

NEVADA DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)
Committee on Emergency Medical Systems (EMS)
(Advisory Committee to DPBH)

MINUTES

April 20, 2017
2:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Romero
Temple Fletcher
Fergus Laughridge

Myron Gomez, M.D.
Marc Pinkas
William Botelho

Donna Miller
Darryl Cleveland
Robert Horton

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Tina Smith

Christina Conti

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Conklin
Melanie Spencer
Minden Hall
Alicia Farrow
Stacey Ingram
Bobbie Sullivan
Michael Sullivan

Michael Bologlu
Ed McDonald
Chris Stachyra
Kristen Coulombe
Azoulay Martinez
Lee Cabaniss
William Webb

Jenna Burton
Kenneth Pete
Chad Westom
Joel Hochhalter
Richard Fenlason
Chris McHan

1. Roll call and approval of January 19th, 2016, minutes.

MOTION: Fergus Laughridge motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Darryl Cleveland

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Comment – none.

3. Update on activities within the Nevada State EMS Program since last meeting.

- a. Tina Smith provided an update on the status of certification and licensure renewals for providers and informed the Committee that there were a total of 1,305 that renewed and 546 providers who did not meet the renewal deadline.
- b. Upcoming agency permit renewals
 - *Aithent Licensing System (ALiS) database and WEB-ID's for agency accounts.*
Staff has put in a great deal of work into the new system in the last couple of weeks and now believe that it has reached the point where we can test the system. Permit renewal letters have gone out and include the Agency's WEB-ID to create their accounts online.
 - *Volunteers needed to test online permit renewal process.*
The Committee was informed that if an Agency would like to renew online that they can contact the EMS office for help with the process and also to help identify any other bugs that need to still be fixed in ALiS.

- c. Tina informed the Committee of the draft policy that was given to them regarding continuing education hours. Initials will receive full credit, with the caveat that only ten hours can be awarded per category. Renewals will receive four hours of continuing education credits (CEU) for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), or International Trauma Life Support (ITLS).
- d. Tina provided an update regarding changes to the testing process for National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). She explained that NREMT has noticed a trend that they are trying to avoid continuation of its providers receiving their certification before finishing their entire program requirements, specifically clinicals. NREMT is trying to create a process that would promote changes that will help prevent that. The EMS program has been working very closely with Education Coordinators that have testing coming up to let them know what constraints this does put on the program and will continue working one on one with agencies to accommodate them within the parameters we face from NREMT.
- e. Tina informed the Committee of the discontinuation of the COMMITTEE listserv and announced the new EMSNevada listserv, which will be used for important EMS information and updates. She explained that it was determined by the Bureau that the best course of action was to discontinue that particular listserv and establish a new one. She anticipates the new listserv will be up and running in four to six weeks. She informed the Committee that postcards will be sent out with instructions on how to request to be added to the listserv. She also let the Committee know that they can be added to the new listserv alternatively by emailing their request to: EMSTraining@health.nv.gov
- f. The EMS Program and the Division showed recognition for the American Automobile Association (AAA) of Northern California, Nevada, Utah, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Foundation for their generous donation to the EMS Program for rural training and education. She explained that they had difficulty awarding some scholarship funds in time and were aware of the rural training grant process that the EMS program oversees to help the rural agencies with additional training needs. So they decided to gift those funds to the State Division for that particular program and the EMS program has already awarded that amount towards training.
- g. Tina provided a legislative update on some bills that the EMS program has been tracking. 24:52-29:26

4. Update on Stakeholders' meeting regarding Air Ambulance Operations, Trauma Center Destinations, and possible adoption of Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) Policies and Procedures.

Tina provided an update on the Stakeholders' meeting and the outcome. She explained that many issues were brought up and it was determined that further discussion is needed under each topic. She informed them that a working group will be developed for each topic and a list of volunteers was taken and they will reconvene again for further discussion. Myron Gomez, M.D. provided his opinion on Trauma Center Destinations and needing to add language that references the National standards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) American College of Surgeons' (ACS) Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients, primary triage from the field to definitive care, addressing secondary treatment, and increasing the distance zone. The group from the Stakeholders' meeting agreed that the language needs to give the provider flexibility. Kevin Romero explained that in regards to the adoption of Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) policies and procedures the agenda items were outlined in the Stakeholders' meeting and asked Tina if she could review those topics for the

Committee. Tina agreed, the first agenda item will be to review the SNHD policies and procedures manual to identify which could be adopted and which would need to be removed because they don't apply to the State EMS program. The second would be to compare the SNHD manual to the State's existing policies and procedures. The third item will be to develop a clear, concise, and easy to ready resource on our website for agencies and providers to use that will explain and walk them through the application requirements and process. Kevin thank the EMS program for holding the Stakeholders' meetings and asked anyone interested to participate in future working groups and meetings.

5. Update on activities of the EMS for Children Committee.

Tina let the Committee know that a mission statement was included in the handouts to explain exactly what the EMS for Children Committee is all about. She explained that the EMS program currently receives a federally funded grant with the goal of assisting rural agencies so they receive the proper training and equipment that they need to promote better care of pediatric patients. She explained that the reason this item is on today's agenda is because there is a federal site visit coming up and one of the requirements of this grant is to provide specific training and education as well as participation in our EMS for Children Committee. Participation in the Committee is vital to continue receiving this grant and there has not been much recent participation from the current Committee members. It has been decided under the advice of the federal program that we should start over with the Committee. She explained that included in the handouts is a membership outline and she is requesting the help of this Committee to recruit new members. Kevin echoed what Tina had to say and believes the EMS for Children Committee is very important. He thinks this group of people can help the EMS for Children Committee thrive and requests everyone push this positions out to their colleagues.

6. Discussion and make recommendation based off the results from the survey sent via Survey Monkey regarding suggestions to modify the expiration dates for providers.

Tina explained that the survey hasn't closed yet and has approximately two weeks left. So far the results are showing about an equal amount of interest in each of the three choices. She explained that the EMS program will send out a notification when the survey is complete and that the results will be discussed at the next Committee meeting where the Committee can then vote on a decision. Kevin expressed how important it is to complete this survey and requests everyone make sure their response is submitted before the deadline.

7. Public Comment - No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

Kevin explained that he wants to move forward with a running agenda that would remain the same and always include an update on the activities within the Nevada State EMS program, and update on the activities of the EMSC for Children Committee, an update on other EMS programs within the State, an update on local EMS Agency's, as well as an update from Committee members. Kevin also expressed that the Committee is willing to help the State with the possible problems that may incur from the spring run-off and the possible flooding.

Temple Fletcher made a formal request to the Division to consider accepting Transport Professional Advanced Trauma Course (TPARC) as an equivalent to International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) for Critical Care Paramedics (CCP).

William Botelho believes that the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and Nevada Revised Statues (NRS) need to be addressed regarding Emergency Medical Responders (EMR). He stated that there is no designation within the NRS for EMR's, but that EMR's are addressed in the NAC and he would like to see that clarified in NRS.

Christina Conti provided the Committee with an update on recent EMS Advisory Committee meeting for Washoe County. She explained that Washoe County is publishing on their website an EMS System Performance Heat Map that will provide a look at the regions response performance. She also informed the Committee of the Public Service Announcement regarding misuse of the 911 calls. She let them know that it may be broadcast to other areas as well. She then expressed Washoe's interest in being a part of the EMS for Children Committee.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Darryl Cleveland motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 PM.

SECOND: Temple Fletcher

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

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