

## MINUTES

### NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Brown Building  
Dorothea Dix Campus  
801 Biggs Drive  
Raleigh, North Carolina

February 14, 2012  
11:00 A.M.

#### Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding  
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth  
Mr. Bob Bailey  
Mr. Todd Baker  
Mr. Terry Barber  
Dr. Nicholas Benson  
Dr. Michael Chang  
Ms. Kathy Dutton  
Dr. Michael Ghim  
Ms. Carolyn Hughes  
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof  
Dr. Steven E. Landau  
Mr. R. Keith Lovin  
Mr. Carl McKnight  
Dr. Brent Myers  
Ms. Lynn Norwood  
Mr. Robert Poe  
Ms. Susan M. Safran  
Mr. Tony Seamon, Jr  
Dr. Donna Moro-Sutherland  
Dr. Douglas Swanson  
Dr. Dennis A. Taylor  
Mr. Stephen E. Taylor

#### Members Absent

Dr. William K. Atkinson  
Dr. Herbert Garrison  
The Honorable William Wainwright

## Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Allen  
Dr. Roy Alson  
Elva Barnhardt  
Mr. Doug Calhoun  
Ms. Shelley Carraway  
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford  
Ms. Brenda Harrington  
Ms. Heather Majernik  
Mr. Todd Messer  
Mr. Tom Mitchell  
Ms. Susan Rogers  
Ms. Mary Beth Skarote  
Mr. Brad Thompson  
Mr. Carl Van Cott  
Ms. Julie Williams  
Dr. James "Tripp" Winslow

## Others Present

Dr. Michael Barringer, Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
Ms. Renee Godwin Batts, NC Community College System  
Mr. Robert Bednar, NC Academy of Physicians Assistants  
Ms. Kathleen Besson, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Ms. Crista Brown, RN, Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
Mr. Greg Chapman, Center for Prehospital Medicine/Carolinas Medical Center  
Mr. Daniel Cheek, UNC Carolina AirCare  
Mr. Tim Chewing, Catawba Valley Community College  
Mr. Bradley Dean, Rowan County EMS  
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NC Association of Rescue and EMS  
Mr. Joe Fraser, EMSPIC  
Mr. Dale Hill, Capital RAC/WakeMed Health & Hospitals  
Mr. Shorty Jones, Johnston Ambulance Service  
Mr. Gordon Joyner, NC Association of Rescue and EMS  
Mr. Sean Kaye, EMSPIC  
Mr. Randall Kelley, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Ms. Gail Kluttz, Triad RAC, Wake Forest  
Dr. Jerry Levine, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Dr. Robert Monteiro, President, NC Medical Society  
Mr. Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue  
Mr. Chris Parker, Wilson County EMS  
Ms. Lisa Parker, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer, Division of Health Service Regulation  
Mr. Drexal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation  
Dr. Anthony Raspanti, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Ms. Denise Reid, RN, Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
Ms. Angel Ross, RN, CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital  
Mr. Michael W. Smith, Durham County EMS

Mr. Jason Stogner, TRIAD RAC  
Ms. Betsy Tesseneer, RN, Cleveland Regional Medical Center  
Mr. Chris Thompson, Wilson County EMS  
Ms. Betsy Vetter, American Heart Association  
Mr. Mike Vicaro, NC Hospital Association  
Mr. Danny West, NC Association of Paramedics/Charlotte Fire Department  
Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing  
Mr. Joseph Zalkin, Wake County EMS

(1) Purpose of the Meeting: The NC EMS Advisory Council met to hear reports from the Compliance and Education Committee, the Injury Committee and to hear a Hospital Preparedness update. In addition, the Council met to consider the recommendation for CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital's Level III initial designation and Cleveland Regional Medical Center's Level III designation renewal.

(2) Actions of the Council:

Mr. Pervier, chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

(a) Motion was made by Dr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Bailey and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes of the November 8, 2011, meeting be approved as submitted.

(b) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth on behalf of the Injury Committee and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The NC EMS Advisory Council accept the recommendation of the NCOEMS staff and the Injury Committee that CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital receive initial designation as a Level III Trauma Center effective through February 28, 2015.

Explanation: CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital was reviewed on December 8, 2011, for initial designation as a Level III Trauma Center by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Numerous strengths were noted with no deficiencies.

(f) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth on behalf of the Injury Committee and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The NC EMS Advisory Council accept the recommendation of the NCOEMS staff and the Injury Committee that Cleveland Regional Medical Center's Level III trauma center designation be renewed through February 29, 2016.

Explanation: Cleveland Regional Medical Center was the first Level III Trauma Center in the state of North Carolina. They were reviewed on November 2, 2011, for renewal designation as a Level III Trauma Center by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Numerous strengths were noted with no deficiencies.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council including participants by webinar.

Mr. Pervier gave a special welcome to newly appointed Council members Todd Baker and Lynn Norwood.

Mr. Baker represents the American Heart Association. Todd holds a degree in Emergency Medical Care and has 18 years of working experience in the emergency medical services. Currently, Mr. Baker is the Director of Training and Education for Southeastern Emergency Equipment.

Ms. Norwood represents the American Red Cross. Ms. Norwood has 20 plus years experience as a certified instructor in emergency care and in addition, she has 24 years of local EMS service as an EMT. Ms. Norwood has developed a broad knowledge and understanding of protocols and procedures within the EMS system. Currently, Ms. Norwood is Training Specialist for the Eastern and Central North Carolina Territory.

- (b) On behalf of the EMS Advisory Council and the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Mr. Pervier presented a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Susan Safran for her many years of service on the Council. On behalf of the American Heart Association, Ms. Betsy Vetter, also presented a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Safran.
- (c) Mr. Drexal Pratt presented a certificate to CaroMont Health-Gaston Memorial Hospital Level III Trauma Center for initial designation as a Level III Trauma Center. The certificate was received by Lisa Parker, Trauma Registrar; Anthony Raspanti, MD, Trauma/Surgical Critical Care; Randall Kelley, President and CEO; Angel Ross, RN, Trauma Coordinator; Dr. Jerry Levine, MBA, VP and Chief Medical Officer; and Kathleen Besson, Vice President of Clinical Integration.
- (d) Mr. Drexal Pratt presented a certificate to Cleveland Regional Medical Center for their renewal designation as a Level III Trauma Center. The certificate was received by Crista Brown, RN, Director, Department of Emergency Medicine; Denise Reid, RN, Trauma Registrar; Betsy Tesseneer, RN, Trauma Program Manager; and Michael L. Barringer, MD, Trauma Director.
- (e) Mr. Pervier appointed Mr. Dennis Taylor as the chair of the Compliance and Education Committee due to Ms. Safran's expired term.
- (f) On behalf of the Compliance and Education Committee, Ms. Safran reported on the following items:
- Ms. Kim Sides gave an update on Compliance. We now have a new paragraph in the new enforcement rule that addresses people listed on the NC sex offender and public protection registry. Anyone who is on this registry

will not be allowed to receive certification in the State of North Carolina. The national database is checked;

- Statistics regarding Compliance issues will now be given on a quarterly basis;
- EM Today is scheduled for October 6 – 10, 2012;
- The Call for Presentations link is active on the conference tab of the NCOEMS website and will remain active until April 9<sup>th</sup>;
- The Disaster Medical Preparedness Conference (DMPC) will no longer be a separate conference. It will be incorporated as a part of EM Today with disaster related specific breakout sessions offered;
- In reference to the Agenda for the Future, the Regional Education Specialists are working with the NC Association of EMS Educators and the NC Community College System to develop the new curriculum. A flexible timeline for implementation has been developed and is dependent on NCOEMS education rules being updated but we are anticipating sometime in the year 2013;
- National Registry will begin requiring all individuals holding National Registry certification to complete a Transition course during their renewal period beginning 2013. Transition courses will be developed by the individual states based on the new Agenda for the Future standards. A NC Transition course for National Registry has been piloted at one institution in the western region. It was integrated into a refresher course. Once feedback has been received from the institution, OEMS will seek out an institution in the central region to offer a two day transition course. Once feedback is received from this, OEMS will travel to the eastern part of the state and do a six month course with continuing education. Once all three models are completed and feedback received, decisions will be made on how to proceed for other parts of the state.
- National Registry will begin requiring on January 1, 2013, that individuals wishing to hold a National Registry paramedic credential will need to graduate from a school that has been accredited by the Committee on the Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) or is in the process of becoming accredited. CoAEMSP accreditation is not currently required by NCOEMS.
- Starting in 2012, CoAEMSP is implementing a Letter of Review (LoR) process which will be the official designation that a paramedic program is in the “becoming accredited” process;
- There are 285 accredited institutions in the United States as of February 13, 2012. In North Carolina, there are four accredited institutions which include Fort Bragg, Catawba Valley, Western Carolina and Southwestern, with others awaiting accreditation. To help people who might want to sit for national registry, those that are actively involved in the process will get this letter of review and they will be able to sit for the national registry knowing that there school is under review;
- Education reports are available in Credentialing Information System (CIS) to all education programs; and
- Education surveys have been developed over the last 8-12 months and are currently being vetted internally with deployment anticipated for March-April. This survey will include the following: Medical Advisor/Director, Agency

Chief/Training Officer, Education Institution and students that have completed an initial EMS education course within the last 2-3 years.

(g) Dr. Winslow provided the Council with the following report:

- The 2011 NCCEP document was released for public comments on February 2, 2012, and will remain open for public comment until the close of business on March 2, 2012. Ninety-four responses have been received with good feedback along with positive feedback from the NC EMS Administrators Conference. A document will be placed on the OEMS website showing the changes; and
- Projects are underway at the state level with the State Committee on Trauma concerning issues with needle decompression and intubation facilitated with paralytics.

(h) Mr. Bailey provided the Council with the following Hospital Preparedness report:

- ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program and CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness are in the process of aligning the two grants to improve program impact and advance preparedness and response. There will be one funding opportunity announcement, one application and one reporting system, but two separate funding sources;
- ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program and CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness conducted a combined site visit for North Carolina on December 5-7, 2011 with positive feedback;
- The North Carolina State Medical Response System (SMRS) Steering Committee met on January 11, 2012. This committee of appointed stakeholders has been charged with providing a forum in which stakeholders and preparedness partners within the health and medical community can meet and exchange ideas and form consensus regarding various aspects of disaster medical preparedness and response;
- The statewide exercise of the State Medical Support Shelter initiative is scheduled for April 30 – May 4, 2012. Based on the After Action Report from Hurricane Irene, State Medical Response System partners and local stakeholders in Pitt and Cumberland counties will be testing plans and systems; and
- Strategic planning has been ongoing within the Hospital Preparedness Program over the past year. Several vacancies have occurred within the team. These vacancies have provided the opportunity to assess and evaluate the current organization structure to best meet the needs of the program and its mission.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- Al Delia has been appointed as Acting Secretary of DHHS;
- OEMS continues to have several agency vacancies and work is in progress to post and fill these as soon as possible;

- A DHSR dress code policy for staff will become effective March 12, 2012;
- The North Carolina state job application (Pd107) is now available electronically;
- DHSR is possibly looking at a \$600,000 reduction;
- The Lead the Wave project has been successful with \$1.7 million dollars passed through to our EMS systems;
- A rules update will be given at the next EMS Advisory Council meeting;
- A public hearing was held on Rule .0221 (transport of patients between hospitals). This rule passed and vetted with our stakeholders and continues to move through with no opposition. This rule will become effective July 1, 2012;
- The new NCCEP process has worked very well and positive feedback has been received about the relationship that we have with our stakeholders;
- OEMS is actively involved with the Democratic National Convention which will be held August 30 – September 7, 12. OEMS is working closely with the fire department in Charlotte, MEDIC and Cabarrus County to deploy the National Mobile Disaster Hospital, a 40 bed Acute Care Center, and two to three SMAT's. One to two ambulance strike teams may also be deployed. Our SEOC will be staffed.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Brown Building, Dorothea Dix Campus, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams