

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

MINUTES

December 17th, 2015
1:30 P.M.

MEETING LOCATIONS

Meeting Location:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, 3rd Floor, Room 303
Carson City, Nevada

Videoconference to:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
1020 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 102
Elko, Nevada

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Goss (for Dave Fogerson)
Brittany Dayton (for Kevin Dick)
Sarah McCrea (for Robert Horton)

John Mohler
Steve Tafoya
Charles Stringham, MD

Kevin Romero
Jared Oscarson
Larry Goss

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Dorita Sonderker
John Hammond

Kristen Chandler
John Fildes, MD

Joseph Iser, MD
Mike Heideman

IN ATTENDANCE

Erin Lynch
Bobbie Sullivan

Daryl Cleveland
Jenna Burton

Todd Kerfoot
Connie McFadden

1. Roll call and approval of June 18th, 2015 minutes.

Kevin Romero took roll and verified that there is a quorum present.

MOTION: Larry Goss moved to approve the June 18th, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

SECOND: Kevin Romero

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Public Comment:

Steve Tafoya started off by thanking everyone for their help and support during the passing of John Lambert.

John Mohler, a representative from an air ambulance agency, announced that he is resigning from his current position with the committee. Charles Stringham, MD, thanked Mr. Mohler for his dedication and service to his position.

Kevin Romero moved to have the air ambulance agency position considered as a discussion item at the next meeting.

3. Presentation regarding National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NREMT) National Continued Competency Program.

Bobbie Sullivan reviewed the changes that should take place in 2018, that will affect the renewal process for providers. The Nation Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NREMT) National Continued Competency Program will be refining some of the renewal requirement to try to align the process closer with the State's requirements.

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

Steve Tafoya updated the committee on the new database system, Alis, which Nevada State EMS Program is in the process of implementing. The system will be live for the EMS Programs to use by the beginning of January, but won't go live to the Public until approximately April 2016. Both, Alis and WebEMS, will not be able to be accessed during the data migration, so staff will have read only access to WebEMS during this time. This new system will allow agencies and providers to renew online, pay online, and the EMS Program will now be able to accept Credit and Debit Cards as a new form of payment.

He introduced private contractor, Jenna Burton, who will be working as an Administrative Assistant for the program. Jenna will be helping Aithent, the developers of Alis, and the EMS Staff with the new system. She will also be assisting with the creation of a Question & Answer's section for the public when we go live, and the data entry for applications, renewals and payments.

Steve introduced private contractor, Sharron Scudder, management analyst for the program, and he explained that she was brought on to assist with the Nevada Administration Code (NAC) Revisions. Sharron has prior experience as an attorney and the knowledge required to assist in this area. She will also be creating reference sheets for the (NAC).

He explained that Health Recourse and Services Administration (HRSA) has approved a \$39k sub grant award to help provide Narcan and training on how to use Narcan to those who haven't had access to it prior. They are trying to make it mandatory to report anytime Narcan is used so we can start collecting data on the effectiveness of the drug. They also want to collect data to track the use and effectiveness of Epi-Pen's.

Steve announced that MedX AirOne Air Ambulance Services is a new agency out of the Winnemucca area.

He informed everyone that Summit Air Ambulance is now doing business as REACH Air Medical Services.

Steve also let everyone know that Symmons Ambulance will be doing a 30 day trial to see if it will be financially feasible to provide coverage to the Tonopah area. If they are able to continue providing to this area, it will be the first time this area has ever had Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage.

He explained that there are 3,452 providers (not including Clark County) and 60 agencies; 47 ground and 16 air agencies.

Steve discussed our State's National Registry of Emergency Technician's (NREMT) pass rates compared to the Nation's pass rates and they are as follows:

<u>State:</u>	<u>National:</u>
EMT – 72%	EMT – 78%
AEMT – 75%	AEMT – 70%
Medic – 100%	Medic – 86%

Education is going to be the programs main priority for the next six months.

Steve also mentioned that the EMS Program is currently hiring for two Regional Representatives and informed the committee that an application can be filled out online at, <https://nvapps.state.nv.us/NEATS/admin/Home.aep>

5. Update on activities within Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) EMS Program since last meeting.

John Hammond was unavailable to discuss any updates within the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) EMS Program.

6. Update on activities within Washoe County EMS Oversight Program since last meeting.

Christy Conti informed the committee that the first Annual Report was approved and posted for viewing. She also brought up the possibility of finding funding to host a Medical Director's Conference for calendar year 2016. Steve explained they had tried to fund a Medical Director's Conference in 2015, but there wasn't enough funding for it and that he thought there wouldn't be enough funding for it this year either. Many of the committee

members were interested in entertaining this idea and would like to put on another conference but have not come up with any other ideas for funds yet. Kevin Romero asked to have this item as an agenda item with an action required at the next meeting in March.

7. Update on activities of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Committee.

Steve announced that Stephanie Gilbert has been elected as Chair for the committee and Malinda Southard has been elected as Vice Chair. He also went over some of the equipment that was ordered to improve pediatric training and treatment. The equipment has been arriving and is being shipped out to the rural locations chosen. Steve also explained that they will be using the Trauma Registry data to help determine what project Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) wants to focus on, that will help improve pediatric care and treatment, using funds from the next grant cycle.

8. Discussion and possible action: Selection of new Vice Chair for this Committee.

No Discussion.

MOTION TO SELECT A NEW VICE CHAIR: Larry Goss nominated Kevin Romero

SECOND: Steve Tafoya

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

9. Discussion and possible action: Schedule of meeting dates for 2016. Possible action is to set dates and times for the 2016 meeting schedule.

Thursday, March 17th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 16th, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

September will be determined at June meeting.

Thursday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: Larry Goss moved to approve the meeting dates and times for the 2016 meeting schedule.

SECOND: John Mohler

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

10. Discussion and possible action: On Suggestions to the Board of Health for appointments to vacant positions on the Committee. Possible action is to recommend individuals to staff for inclusion in a memo to the Board of Health for appointment.

Eligible for Second Term:

A registered nurse who has experience providing emergency medical services.	Will need to reach out to Dorita Sonderker.
A volunteer firefighter.	Will need to reach out Kristen Chandler.
An employee of an urban fire-fighting agency.	Chief Robert Horton will accept a second term.
An employee of a medical facility located in a rural area that provides emergency medical services.	Jared Oscarson will accept a second term.
An employee if a privately-owned entity that provides medical services.	Kevin Romero will accept a second term.

Vacant Positions Effective 6/30/2016:

A physician licensed pursuant to NRS 630 or 633 who has experience providing emergency medical services.
An employee of a fire-fighting agency at which some of the fireman are employed and some serve as volunteers.
An employee of an organization that provides air ambulance emergency medical services whose duties are closely related to such emergency services.
An employee of an operator of a service: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide for the benefit of the employees of an industry who became sick or are injured at the industrial site; and 2) Staffed by employees who are licensed attendants and perform emergency medical services primarily for the industry.

The available positions were discussed and it was decided that the EMS Program will accept applications and resumes for the open positions. The committee will review the applications at the next meeting on March 17th, 2016. The applicants selected will be sent to the Board of Health to discuss at their next meeting. They will make the final decision and will approve the new members. These changes won't take effect until the June 16th, 2016, meeting.

Daryl Cleveland would like to recommend that the committee needs to get a Post-Secondary Education position added to the EMS Committee, he believes it is a vital position. Jared Oscarson mirrored his views, stating that Truckee Meadows Community College, Great Basin, College of Southern Nevada, and several other Post-Secondary Education providers have reached out to express their interest in being involved in the Committee. Steve Tafoya explained that they had tried to push this through in AB425, but it was removed from language on the legislative side. Part of the reason being is that the Committee has always been a larger committee until this last year and quorums are not being met as often as they have in the past. Before allowing the new Education position, they would like to see more consistent quorums. Daryl Cleveland suggested looking at participation of Committee members once a year and possibly removing those who are not partaking in enough meetings. Steve Tafoya suggested having a by law review at the next meeting in March.

11. Update on the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) to version three by Bobbie Sullivan.

Bobbie Sullivan thanked all the agencies who are reporting data as per their permit requirements and regulations. The cooperation between the agencies has been much better this year and greatly appreciated. We now have data moving forward that we can review and do something with. The National EMS Information System is in the process of upgrading to version 3.0. At the national level they are already using version 3.0, but there is a problem causing a disconnect between Intermedix, the agency that collects all the data, and NEMSIS. Bobbie will be working with Intermedix to start implementing the triptix update which will replace the EMStat, which will allow us to collect all the data that hasn't been entered yet. Then NEMSIS can complete the upgrade to version 3.0. Completion of this upgrade project should be by the first quarter of the year.

12. Overview of Active Assailant for Fire and EMS by Kevin Romero.

Kevin Romero has been very involved with Active Assailant for Fire and EMS and the creation of Tactical Medic Response Program in Washoe County since about 1997. Kevin Romero invited Todd Kerfoot, Team Commander for REMSA's Tactical Team, to give a presentation. Todd informed the committee that he has been seeing a rise in Active Assailant incidents, and that in 2015, there was at least one a day across the Nation. He discussed California's decision on AB1598 where Emergency Response Services was created to establish a Curriculum Development Advisory Committee to provide advice on the development of terrorism awareness curriculum and response training to include the coordination of EMS and other response agencies. It requires the development of collaborative protocols between Police, Fire, and EMS to address these active shooters. It also requires first responders to seek collaborative training opportunities in active assailant incidents. It requires basic and ongoing training for law enforcement, fire, and EMS agencies in active shoot and tactical combat casualty care. Todd recommends for the committee to create a State Tactical EMS Advisory Committee, identify what resources and capabilities we currently have in the state, and identify which resources and training programs are needed and then standardize them.

Kevin would like to have Active Assailant for Fire and EMS listen as a discussion and action item at the next meeting.

13. Public Comment:

None

14. Adjournment: 3:09 p.m.

MOTION: Larry Goss

SECOND: John Mohler

PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY