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MEETING MINUTES

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

November 15, 2023, at 1:30 P.M.

Meeting Locations:

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams, by phone, and at physical locations.

Online Meetings Link:

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Phone Number:

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Physical Meeting Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Room 303
Carson City, NV 89706

1. **Call to Order/ Roll Call** – *Dr. Dale Carrison, Chair*

Board Members Present:

Dr. Dale Carrison, Chair
Carl Bottorf
Sean Burke
Ryan McIntosh
James Johnston
Kevin Grannis
James Wohlers
Markus Hirt

Ex- Officio Members Present:

Bobbie Sullivan
Dr. Deborah Kuhls
John Hammond
Andrea Esp
Douglas Oxborrow

Dr. Dale Carrison called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

Roll Call was taken, and it was determined that a quorum of the Nevada Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee was present.

2. **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment at this time.

3. **For Possible Action: Review and approval of minutes from the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee meeting held on August 16, 2023.**

MOTION: Carl Bottorf

SECOND: Markus Hirt

PASSED: Unanimously

4. **Informational Only: Update on activities within the State regarding EMS.**

a. **Update on the activities of the State EMS Program – *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager***

Bobbie Sullivan introduced herself and explained that the EMS Office sent out a message, and updated applications regarding the new background check regulation. She explained that anyone with an application, certification or permit will need to submit a background check and update their backgrounds every six years. Bobbie said all Nevada residents must do backgrounds via livescan, but individuals who live outside of the State of Nevada are able to submit their fingerprint cards to the State of Nevada Emergency Medical Services Office.

Bobbie explained that as of October 1, 2023, The Nevada Office of Emergency Medical Services joined the Compact. There is a question currently being asked by the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (Replica) states of how soon you must get credentialed when entering the State of Nevada.

Bobbie explained that the State EMS Office updated to 3.5 NEMSIS data. She says that the State EMS Office is struggling because not all agencies are compliant in their reporting. Bobbie said that if anyone is having any issues, feel free to reach out to Kevin Haywood from the State EMS Office, as reporting is a requirement.

b. **Update and discussion relating to Image Trend – *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager***

Bobbie Sullivan explained that there have been no updates for Image Trend.

c. **Update on activities of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) Advisory Committee – *Douglas Oxborrow, EMS-C Program Manager***

Douglas Oxborrow introduced himself and explained that the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) is working to create a pediatric readiness recognition program. Sandra Horning, the EMS-C committee chair, is working on developing standards for this program.

Douglas said that the Handtevy initiative is meeting with Southern Nevada Health District in December 2023, to continue to carry forward with this project. This initiative is moving forward and establishing training, which is planned to happen after January 2024.

Douglas explained that the pediatric child restraint delivery is still on going. The EMS Office expects another delivery and will now be working with the metropolitan areas to distribute the restraints.

Finally, Doug explained that the EMS-C committee is working to put together a quarterly newsletter that will be distributed to providers, hospitals, and emergency rooms.

d. Update on the activities of the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) – John Hammond, EMS, and Trauma Systems Manager

John Hammond introduced himself and explained that Southern Nevada is being as complaint in their reports for the replica as possible. He said that the vendor only reached out with the contract a month ago, he said some of the things in the contract that were sent do not align with his office, so his contracts department is looking into it. He said that once the contract has been completed, SNHD will be transmitting the required data.

John explained that the protocols for SNHD are constantly under revision and are due to come out in January for training and implementation.

e. Update on the activities of the Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) – Andrea Esp, NNPH EMS Coordinator

Andrea introduced herself and explained that they are continuing to work on the initiatives in the regions five-year strategic plan, along with updating the alpha and command kits that are placed across the county in case of a Mass Casualty Event (MCI), and they are in the final steps of developing the Washoe County annual program report.

f. Update on the activities of the local EMS Agencies

Markus Hirt introduced himself and expressed that REMSA Care Flight does not have many updates, although, they will have a new helicopter that will be placed in Fallon, Nevada, that will begin service sometime in the beginning of 2024.

Ryan McIntosh introduced himself and explained that there are no updates for Central Lyon County or any of the other EMS agencies.

James Johnston introduced himself and explained that his agency has been working with Elko County to do joint protocols, and unified responses. James also spoke on behalf of the Nevada Fire Chiefs Association, explaining that they are working on getting a new committee member that would work as a liaison for better and clearer communication across Nevada.

Cindy Green introduced herself and explained that the Reno Fire Department is expanding their single role paramedic program and adding six more positions. This will happen at the beginning of January. Reno Fire Department is going to be changing their charting system from Zoll to ESO, which is something Truckee Meadows Fire and Sparks Fire are also heading down that path.

Chris McHan introduced himself and explained that Elko County has added an ambulance to Spring Creek, which is a more rural county out in Elko, Nevada. This service is now fully staffed and there have been some remarkable cases.

5. Informational Only: Review the responsibilities and rules of order of the Nevada EMS Advisory Committee – Pierron Tackes, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Senior Deputy Attorney, Pierron Tackes, gave a presentation on the responsibilities and rules of order of the Nevada EMS Advisory Committee.

See her presentation at the following link: [2023 EMS Advisory Committee Meetings \(nv.gov\)](#)

6. Informational Only: Presentation on Ambulance Deserts – Amanda Brown, Researcher, Office of Statewide Initiatives, UNR School of Medicine

Researcher for the Office of Statewide Initiatives, Amanda Brown, gave a presentation on Ambulance Deserts.

Please see her presentation at the following link: [2023 EMS Advisory Committee Meetings \(nv.gov\)](#)

7. For Possible Action: Introduction and possible action to recommend to the Board of Health the appointment of new Committee Members. “An employee of a privately- owned entity that provides emergency medical services”. - *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager*

Jacob Dalstra, EMS Director for Medex Air One, introduced himself to the committee members and explained he has been a paramedic for 20 years, in Alaska, Arizona, the Pacific Northwest, then Nevada. He says that he served on an advisory committee in Washington for Trauma and Air Medical, and is very passionate about Emergency Medical Services, more specifically rural communities.

Michele Bracken, Wendover Ambulance Training Officer, introduced herself and explained that she has been in EMS since two-thousand-four, working in EMS full time since twenty-fourteen, and has had her Paramedic license for two years. She says that her EMS background is primarily in education, as she has been an educator for ten years. Michele explains she is passionate about rural EMS, as she has worked in rural communities, like Southeastern Utah, Fremont County, Wyoming and now Wendover, Nevada.

Samuel Scheller, owner of Guardian Medical Services, introduces himself and explains that he has owned this company for thirteen years and been in EMS for a total of eighteen years. He says he has been on many committees in Las Vegas, and he would like to take his knowledge more widespread throughout the rest of Nevada.

James Johnston made a motion to recommend Jacob Dalstra to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Ryan McIntosh made a motion to recommend Michele Bracken to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

After taking a roll call vote, both applicants tied. The chair, Dr. Dale Carrison, flipped a coin to decide between the two applicants.

Jacob Dalstra was recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, to the Board of Health to be appointed to the vacant committee member position, “An employee of a privately- owned entity that provides emergency medical services”.

8. For Possible Action: Introduction and possible action to recommend to the Board of Health the appointment of new Committee Members. “A person who is employed by or volunteers with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency services on tribal land.”- *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager*

Johnathen Prichard, EMS Operations Captain Pyramid Lake Representative, explains that he has been a paramedic at Pyramid Lake Fire for two years, and has fifteen years of experience in rural EMS. He says that he works closely with the State EMS Office in making sure Pyramid Lake provides the best service possible to the tribal communities in that area.

Trent Schroetlin, Walker River Tribal Clinic EMS Representative, explains he has been at his service for eighteen years. Trent says that there are a lot of different challenges out on Tribal land, and his agency is doing their best to work carefully and move things forward for their community.

Ryan McIntosh made a motion to recommend Trent Schroetlin to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Sean Burke made a motion to recommend Johnathen Prichard to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

After a roll call vote, the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee recommended Trent Schroetlin to be appointed by the Board of Health to the committee member position, “A person who is employed by or volunteers with an agency, organization or other operator that provides emergency services on tribal land”.

9. **For Possible Action:** Introduction and possible action to recommend to the Board of Health the appointment of new Committee Members. "A person who is employed by or serves as a volunteer with a local government agency that provides emergency medical services, but which is not a part of a fire-fighting agency or law enforcement agency."- *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager*

Chris McHan, EMS Chief for Elko County Ambulance Service, explains he has interest in being on the Emergency Medical Services Advisory because he has a passion for compliance, funding and legislation which is part of what this board helps to regulate. Chris says he has been in EMS for nineteen years and in administration for six years.

MOTION: Markus Hirt

SECOND: James Johnston

PASSED: Unanimously

10. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action of development of working groups.
- One working group of multiple EMS personnel to establish minimum standards for EMS care.
 - One working group of EMS personnel to perform a study of fees and budgets of EMS licensing within the State of Nevada.

Bobbie Sullivan explained that the State EMS Office will provide one staff member to each of the committees, so that information can be provided.

Dr. Dale Carrison explained that he would like to have at least one committee member on each of the subcommittees so that all the information can be shared in the areas it needs to go.

Pierron Tackes, Senior Deputy Attorney General, explained that this will be considered by a subcommittee of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. This means these meetings will need to be agendaized, public comment will need to be had, and meeting minutes will need to be taken.

Ryan McIntosh made a motion to establish the subcommittees for the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. One working group for EMS personnel to establish minimum standards for EMS care, overseen by Markus Hirt and one EMS Office Staff Member. Along with, one working group for EMS personnel to study the fees and budgets of EMS licensing within the state of Nevada, overseen by Ryan McIntosh and one EMS Office Staff Member.

MOTION: Ryan McIntosh

SECOND: Markus Hirt

PASSED: Unanimously

11. **Informational Only:** Discussion of paramedic program and Western Nevada College – *Dr. Dale Carrison*

Dr. Dale Carrison introduced item number eleven and explained that for unknown reasons all paramedic programs stopped teaching. There were nine paramedic students in the class when the class shut down.

Dale explains that there were budgetary reasons for the closure, but no one was made aware of these issues. The nine students who were taken out of Western Nevada College Paramedic Program, were given a spot at Truckee Meadows Community College to finish their paramedicine courses.

12. **Informational Only:** Update to National registry Advanced Life Support psychomotor examinations – *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager*

Bobbie Sullivan introduced item number twelve and explained that National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians will be phasing out of the site of psychomotor examinations at the Advanced EMT level, as well as the Paramedic Program beginning July of 2024.

Bobbie explained that the State EMS Office will be posting more information on their website.

13. Informational Only: Discussion and presentation of 800mhz radio systems within the state of Nevada – *Jacob Grivette*

Jacob Grivette gave a presentation on the 800 MHZ Radio Systems within the state of Nevada.

Please see his presentation within the meeting video at the following link: [2023 EMS Advisory Committee Meetings \(nv.gov\)](#)

14. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to select the 2024 years meeting dates – *Bobbie Sullivan, EMS Program Manager*

- February 21, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- August 21, 2024
- November 20, 2024

MOTION: Markus Hirt

SECOND: James Johnston

PASSED: Unanimously

15. Public Comment: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting.

Irene Navis introduced herself and explained that she has some information about WRAPM, and the committee discussed that she will be given an agenda item at the next meeting to ensure she can give a presentation.

16. Adjournment:

Dr. Dale Carrison asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Markus Hirt

SECOND: Carl Bottorf

PASSED: Unanimously