EMSAC 5- 10-year plan – update/report

The 5–10-year plan is still in committee and moving forward.

2. SETS Removal

Chairman Weller advised that after this recertification period is over, we will work on getting the SETS removed.

3. MCI Program Update

Chairman Weller reported that new MCI 1 & 2 has been approved and OEMS rolled them out. We were missing a refresher but the same group that created MCI 1 & 2 created a condensed version and that was passed and given to OEMS for disbursement.

4. Replacement for Secretary position

OEMS director Jody Ratliff confirmed that he has filled that position with Andrea Persinger, and she will take over all of Terri O'Connor's previous duties. Also, he reported he has received approval to hire another secretary to assist and fill in as needed.

5. EMR Naloxone Administration

Chairman Weller advised that it has been approved for several years, so he just wants to put it out there that EMR's can administer Narcan. It was also discussed that EMR's do not have protocols, they have a scope of practice, and it needs to be updated. Motion is made by Marsha Knight to develop an updated EMR scope of practice. The motion is seconded by Brian Potter. Motion carried.

- 6. EMSAC voted unanimously, by email vote, to accept the revision to the **EMT Airway Management Skill Sheet**. The change removed King Airway specific requirements and makes the skill sheet usable for all supraglottic airways.**

VII. New Business (Some topics may be addressed during committee reports)

1. New Appointees Introduction

Chairman Weller welcomed John Smoot. John Smoot gave a brief history on his experience.

2. Report of Governors EMS Initiative

Dr. Cynthia Persily presented a well-informed report of the Governors EMS Initiative. Nick Cooper gave an update and overview of the mobile stimulators.

3. Report of Justin Smith from the Office of Drug Control Policy

Justin Smith gave report regarding distribution of Naloxone by EMS personnel and allowing EMS to leave Naloxone on the scene.

4. Consideration of the respective EMSAC Committees

Chairman Weller discussed that committees should meet a minimum once per month between meetings. Motion to approve made by Paul Seamann. Seconded by Brian Doughty. Motion carried.

5. EMSAC Member Matrix

Chairman Weller reported that an updated matrix will be made and sent out to everyone.

6. Protocol Updates following 30-day comment

- Protocol 4112 TXA – One of the comments/additions was adult and pediatric patients with acute traumatic brain injury who are within 3 hours of injury and have a GCS score of 9-15 and are without major cranial bleeding. That was put in as an indication.
- Protocol 8301, 5803 Non-Invasive Airway – A conflict was picked up related to pediatrics, so that was cleaned up.

- 9205 Sports Medicine – Added heat illness. Changes would be - added C and D under BLS treatment.

7. Protocol 9208 Patient Refusal Protocol -

Chairman Weller advised can vote it down or move it to MPCC for their review and consideration. Motion made to pass to MPCC by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by Brian Potter. Motion passed.

8. Protocol 6611, 5611, 4611 Adult abuse -

Motion was made to pass to MPCC by Paul Seamann. Motion was seconded Trish Watson. Motion passed.

9. Naloxone Administration Skill Sheet -

Chairman Weller advised that a mistake was found and corrected. Motion made to accept correction by Marsha Knight. Motion seconded by Brian Doughty. Motion carried.

10. Consideration/Discussion on preparing for 2023 Protocol Update -

Chairman Weller advised there will be a 25-question test with 5 from each medical command center as well as additional question to coincide with changes to current protocols. All update classes will be done online and will be available only through the OEMS.

11. Medical Command Loop Closure Policy -

Medical Command Loop Closure Policy will be going back to committee one more time, we have no action taken on that.

12. Drug Assisted Intubation (DAI) protocol submission -

Motion made to pass this to MPCC by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by Brian Doughty. Motion carried.

13. Education Policy Revision

Chairman Weller reports that would like to have another meeting with committee. Motion to pass made by Brian Potter. Motion seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion carried.

14. Discussion on EMSAC elections

Chairman Weller discussed having EMSAC elections and he asked if the committee would like to have elections in the next meeting for chair and co-chair. Motion made to have elections for chair and co-chair at the January meeting made by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by Trish Watson. Motion carried.

VIII. Sub-Committee Meeting – Jamie Weller

A Sub-Committee meeting was held on December 27, 2027, at 10:00am, Present was Brian Potter, Brian Doughty, Clinton Burley, and Paul Seamann. This was held to discuss a legislative bill for 2023 to restructure EMSAC. Committee voted to recommend to the full EMSAC to table all actions on this bill for 2023.

IX. Revision to EMT Airway Management Skill Sheet – Jamie Weller

November 14, 2023, EMSAC voted unanimously, by email vote, to accept the revision to the EMT Airway Management Skill Sheet. The change removed the King Airway specific requirements and makes the skill sheet usable for all supraglottic airways.

X. Good of the Order

Chairman Weller gave an update that EMSAC provided a letter of support for EMSC to support the grant. It was also discussed with EMSC if they could afford to do grants for the training packs for agencies for the MCI program and a letter was also provided for that. Also thanked Sherry Rockwell for her years of service and wished her a happy retirement.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Brian Doughty. Motion seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting January 19, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced