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Minutes
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
May 14, 2019

(includes)
Special Addendum to the EMSAC Minutes from May 29, 2019

Members Present

Edward Hicks
Trish Watson
Glen Satterfield
David J. Weller
Paul Seamann
Donna Steward
Connie Hall
Jim Kranz
Brenden Brown
Dr. Lisa Hrutkay
Nancy Cartmill
Jeff Kady

OEMS Staff

Dr. Michael Mills
Candace Facemyer
Vicki Hildreth
Christine Mueller
Terri O'Connor
Sherry Rockwell
Danny Anderson

Guest

Marsha Knight
Dr. Jonathan Newman
James Higginbotham
Torie Geis
James V. Hill
Dr. P.S. Martin
R. Craig Horn
Phillip Bolt
Troy Bain
Jerry Warner
Chris Eades

Guest

Cheryl Whitt
James Taylor
Larry Cole
Dr. Mike Peterson
Rita White
Chris Hall
Bob Whitler
Michael Jenkins
Shirley Morrison
Jerry Long
Matthew Crawford
Amanda Crawford
Tracey Corbin
Nick Cooper
Laura Forren
E. Janie Ward
Richard Todd
Valerie Bolay
Michael Conners
Marta Hurley

I. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Chairman Weller called the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to order on May 14, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the RETI Braxton Technology Building, Sutton, WV. Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed.

II. Approval of March 19, 2019 Minutes

Motion made by Ed Hicks to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Donna Steward. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report

Chairman Weller stated that due to the subject matter of today's agenda, the chairman report would be covered in both old and new business. Chairman Weller praised the EMS community and this board for their active participation in EMSAC.

Following the EMSAC meeting, the board will meet with the Medical Command Committee to discuss incorporating the MedCom Agenda with EMSAC.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports

Special Interest – Paul Seamann reported the following:

Community Paramedic Program Update

Pilots are continuing; CMS Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport Model ET3) Program May impact this pilot - Meeting scheduled with deputy commissioner to discuss options. Dr. Mills does not anticipate any issues.

Critical Care Transport (CCT) Update

Roll out is complete; program moving forward.

C2IFT (Class 2 Interfacility Transport) Update

Roll out near completion; Protocols approved but need cleaned up (formatting, alignment etc.) Concept, drugs and pathways are fine.

C3IFT (Class 3 Interfacility Transport) Update

Roll out near completion; Protocols approved without changes.

EMSC

Welcomed Candace Facemyer as the new EMSC Coordinator

Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC)

To date EMSC has received 170 out of 185 agencies

Active Threat

Report submitted to committee meeting by Dr. Michael Peterson; project work to continue with Dr. Peterson, Dr. Kyle Hurst and Dr. Robert Snuffer.

Recovery Coach Academy

Currently scheduled for August 2019 implementation

SUD QRT Grant Funding

Most funding will go to Rehab Centers; EMS grants denied except for Cabell Huntington.

Administration

National Registry Update – Chairman Weller

Nation registry updates and the release of the state module discussed during committee. Finalization should be forthcoming this week. EMVO, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, CCT, M CCP, MCCN and Nurse to Paramedic will be addressed in the National Registry system.

NEMSIS – Dr. Michael Mills

Dr. Mills gave a brief timeline explanation of the ongoing OEMS data issues which have been compounded by the retirement of the OEMS designated data manager, the implementation of NEMSIS3 and the loss of EMSPic. Additionally, we are also having to deal with proprietary software issues related to medications and a variety of other medication related data. Updates to follow.

Legislative Action – Chairman Weller

Senate Bill 255 relating to Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee became effective May 2, 2019. It increases the EMSAC board by three positions. Two positions will represent EMS administration and one position will be EMS training. All new positions will be voting positions.

Red Light Permits – Chairman Weller

Topic to remain on committee agenda until sufficient staff is available.

Pearson VUE / RETI Braxton Technology Building

RETI Braxton Technology Building, in Sutton, WV has been proposed as a testing site for Pearson VUE to help alleviate some of the stress of going to National Registry. This will be a joint venture between RETI, OEMS and Public Service Training.

Safety – Chairman Weller

Committee meeting was a review of last month. No new material currently. Connie Hall stated that EMS fatigue will be addressed in the coming months; and as a point of interest adults born between the years 1957 – 1989 may have only received one dose of the measles vaccine - another vaccination may be required.

Policy/Procedure & Protocol – Chairman Weller reported the following:

- ALS equipment list updated to address the new albuterol quantities and concentrations.
- Education Approval Policy ready for release.
- Educational Institute and Instructor Endorsement Policy back from 30-day comment period; comments addressed. To be discussed under new business.
- New stroke protocol has been forwarded to RETI for blackboard processing. A link will be available upon completion.

Training

Nothing to report

V. Special Reports

OEMS Report – Dr. Michael Mills reported the following:

- OEMS Director position remains open
- Candace Facemyer hired as the new EMSC Coordinator
- Open position remains for Agency Licensing Coordinator
- March Tucker has temporarily assumed duty as the agency licensing inspector going into the field as necessary.

Medical Command

To be addressed during special meeting following EMSAC.

Air Medical

Clinton Burley reported that HealthNet Aeromedical signed a letter of agreement in partnership with Charleston Air Medical Center for the purchase of a new aircraft that will be going into Beckley. It is an EC145 which is the same size as the aircraft that is currently in Morgantown. This aircraft will be delivered in the summer of 2020. Healthnet will have two large very capable aircrafts - one in the north and one in the south to balance the system out.

VI. Old Business

1. Letter to Fire Commission on EMS standby for classes

Chairman Weller recommended that EMSAC watch and wait on this issue until we receive notification one way or another regarding the direction of standby medical care.

2. Letter to Delegate Stagers

Chairman Weller stated that he invited Delegate Margaret Anne Stagers to attend an EMSAC meeting.

VII. New Business

1. OEMS Website – Dr. Michael R. Mills

OEMS is looking at enhancing the Office of Emergency Medical Services website. Meetings are currently underway to discuss this effort to develop a user-friendly website that is controlled by WV OEMS.

2. Medical Command – Chairman Weller

EMSAC has been task by WV Legislature to accomplish specific assignments one of which is to conduct all EMS business in a central location at EMSAC. As part of this initiative to reach out to smaller agencies in addition to opening communication within all EMS regions EMSAC has proposed adding a Medical Command subcommittee to the existing EMSAC subcommittee meeting schedule. This subcommittee meeting would take place just before EMSAC. Motion made by Jim Kranz to accept the new subcommittee meeting scheduled. Motion seconded by Nancy Cartmill. Motion carried.

3. EMSAC member appointment (update) – Chairman Weller

Chairman Weller stated that EMSAC has several members that are either presently expired or expiring June 30, 2019. WV Senate has reactivated former EMSAC members Gordon Merry and Marsha Knight. Chairman Weller distributed an EMSAC member matrix requesting all members to review and or make changes as necessary.

4. Proposed Legislative Rule Changes – Dr. Michael R. Mills

Dr. Michael R. Mills reported the following two legislative rule changes that have been discussed at the top level of the DHHR cabinet secretary office.

ACT/AEMT - replace all reference to Advanced Care Technician (ACT) with Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) as OEMS moves forward toward the National Registry process for keeping a midlevel provider certification within the state of West Virginia.

Recertification Pathway - National Registry does not allow two different pathways to recertify in the state. West Virginia still has two methods in the state rule – 1) State pathway & 2) National Registry. All references to the state pathway would be removed from legislative rule.

It is Dr. Mills' understanding that this will go to the Governor for a final decision on opening the legislative rule and may even go for interpretive rule review. Chairman Weller stated this was discussed as part of the ACT taskforce implementing AEMT with Brian Skinner adding that Mr. Skinner questioned if the legislative rule even needed to be opened. According to Chairman Weller, Mr. Skinner felt this change could fall within the rule as it is. In-depth discussion followed.

In order to comply with §16-4C-6 (a) Chairman Weller proposed tabling this decision until a video meeting could be held to go over the proposed legislative rule changes and strikethroughs. Nancy Cartmill made motion to table this decision until said video conference scheduled for May 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Motion seconded by Dr. Lisa Hrutkay. Motion carried.

On May 29, 2019 a special meeting telephone conference was called by EMSAC for the purpose of voting to open the Legislative Rule for purposes outlined by WVOEMS. A full purpose was not available at the May 14, 2019 EMSAC meeting leading EMSAC to vote to table the discussion until this date in order to properly review the WVOEMS purpose in opening the rule. May 29, 2019 was chosen in order to meet the Legislative deadline for approval.

Chairman Weller reviewed the WVOEMS proposal and a roll call vote of members in attendance was conducted. All in attendance voted in favor of approving the WVOEMS proposal to open the Legislative rule with no member opposed.

5. Educational Institute and Instructor Policy – Chairman Weller

Chairman Weller reported there were multiple concerns with the new policy i.e. inconsistencies with legislative rule, terminology not consistent with legislative rule etc. The revised policy was rewritten to match legislative rule and put out for a 30-day comment period. Donna Steward made motion to accept the Educational Institute and Instructor Policy as revised. Motion seconded by Dr. Lisa Hrutkay. Motion carried. Chairman Weller stated this policy will roll out with the Education Approval Policy.

6. NFPA 3000 – Standards for Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response Asher Program

Chairman Weller reported that Dr. Michael Peterson was going to examine this program and make recommendations before any action is taken.

VIII. Good of the Order

Jim Kranz reported the Hospital Association is still actively involved with the EDIE system however, the current data issues have hindered this development also.

Glen Satterfield stated that he would not renew his association with EMSAC once his term expires.

Adjournment

Ed Hicks made motion to adjourn made at 2:00 PM. Motion seconded by Glen Satterfield. Motion carried.