

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

November 9, 2010
11:00 A.M.

Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth
Dr. William K. Atkinson
Mr. Bob Bailey
Mr. Terry Barber
Dr. Thomas Blackwell
Ms. Kathy Dutton
Ms. Carolyn Hughes
Dr. Steven E. Landau
Mr. R. Keith Lovin
Dr. Donna Moro-Sutherland
Mr. Robert Poe
Ms. Susan M. Safran
Mr. Tony Seamon, Jr.
Mr. Dennis A. Taylor
Mr. Stephen E. Taylor
Dr. James Winslow, III

Members Absent

Dr. Nicholas Benson
Dr. Michael Chang
Dr. Herbert Garrison
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
Mr. Carl McKnight
Dr. Brent Myers
Ms. Stacey Ryan
The Honorable William Wainwright

Staff Members Present

Dr. Roy Alson
Ms. Elva Barnhardt
Ms. Ann Marie Brown
Mr. Ed Browning
Ms. Shelley Carraway
Ms. Barbara Chorney
Mr. Joe Comello
Ms. McKenzie Cook
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
Ms. Gloria Hale
Mr. Danny Harbinson
Ms. Brenda Harrington
Ms. Alesia Hester
Mr. Allen Johnson
Ms. Heather Majernik
Mr. Todd Messer
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Mr. Jim Morris
Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer
Mr. Donnie Sides
Ms. Kimberly Sides
Ms. Mary Beth Skarote
Mr. Brad Thompson
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
Ms. Betsy Casanave, WakeMed –MCCS
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Sean Gibson, WakeMed
Mr. Dale Hill, Capital RAC/WakeMed
Mr. Keith Hill, Wake Forest Emergency Medicine
Mr. Josh Holloman, Johnston County EMS System
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
Dr. Henry Kornegay, Jr., NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Reid McCormick, Guilford County EMS
Mr. Tommy McNeill, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Ms. Tracy McPherson, NC Community College System
Mr. Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue
Mr. Joe Penner, Mecklenburg EMS Agency

Mr. Kent Spitler, Gaston College/NC Association of EMS Educators
Dr. Mike Thomason, NCOEMS Trauma Advisor
Ms. Sabrina Walter, Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast
Mr. Danny C. West, NC Association of Paramedics, Charlotte Fire Department
Mr. Jeff White, Johnston Ambulance Service
Mr. Ed Wilson, WakeMed
Mr. Ed Woodard, WakeMed
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.
- (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. Lovin, seconded by Dr. Atkinson, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes of the August 10, 2010 meeting be approved as submitted.

- (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 accept changes to Rules .1500 and .0221 and to move forward with presenting these rules to the Medical Care Commission to initiate rule making.

Explanation: At the August 10, 2010 EMS Advisory Council meeting, Section .1500 rules were pulled for further discussion and feedback. Where the word “may” was used, it will now be replaced with “shall”. Also, “OEMS” will be changed to “Department” for consistency. For clarification on Rule .0221 (b), the word “ground” will be added after the word “every” to read every ground ambulance.

- (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 that the OEMS develop a template or guideline for a “practicing” Level I, II or III Trauma Center for hospitals seeking designation.

Explanation: Gaston Memorial Hospital has submitted initial documentation to begin the process of becoming a designated Level III Trauma Center. Rule requires tremendous amounts of data be submitted for Level III designation. Due

to their location near Carolinas Medical Center, Gaston Memorial is often bypassed; therefore, they are not able to collect the needed data.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council meeting.
- (b) Ms. Safran, chair of the Compliance and Education Committee reported on the following:
 - An update on the Educational Task Force was given by Mr. D. Taylor, chair. Meetings were held in September and October. The October meeting was held at EM Today with over 150 participants. A history of the Educational Task Force was given and there was discussion on issues the Task Force has encountered. Very good feedback was received from participants. Another meeting of the Task Force will be held at 1:00 pm today to define their timeline and generating information to the public. Public meetings are planned for January 2011.
 - An education update was given by Ms. Heather Majernik, EMS Education and Credentialing Manager. Ms. Majernik reported that EM Today was a huge success with 873 registrants. In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Paramedic Competition, a special program was given that highlighted the history and traditions of the competition, honored past competitors and judges, and included several other special recognitions. Surry County EMS was this year's Paramedic Competition winner and then proceeded on to win the International Trauma Life Support Competition in Reno, Nevada. A letter from the EMS Advisory Council will be sent to congratulate the EMS team.
 - Ms. Kimberly Sides, Compliance Specialist, updated the Committee on the Chemical Dependency Program which Dr. Kanof passionately worked so hard to have put into place. This program will go into effect on January 1, 2011, with hopes to have the first individual enrolled by March. This program will begin with only ten eligible candidates per year with a 3-year commitment depending on their recovery. A website is being designed and should be available by early 2011 for further information.
- (c) Mr. Ashworth, chair of the Injury Committee, reported on the following:
 - Ms. Gloria Hale, EMSC Specialist, reported that OEMS and the state Agency for Public Telecommunications recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement to develop an online video-based training on properly restraining children in ambulances.
 - Ms. Hale also reported that KIDBase is now active in three additional counties which include Forsyth, Stokes and Catawba.

- Ms Hale has completed her term as chair of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council with NASEMSO and did a great job in representing the OEMS.
 - Dr. Landau was congratulated on his book entitled *Fine as Frog's Hair* subtitle *A Rural Lexicon*.
- (d) Mr. Bailey provided the Council with the following Hospital Preparedness report:
- Year two of the three year grant cycle with ASPR is underway. Each Regional Advisory Council (RAC) has submitted grant project applications. Final approval of these applications is anticipated to be completed by the end of November;
 - OEMS was not awarded grant funding for ESAR-VHP which is the Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals known as ServNC;
 - ASPR hosted a meeting with Region IV Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinators in Raleigh on September 14th and 15th. Region IV membership includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee;
 - Directly following the Region IV Hospital Preparedness Program meeting, the Region IV Unified Planning Coalition (UPC) met to discuss concerns and progress of the state Hospital Preparedness Program;
 - Plans are being finalized for the NC ASPR site visit in late November. The ASPR Project Officer, the Field Officer and the Public Health Analyst for the NC Hospital Preparedness Program Continuation Agreement will be meeting with staff to review our program as well as take a tour of our Mobile Disaster Hospital;
 - The State Medical Response System Mobile Disaster Hospital has continued to provide demonstrations across the state with the readiness of both a mobile operating room and now a mobile surgical unit; and
 - OEMS has been collaborating with NC Emergency Management on developing a Licensed Care Facility Disaster Plan Template to provide an established format for developing a basic emergency preparedness response plan 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 their area.
- (e) Dr. Winslow, chair, NCCEP EMS Committee, announced that meetings will be held across the state on January 19 in Greenville; March 30 at MEDIC in Charlotte; May 25 at Wake EMS; and July 27 in Asheville for as much input as possible on revisions of the NCCEP documents, procedures and protocols. Dr. Winslow thanked Mr. Joseph Zalkin for being instrumental in pushing out a survey to EMS Administrators, Medical Directors and other stakeholders across the state for their input on these documents.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- Joe Comello has accepted the Planning & Logistics Manager position with the Disaster Medical Program;
- Mary Beth Skarote has accepted the Assistant Hospital Preparedness Coordinator with the Disaster Medical Program;
- Executive Order 70 Rules Modification and Improvement Program was issued on October 21, 2010 for transparency and public input;
- Lead the Wave Project funded by the Duke Endowment launched at EM Today. A total of \$1,750,000 will be made available to NC EMS Systems through this program to purchase 12-lead ECG and waveform capnography equipment for permitted in-service EMS vehicles responding to 911 events;
- EMS Field Triage Project is an 18-month project to describe and evaluate the CDC EMS Field Triage Decision Protocol within NC's EMS Trauma System. This project will create an opportunity for North Carolina to apply its newly linked EMS outcomes data with existing state EMS trauma system infrastructure and expertise. This project was funded by the Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA);
- EMS and Pediatric Trauma Care Project is a 3-year project objective to improve the EMS early recognition and care of severely injured pediatric trauma patients within North Carolina's Regionalized Trauma System. This project was funded by the DHHS and HRSA; and
- All state agencies were required to submit a projected budget reflecting a 5, 10 and 15% reduction for the upcoming year to the Office of State Budget and Management. OEMS lost one vacant position. No additional reductions have been requested at this time.

With November 11th honoring Veteran's day, Mr. Pervier gave special recognition to our Veterans and quoted the poem entitled *In Flanders Field*.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the McKimmon Center on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

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

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams.