

## 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

August 14, 2012  
11:00 A.M.

#### Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding  
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth  
Dr. William K. Atkinson  
Mr. Bob Bailey  
Mr. Todd Baker  
Mr. Terry Barber  
Dr. Nicholas Benson  
Ms. Kathy Dutton  
Dr. Herbert Garrison  
Dr. Michael Ghim  
Ms. Carolyn Hughes  
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof  
Dr. Steven E. Landau  
Mr. R. Keith Lovin  
Dr. Brent Myers  
Ms. Lynn Norwood  
Mr. Robert Poe  
Mr. Tony Seamon, Jr  
Dr. Douglas Swanson  
Dr. Dennis A. Taylor

#### Members Absent

Mr. Carl McKnight  
Dr. Donna Moro-Sutherland  
Mr. Stephen E. Taylor

## Staff Members Present

Mr. Wally Ainsworth  
Dr. Roy Alson  
Mr. Ed Browning  
Mr. Doug Calhoun  
Ms. McKenzie Cook  
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford  
Ms. Brenda Harrington  
Mr. Jim Morris  
Ms. Susan Rogers  
Ms. Mary Beth Skarote  
Ms. Julie Williams  
Dr. James "Tripp" Winslow

## Others Present

Mr. Danny Allen, Angier, NC  
Dr. Steven Barmach, MEDIC, Charlotte  
Mr. Greg Chapman, Carolinas Medical Center  
Mr. Bradley Dean, Rowan County EMS  
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NC Association of Rescue and EMS  
Mr. Joe Fraser, EMS PIC  
Mr. Dale Hill, Capital RAC/WakeMed Health & Hospitals  
Mr. Gordon Joyner, NC Association of Rescue and EMS  
Mr. Sean Kaye, EMSPIC  
Ms. Gail E. Kluttz, Triad RAC, Wake Forest Baptist Hospital  
Dr. Hervy Kornegay, Jr., NC Association of Rescue and EMS  
Ms. Cheryl Ouimet, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Health Service Regulation  
Mr. Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue  
Mr. Chris Parker, Wilson County EMS  
Mr. Joe Penner, MEDIC, Charlotte  
Mr. Drexal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation  
Ms. Helen Reel, Farmville EMS  
Mr. Jeff Robinson, Pitt Community College  
Mr. Michael W. Smith, Durham County EMS  
Mr. Kent Spitler, NC Association of EMS Educators, Gaston College  
Dr. Michael Thomason, OEMS Trauma Advisor  
Mr. Danny West, NC Association of Paramedics/Charlotte Fire Department  
Ms. Ginger Wilkins, Wake Forest Baptist  
Mr. Kyle Willis, Farmville EMS  
Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing

- (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 Healthcare Preparedness Response & Recovery update.

(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 Mr. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Garrison and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes of the February 14, 2012, meeting be approved as submitted.

- (b) Motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Ashworth, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Mr. Graham Pervier be re-elected chairman of the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council.

- (c) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth, seconded by Dr. Garrison, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Dr. Benson be re-elected as vice chairman of the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council.

- (d) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth on behalf of the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Award Committee and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The Council accept the recommendation of the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Awards Committee that the 2012 recipient be awarded to Mr. Gordon Joyner.

Explanation: In 2000, the Council elected to establish an award named in honor of the Council's longtime chairman, Dr. George Johnson, Jr. The award, given in the name of the council and staff, would be given to individuals who have made outstanding and long lasting contributions to the development and improvement of Emergency Medical Services in North Carolina. The requirements seek those individuals whose efforts have been felt statewide and not just in a local community or area.

Several of Mr. Joyner's contributions and accomplishments are as follows:

- Thirty-seven years of EMS service to the state of NC;
- Served as Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS, Inc (NCAREMS) for over 30 years;
- Regional testing being implemented in the early 1980's due to his hard work and perseverance;
- Served on several state committees appointed by the State EMS Advisory Council to study issues related to EMS education and credentialing as well as EMS vehicle and equipment requirements;
- Instrumental leadership in the development and sustainment of the Scholarship Awards Program for "Children of Members" and

“Members of NCAREMS”. Since the inception of this program, thousands of dollars have been awarded to eligible applicants throughout the state for college education;

- Instrumental leadership in the sustainment of the North Carolina Fireman’s and Rescue Squad Workers’ Pension Fund, which is a tremendous help to thousands of volunteers who have helped their community with fire, rescue and EMS service;
- Provided an influential presence in the state legislature representing EMS issues and NCAREMS, particularly during the amendment of the EMS legislation and subsequent rule making process during 2000-2003;
- Past member of the Board of Directors National EMS Memorial Service;
- Life member of the North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS, Inc.; and
- Recipient of The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

- (e) Motion was made by Dr. Dennis Taylor, seconded by Mr. Ashworth and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council send a congratulatory letter to Cumberland County EMS for winning the 2012 JEMS national paramedic competition.

Explanation: The 2012 JEMS Games Clinical Skills Competition was held at the EMS Today Conference & Exposition in Baltimore. The Cumberland County EMS team came in first in the competition.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council including participants by webinar.
- (b) Mr. Pratt introduced Cheryl Ouimet. Ms. Ouimet is the new CEO for the Division.
- (c) A special thank you was given to Dr. Swanson and the NCCEP EMS Committee for their diligent work on the NCCEP document which was released this past July. Systems and agencies will have one year to implement this document.
- (d) Dr. Atkinson announced the opening of the School of Osteopathic Medicine at Campbell University which plans to open in August 2013.
- (e) Mr. Pervier has asked Dr. Taylor, Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Bailey and Dr. Askew to continue their role as Committee chairs. Each has accepted.

- (f) On behalf of the Injury Committee, Mr. Ashworth reported on the following items:
- Upcoming trauma site visits include Moses Cone Hospital, Level II renewal in August, Duke University Hospital, Level I renewal in October, and Wake Forest Baptist Hospital Level I renewal in November; and
  - EMSC updates were given by McKenzie Cook.
- (g) On behalf of the Compliance and Education Committee, Dr. Taylor reported on the following items:
- Over the past six months, the Case Review Panel reviewed a total of 64 cases. Of these cases reviewed, 37 were investigations and 27 were determinations which mean individuals with criminal histories;
  - The Disciplinary Committee interviewed and made recommendations involving 39 individuals with 12 enforcement actions submitted to the Department which resulted in four summary suspensions of EMS credentialed personnel, four EMS credentialing applications denied, and four revocations of EMS credentialed personnel.
  - Enforcement actions were taken regarding individuals with criminal histories involving drugs and alcohol, as well as crimes involving indecent liberties with a minor. Other enforcement actions involved issues of practicing outside one's credentialed scope of practice, substance abuse involving diversion and failure to respond to the agency's inquiries;
  - The Committee requested to get a report on the request for chemical dependency numbers/referrals and will report back on this to the Council;
  - EM Today conference will be held October 6-10 in Greensboro at the Koury Convention Center. Advisory Council members have received information on registration for the conference;
  - The regional Paramedic champions have been announced for the Paramedic Competition;
  - The National Registry Transition course is expected to be released between EM Today and January 1, 2013. This course is for North Carolina providers that hold a National Registry card. National Registry stated that beginning January 2012 current registered EMT's would have two credentialing cycles to become compliant with the new education standards;
  - OEMS is working with Atlantic EMS Council to develop exams for the Agenda for the Future. These exams must be generated based on the new education standards. These questions will have to be developed, validated in a minimum of three current textbooks and referenced to the education standards;
  - Mr. Kent Spitler gave an update regarding the North Carolina Community College Perkins Grant that will be utilized for developing curriculum Paramedic programs;
  - Mr. Todd Baker gave an update from the American Heart Association on House Bill 837 which requires all high school graduates to take CPR as well as an update on House Bill 914 which requires AED's in state buildings; and
  - The American Heart public policy agenda for 2013 is now available on their website.

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

- A special thank you was given to Dr. Kanof for her assistance with the North Carolina Medical Board on coordinating several additions to the drug formulary which were sorely needed by many systems across the state. These drugs included N-Acetylcysteine, Phenylephrine, Octreotide, Ketamine only for intubation or post intubation sedation and Propofol only for interfacility transport when its been provided by the transfer facility for intubated patients;
- A Medical Director's Course will be held Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at EM Today. Medical Director's are required to attend one of the three updates given throughout the year. The Medical Director's course will be rolled into the Medical Director's update for EM Today. This will be taped and available online for Medical Director's who have not had the course. A mechanism will be in place to record those viewing online;
- Drug shortages remain an issue; the cheaper the medication, the more likely the drug is to be under shortage. According to FDA regulations, drugs cannot be used past their expiration date. If a system substitutes a drug approved on the NC Medical Board approved list, all that is required is a letter stating what change has been made, not a full system modification. If a system is using a medication which is already on the NCCEP document for that particular protocol, no system modifications are needed. In addition, if a medication is required on a truck but is unobtainable, this will not be noted as a deficiency for truck inspection; and
- OEMS staff has been working diligently on the Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) PI project and forwarding cases in question to Dr. Winslow for review.

(i) Dr. Michael Thomason gave a brief update on preparations being made for the Democratic National Convention to be held in Charlotte September 1-7 which will involve numerous healthcare systems and agencies. One major goal is to have minimal impact on the surrounding healthcare community due to the 50,000 people who are expected to attend. The Mobile Disaster Hospital will play a major role during this time.

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

- The Hospital Preparedness Program grant has been awarded for 2012 with NC receiving 10.4 million dollars for hospital preparedness;
- The Regional Healthcare Coalition grant applications were due to OEMS on August 1<sup>st</sup>. They are currently being reviewed and regional applications will be approved no later than September 15, 2012;
- All activity for FY12 will focus around the eight new Healthcare System Preparedness Capabilities and Performance measures. All eight regions will be conducting a regional healthcare system risk assessment and gap analysis to provide the framework for future activity surrounding the grant funding;

- The NC SMRS Steering Committee met on July 18, 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 Radiation Protection Section is now a part of the Division of Health Service Regulation and will be included in future SMRS Executive Committee meetings;
- Based on the After Action report from Hurricane Irene, the statewide exercise of the State Medical Support Shelter initiative was held April 30-May 4, 2012. Pitt and Cumberland counties participated in this testing of their plans and systems. The After Action Report is forthcoming; and Strategic Planning has been ongoing within the Hospital Preparedness Program Team over the past year. Vacancies within the team have occurred due to retirements and relocations. These vacancies have provided the opportunity to assess and evaluate the current organizational structure to best meet the needs of the program and its mission. Results of this planning will be reported as they are formalized.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- OEMS staff changes include: (1) Jessica Trembly has been promoted to Contracts Manager; (2) Todd Messer is Interim Education and Credentialing Manager; (3) Mary Beth Skarote is Interim Hospital Preparedness Manager; (4) Chuck Lewis has been promoted to Western Regional Office Manager; (5) Allen Johnson has been promoted to Eastern Regional Office Manager; (6) Kim Corbett is the new Eastern Regional Office secretary; (7) Robert Amerson is the new Eastern Regional Office Regional Specialist; and (8) Paul Anderson is the new Western Regional Office Regional Specialist.
- Lead the Wave Project was a success; and
- A rules update will be given in January.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Brown Building, Dorothea Dix Campus, on November 13, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams.