

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

May 13, 2014
11:00 A.M.

Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth
Dr. Kim Askew
Mr. Bob Bailey
Mr. Todd Baker
Mr. Terry Barber
Dr. Nicholas Benson
Dr. Ted Delbridge
Dr. Michael Ghim
Dr. Annette Greer
Mr. Jim Gusler
Ms. Viola Harris
Ms. Carolyn Hughes
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
Mr. Donnie Loftis
Mr. Carl McKnight
Mr. Robert Poe
Dr. Edward St. Bernard
Dr. Douglas Swanson
Dr. James Wyatt

Members Absent

Dr. William K. Atkinson
Mr. Dan Ingle
Ms. Traci Little
Dr. Brent Myers
Ms. Lynn Norwood

Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Allen
Dr. Roy Alson
Mr. Doug Calhoun
Ms. Amy Douglas
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
Mr. Allen Johnson
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Ms. Susan Rogers
Mr. Donnie Sides
Ms. Kimberly Sides
Ms. Mary Beth Skarote
Mr. Brad Thompson
Mr. Carl Van Cott
Dr. James "Tripp" Winslow

Others Present

Mr. Jim Albright, Guilford County EMS, NC Association of EMS Administrators
Mr. Scott Ashley, Division of Health Service Regulation
Mr. Robert Bednar, NC Academy of Physician Assistants
Mr. Bryan D. Blanton, NCAEMSA/Catawba County Emergency Services
Mr. Greg Chapman, Carolinas Medical Center
Mr. Bradley Dean, Rowan County Emergency Services
Dr. Elizabeth Dreesen UNC Hospitals
Ms. Melinda Edwards, Vidant Medical Center
Dr. Elizabeth Freeman, Carolinas Medical Center
Mr. Lamar Grafft, NC Agromedicine Institute
Ms. Jennifer Haynes, UNC Hospitals
Mr. Henry Helton, Catawba County EMS, NCAP
Mr. Dale Hill, CapRAC, Wake Med Health and Hospitals
Mr. Gordon Joyner, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Dr. Hervy Kornegay, Jr., NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Michael Mastropole, EMSPIC
Dr. Tony Meyer, UNC Hospitals
Ms. Kelli Moore, Mission Health
Ms. Lisa Murtaugh, Vidant Medical Center
Ms. Tonja Pool, Catawba Valley Community College
Mr. Drexdal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation
Ms. Judy Seamon, Special Guest
Ms. Tammy Spain, Vidant Medical Center
Dr. Michael Thomason, Carolinas Medical Center
Dr. Eric Toschlog, Vidant Medical Center
Mr. Danny West, NC Association of Paramedics, Charlotte Fire Department
Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing
Ms. Cheryl Workman, UNC Hospitals

(1) Purpose of the Meeting: The NC EMS Advisory Council met to hear reports from the Compliance and Education Committee, the Injury Committee and updates from the Rules Task Force and Healthcare Preparedness Response & Recovery. In addition, the Council met to consider UNC Hospitals, Carolinas Medical Center and Vidant Medical Center designation renewal as a Level I trauma center and Mission Hospital designation renewal as a Level II trauma center. Also, a special presentation was to be made to Ms. Judy Seamon.

(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. Benson and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes of the November 12, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted.

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

RESOLVED: Mr. Graham Pervier be reelected chairman of the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council.

Explanation: Mr. Pervier opened the floor for nominations for the office of chairman of the EMS Advisory Council. No other names were submitted.

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

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

Explanation: Mr. Pervier opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice chairman of the EMS Advisory Council. No other names were submitted.

(d) On behalf of the Injury Committee, motion was made by Mr. Ashworth and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Vidant Medical Center's Level I Trauma Center designation be renewed effective through May 31, 2018.

Explanation: Vidant Medical Center was reviewed on February 11-12, 2014 for renewal designation as a Level I Trauma Center in a joint visit by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the American College of Surgeons. Many strengths were noted and no state deficiencies were found.

- (e) On behalf of the Injury Committee, motion was made by Mr. Ashworth and approved with one abstention that:

RESOLVED: Carolinas Medical Center's Level I Trauma Center designation be renewed effective through February 28, 2018.

Explanation: Carolinas Medical Center was reviewed on December 5-6, 2013 for renewal designation as a Level I Trauma Center in a joint visit by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the American College of Surgeons. Many strengths were noted and no state deficiencies were found.

- (f) On behalf of the Injury Committee, motion was made by Mr. Ashworth and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: University of North Carolina Hospitals' Level I Trauma Center designation be renewed effective through February 28, 2018.

Explanation: University of North Carolina Hospitals was reviewed on October 21-22, 2013 for renewal designation as a Level I Trauma Center in a joint site visit by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and the American College of Surgeons. Many strengths were noted and no state deficiencies were found.

- (g) On behalf of the Injury Committee, motion was made by Mr. Ashworth and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Mission Hospital's Level II Trauma Center designation be renewed effective through February 28, 2018.

Explanation: Mission Hospital was reviewed on February 7, 2014 for renewal designation as a Level II Trauma Center in a visit by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. Many strengths were noted and no state deficiencies were found.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council.
- (b) On behalf of the State EMS Advisory Council and the North Carolina Office of EMS, Mr. Bob Bailey presented the Outstanding Leadership Award to Jesse Lee "Tony" Seamon, Jr. in grateful appreciation for his superior leadership qualities and 43 years of dedication to the State EMS Advisory Council. Mr. Seamon recently passed away, and the award was presented to his wife, Mrs. Judy Seamon.
- (c) On behalf of the Disciplinary Committee, Dr. Roy Alson presented a plaque to Ms. Kimberly Sides in appreciation and honor for her 30 years of devoted service to EMS and with special recognition of her successful efforts to establish the EMS Chemical Dependence Program.

- (d) Mr. Pervier reappointed Mr. Wayne Ashworth to serve as chair of the Injury Committee and Mr. Robert Poe to serve as chair of the Compliance and Education Committee.
- (e) Mr. Pervier welcomed new members recently appointed to the Council and announced reappointments to the Council which include:
- Senate appointment of Mr. Jim Gusler who has been appointed to fill the expired term of Dr. Steven Landau. Mr. Gusler is with the Burn Disaster Program at the NC School of Medicine and has been EMS Director in Caswell County.
 - Newly appointed Ms. Viola Harris, Edgecombe County Commissioner, representing the NC Association of County Commissioners.
 - Graham Pervier serving as a public member reappointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Tony Seamon Jr.
 - Dr. Theodore Delbridge reappointed to serve a four year term representing the NC Medical Society. Dr. Delbridge was filling the unexpired term of Dr. Herb Garrison.
 - Mr. Terry Barber reappointed to serve a four year term representing the NC Association of EMS Administrators.
 - Annette Greer, Ph.D., MSN, RN reappointed to serve a four year term representing the NC Nurses Association. Dr. Greer was filling the unexpired term of Ms. Kathy Dutton.
 - Mr. Bob Bailey serving as a public member reappointed to serve a four year term.
 - Mr. Wayne Ashworth reappointed to serve a four year term representing the NC EMS Administrators, public member.
- (f) Mr. Drexdal Pratt presented a certificate to Vidant Medical Center for its Level I Trauma Center Designation renewal. Present to receive this certificate was Dr. Eric A. Toschlog, Ms. Tammy Spain, Ms. Lisa Murtaugh and Ms. Melinda Edwards.
- (g) Mr. Drexdal Pratt presented a certificate to Carolinas Medical Center for its Level I Trauma Center Designation renewal. Present to receive this certificate was Dr. Michael Thomason, Dr. Greg Chapman and Ms. Elizabeth Freeman.
- (h) Mr. Drexdal Pratt presented a certificate to University of North Carolina Hospitals' for its Level I Trauma Center Designation renewal. Present to receive this certificate was Dr. Elizabeth Dreesen, Ms. Jennifer Haynes, Ms. Cheryl Workman and Dr. Tony Meyer
- (i) Mr. Drexdal Pratt presented a certificate to Mission Hospital's for its Level II Trauma Center Designation renewal. Present to receive this certificate was Dr. William Shillinglaw and Ms. Kelli Moore.

- (j) On behalf of the Injury Committee, Mr. Ashworth reported on the following item:
- Ms. McKenzie Cook updated the Committee on the EMS for Children Program and reported that all is going well. Mr. Ashworth commended Ms. Cook for the excellent job she is doing with this program.
- (k) On behalf of the Compliance and Education Committee, Mr. Robert Poe reported on the following items:
- Mr. Todd Messer reported that there are currently eight (8) CoAEMSP accredited institutions and 16 in the “Letter of Review” process. Site visits are ongoing.
 - The 41st annual Emergency Medicine Today conference will be held in Greensboro, NC on October 4-8, 2014. Online registration will be open June 1st.
 - OEMS is working with shareholders and stakeholders to develop a Community Paramedicine curriculum and various other education projects.
 - Ms. Kimberly Sides gave an update on the Disciplinary Committee and the Substance Abuse Program. Effective May 1, 2014, the Agency implemented primary electronic fingerprinting for submission of criminal history reviews. OEMS is also pursuing offering an online electronic payment process.
 - Mr. Donnie Sides provided the committee with an update on rules.
 - On May 29th, the OEMS will be hosting a meeting of the Community Paramedicine Workgroup to begin discussing drafting rules to be presented to the Advisory Council around November of this year.
- (l) On behalf of the Rules Task Force Committee, Mr. Bob Bailey reported on the following:
- At the November 12, 2013, EMS Advisory Council meeting, the Office of EMS submitted a draft of proposed rules revisions to the Council. At Chief Crawford’s request, Mr. Pervier appointed a task force to address the proposed revisions to the EMS and Trauma Rules. The members of this task force included Mr. Bob Bailey, Dr. Nick Benson, Dr. Ted Delbridge, Dr. Doug Swanson, Dr. Michael Barringer, Mr. Robert Poe and Mr. Bart Lineback.
 - On January 8, 2014, the task force conducted statewide teleconferences at seven locations at 1:00 PM and a second session at 7:00 PM which included Wake Technical Community College as the host site, Forsyth Technical Community College, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Haywood Community College, Western Piedmont Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and College of the Albemarle.
 - Two additional sites were originally scheduled to participate; however, technical difficulties resulted in these sites being closed. They were Pitt Community College and Craven Community College.
 - In order to accommodate receipt of comments from the eastern portion of the state, the task force decided to conduct an additional “in-person” public

meeting at 6:00 PM on January 21, 2014, at the East Carolina University Heart Institute in Greenville.

- During these sessions, there were 48 persons in attendance at the eight sites combined. Of the 48 in attendance, 14 persons addressed the task force.
- Since the rules were publicized on the OEMS web site, there have been 18 written comments received by the state office. A few of these written comments were submitted by persons who had made comments during the public meetings and wanted their comments reflected in writing.
- The deadline for providing comments was extended until February 28, 2014.
- The task force met in Raleigh on March 10th to review all comments received during the comment period and worked with staff to prepare a final draft for presentation to the EMS Advisory Council at today's meeting. A version 2 was drafted and sent to the task force for their final review.
- Since the task force met in March, the American College of Surgeons has released its 2014 guidelines. This document has changes from their previous document and has resulted in the need for additional discussion regarding the requirements for trauma center designation. Therefore, the OEMS has decided to postpone until August 2014 presenting a final draft of the rules to the Council so that additional discussions can take place with the NC Trauma Community and the NC STAC to ensure agreement in how we can utilize the new ACS guidelines and still meet the needs of the NC EMS and Trauma Community. This delay will require the task force to remain intact until a final review is conducted and the final draft prepared for presentation. This delay will also change the proposed effective date of the rules to September 2015.

(m) Dr. Winslow provided the Council with a Medical Director update as follows:

- With the assistance of the OEMS staff, 31 system modifications were completed. Of note of these 31 system modifications, Gates County is now a Paramedic level provider.
- Senate Bill 20 encouraged the use of Naloxone for lay personnel which expanded the access of Naloxone to pre-hospital personnel. In working with Dr. Kanoff, the OEMS staff and Dr. Kirby from the NC Medical Board, we have expanded the scope of practice for medical responders to use intranasal Naloxone. Also, all responders within a system whether credentialed or not have access to Naloxone as well as all law enforcement officers as long as it's done under the supervision, education and protocols all approved by the county medical director.

(n) Mr. Bailey provided the Council with the following Healthcare Preparedness Response & Recovery update:

- Funding for the Federal Hospital Preparedness Program was reduced by \$103.5 million for the budget period beginning July 1. The total budget amount for FY 14 which begins July 1, 2014 is \$6,183,490.00 which represents a 36.34% decrease from the current budget year.

- Soon after the announcement of reduction in funding, conference calls and face to face meetings with the eight (8) healthcare preparedness regional staff and stakeholders were conducted to address the impact of this reduction. Regional partners submitted preliminary budgets representing a 30% reduction from the current year. The intent of this request was to have the regions begin serious discussions of how the reduction would impact the regional HPP program. The NCOEMS met with Division and Department leadership to discuss the potential impact of grant reduction.
- In determining a formula for the distribution of regional funds, several models were reviewed. The final formula that was implemented included some components of the federal formula that was used to distribute funds to the states. The formula that was used included funds for fixed costs, population data, risk data and emergency department visit data. The funding distribution methodology also ensured that no regional budget would be reduced more than 40% than the current year.
- NCOEMS staff and an exercise planning committee completed the development of a statewide exercise which was conducted the week of April 21-26, 2014. The exercise was conducted at the O’Berry Center in Goldsboro which has been designated as a Medical Support Shelter. The scenario included the transportation of “live” patient volunteers as well as clinical staff. The exercise is now under review and an after action report and plans for improvement of identified gaps will be developed.
- The task force appointed to assist in the planning and implementation of the healthcare coalition development statewide continues to meet. This project is the result of federal guidance from our awarding agency, ASPR, to evaluate and develop coordinated and collaborative healthcare coalitions in the state. Progress on this project was delayed in January and February due to winter events which led to the cancellation of scheduled meetings. The group is now moving forward in reviewing current data. Stakeholder comment will be solicited and hopefully preliminary recommendations will be available for the August 2014 Advisory Council Meeting.
- The formal gap analysis project was completed by the regions in December 2013. Information from the gap analysis was forwarded to the OEMS in January 2014 for statewide compilation. The analysis was based on a process that utilized the HPP Capabilities previously released by ASPR and the expertise of region stakeholders and partners. The state-level gap analysis was managed primarily by Will Ray and select NCOEMS/HPR&R staff. The results of the analysis will be used during the coming year to address priorities at regional and state levels.
- Hospital Preparedness Program funds have been used to purchase 255 Dual-Head Mobile VIPER radios for installation in EMS vehicles. The NCOEMS surveyed EMS agencies throughout the state to determine which EMS ambulances and quick response vehicles do not have VIPER mobile radios. Staff is currently compiling data from the surveys to determine the distribution of the radios. The goal is to have a VIPER radio on every permitted EMS vehicle throughout the state.
- The National Mobile Disaster Hospital was deployed to Louisville Mississippi on Friday, May 2nd. The request for this resource resulted from the devastating effect of an F4 tornado that struck Louisville and surrounding

Winston County Mississippi on Monday April 28th. The majority of the healthcare infrastructure was destroyed including Winston Medical Center, a nursing home, community health center and several healthcare facilities. A contingent of North Carolina personnel including representatives from the Office of EMS, NC Division of Emergency Management, NC Baptist Men and regional State Medical Response System assisted in the deployment both in North Carolina and in Mississippi. The mobile hospital is scheduled to open during the week of May 12th and will help fill the healthcare gap in Louisville using Winston Medical Center personnel to operate the facility.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- Mr. Roger Kiser has joined the OEMS staff as part of the HPR&R staff. Roger has a vast experience in EMS administration including specialization in EMS electronic data systems. Roger is working with response entities, specifically EMS to ensure integration of Ambulance Strike Teams, Type III State Medical Assistance Teams, Mass Evacuation Bus entities and EMS systems to ensure integration into healthcare surge operations. Roger is also working directly with Type III State Medical Assistance Teams in evaluating planning, training and exercise needs as well as reviewing and subsequently making recommendations for a statewide patient tracking system.
- National EMS Week is May 18-24 and EMSC Day May 21st. If you have any EMS events, please forward to our office and we will send to the department and make it a part of the DHHS newsletter. We would like to recognize any EMS events going on.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Brown Building, Dorothea Dix Campus, on August 12, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams.