

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

The Jane S. McKimmon Conference Center
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina

August 10, 2010
11:00 A.M.

Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth
Mr. Bob Bailey
Mr. Terry Barber
Dr. Nicholas Benson
Dr. Thomas Blackwell
Ms. Kathy Dutton
Ms. Carolyn Hughes
Dr. Steven E. Landau
Mr. R. Keith Lovin
Mr. Carl McKnight
Dr. Brent Myers
Ms. Susan M. Safran
Mr. Tony Seamon, Jr.
Mr. Dennis A. Taylor
Mr. Stephen E. Taylor
Dr. James Winslow, III

Members Absent

Dr. William K. Atkinson
Dr. Michael Chang
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
Dr. Donna Moro-Sutherland
Mr. Robert Poe
Ms. Stacey Ryan
The Honorable William Wainwright

Staff Members Present

Mr. Wally Ainsworth
Dr. Roy Alson
Ms. Elva Barnhardt
Mr. Doug Calhoun
Ms. Shelley Carraway
Ms. Barbara Chorney
Ms. Beth Diaz
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
Ms. Gloria Hale
Ms. Brenda Harrington
Ms. Alesia Hester
Mr. Allen Johnson
Ms. Heather Majernik
Dr. Greg Mears
Mr. Todd Messer
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Mr. Jim Morris
Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer
Mr. Donnie Sides
Ms. Kimberly Sides
Mr. Brad Thompson
Ms. Jessica Trembly
Mr. Carl Van Cott
Ms. Julie Williams

Others Present

Mr. Jim Albright, Guilford County EMS
Ms. Renee Godwin Batts, NC Community College System
Mr. Robert Bednar, UNC Air Care, NC Academy of Physicians Assistants
Mr. Brendan Berry, WakeMed
Mr. Steve Coffey, Havelock Fire Rescue
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Tom Ferrell, Sandhills Community College
Mr. Sean Gibson, WakeMed
Mr. Dale Hill, WakeMed
Mr. Shorty Jones, Johnston Ambulance Service
Mr. Gordon Joyner, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Randy Kearns, UNC
Ms. Gail E. Kluttz, Triad RAC/Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center
Mr. Tommy McNeill, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Ms. Tracy McPherson, NC Community College System
Mr. Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue
Mr. Brian Pearce, Duplin County EMS
Mr. Drexdal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

Ms. Mary Beth Skarote, Triad RAC/ Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center
Mr. Mike Smith, Durham EMS
Mr. Sean Sondej, Duke Hospital
Mr. Chris Thompson, Wilson County EMS
Dr. Steven Vaslef, Duke Hospital
Mr. Danny C. West, Charlotte Fire Department
Mr. Jeff White, Johnston Ambulance Service
Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing
Mr. Joseph Zalkin, Wake County EMS

- (1) Purpose of the Meeting: The NC EMS Advisory Council met (1) to hear reports from the Compliance and Education Committee, the Injury Committee and to hear a Hospital Preparedness update; (2) to hear an update from the Education Task Force; (3) to hear an update on the Duke Endowment Cardiac Arrest Toolkit Grant; and (4) to elect a chairman and vice chairman.

- (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 May 11, 2010 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 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. Mr. Pervier stated that it is a privilege to serve as chairman and that he has tried to follow the example of the late Dr. George Johnson, Jr.

- (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. Dr. Benson thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

- (d) Motion was made by Ms. Safran on behalf of the Compliance and Education Committee and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The Council accept the recommendation of the Compliance and Education Committee to move forward with the rule making process for rules .0201, .0511 and .0900, but tabling Section .1500 until the November 9, 2010 EMSAC meeting.

Explanation: A draft version of the new EMS rules was presented to the Council by Mr. Donnie Sides. Dr. Benson suggested tabling Section .1500 due to verbiage changes. Comments can be put into writing and submitted to Mr. Sides during the public comment period of the rules implementation process.

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

RESOLVED: The Council accept the recommendation of the Injury Committee to move forward with the rule making process for the trauma rules with one deletion.

Explanation: It was decided the verbiage in trauma rule 10A NCAC 13P .0902 (a) which states “participate in the North Carolina Chapter of the ACS Committee on Trauma as well as other regional and national trauma organizations” should be deleted because the state of North Carolina has no jurisdiction in demanding a group must belong to a particular organization.

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

RESOLVED: The Council accept the recommendation of the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Awards Committee that the 2010 recipient be awarded to Dr. William Atkinson.

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.

This year there were four worthy nominees for the award. From those four the selection committee has unanimously voted to recommend one person for the award for 2010. The awards committee also agreed that persons currently employed by the OEMS should not be considered while they are in this capacity.

Dr. William K. Atkinson has had a lifelong commitment to EMS. That commitment goes back to his early days as a teenager with Rockingham County Ambulance Service where he quickly rose to Training Officer. Later, while attending UNC-G, he went to work with Guilford County EMS where he was one of the founders of a completely student-run Emergency Medical Association on campus.

Dr. Atkinson continued his work with EMS throughout his academic career. In 2003, he accepted an offer to become the CEO at WakeMed in Raleigh. He has also served as chairman of the North Carolina Hospital Association and continues to serve on the EMS Advisory Council.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council meeting.
- (b) Mr. Pervier reappointed Ms. Safran as chair of the Compliance and Education Committee, Mr. Ashworth as chair of the Injury Committee and the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Award Committee, Dr. Askew as chair of the EMSC Advisory Committee, Mr. Dennis Taylor as chair of the Education Task Force, and Mr. Bailey to continue giving an update on Hospital Preparedness.
- (c) Ms. Safran, chair of the Compliance and Education Committee, asked Dr. Mears to give an update on the Duke Endowment Cardiac Arrest Toolkit Grant.

Dr. Mears reported that the EMS Cardiac Arrest Care Toolkit Grant Program is a competitive grant program funded by the Duke Endowment through the North Carolina Office of EMS. A total of \$1,750,000 will be made available to North Carolina EMS Systems through this program to purchase 12 lead ECG and waveform capnography equipment for permitted in-service EMS vehicles responding to 911 events. The goal of this grant is to improve the outcome of patients who are at risk for or experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Applications will be available beginning at EM Today in October. Additional information is available at www.ncems.org.

Also, Ms. Chorney, Education and Credentialing Manager, gave a brief update on EM Today. Advisory Council members should contact Julie Williams if they encounter any problems with registering for EM Today. The registration fee will be waived for Council members again this year.

- (d) Mr. Dennis Taylor, chair of the Education Task Force, provided an update for the Council. The Task Force has broken up into four separate sub-committees: 1) credential levels in initial education; 2) accreditation; 3) continuing education; and 4) EMD. A template has been developed with recommendations. The Committee hopes to have a draft document to present at the upcoming November Advisory Council meeting.
- (e) Mr. Terry Barber, chair of the Model System Task Force, recommended to the Council that the Task Force be ended at this time due to the current budget situation and little interest in model system recognition. Mr. Pervier thanked the committee for its hard work.
- (f) On behalf of the NC EMS Advisory Council, Mr. Seamon thanked Mr. Pratt for his many years of guidance, inspiration and passion for providing Emergency Medical Services to the citizens of our state. Mr. Pratt was recently named DHSR Director.

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

- The first year of the three year grant cycle with ASPR concluded on June 30, 2010. Final reporting will be completed and submitted. Grant award notification has been received for year two continuation of this grant which will began on July 1, 2010 and will go through June 30, 2011 with a funding allocation of \$11,012,906. The ongoing initiatives place planning, education and exercise as the priorities.
- NCOEMS is responding to a new Funding Opportunity Announcement in support of our existing Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals program called ServNC. We are requesting funds to increase North Carolina's readiness to deploy volunteers at the local, regional, state and federal levels by adding one position to assist with the continual growth of the ServNC program. This position will be charged with verifying the credentials of health professionals with the issuing entity, purchasing equipment to be use for training, tracking, and identifying volunteers, training new administrators in the ServNC system, and handling notification capabilities to all volunteers registered in the ServNC system. This is a competitive grant opportunity with award amounts ranging from \$50,000-200,000 to be announced by September 1, 2010.
- Plans are underway for the Emergency Medicine Today (EM Today) conference to be held October 2nd – 6th in Greensboro at the Sheraton Greensboro/Koury Convention Center. This conference provides an opportunity for professionals from a number of agencies and associations in the fields of pre-hospital emergency care, emergency and trauma medicine and public health
- NCOEMS is collaborating with NC Emergency Management on delivery of a Licensed Care Facility Disaster Plan Template. This template has been developed to provide an established format for developing a basic emergency preparedness response plan. The format is very user-friendly to encourage facilities to take advantage of this guide in order to develop standard operating procedures for use during an emergency and address specific hazards pertinent to there area.
- The ASPR Project Officer for the Hospital Preparedness Program Continuation Agreement will be in NC for a site visit in late August. We look forward to sharing our progress on Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) initiatives one-on-one. ASPR is also hosting a meeting with Region IV HPP Coordinators in Raleigh on September 14th and 15th. The meeting is being held to facilitate discussions and review of HPP progress and address concerns of state HPP Coordinators. The emphasis will be on promoting partnership development. It is a great opportunity to interact, share and compare best practices among the states.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- Todd Messer has accepted the Regional Specialist position in the Eastern Regional Office of EMS.
- Doug Calhoun has accepted the Regional Specialist position in the Central Regional Office of EMS.
- The preliminary paramedic competitions were held at five locations in the state. These included Gaston College, Surry Community College, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Wake Tech Community College, and James Sprunt Community College. Winners have been posted at www.ncems.org
- Registration for EM Today is in the process of being launched.
- OEMS will be celebrating its 20th anniversary of the paramedic competition at EM Today in October.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the McKimmon Center on Tuesday, November 9, 2010.

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

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams.