

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, July 17, 2009

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Batesville Primary School
760 State Road 46 West
Batesville, IN 47006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedic)
Michael Olinger (Trauma Physicians)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire EMS)
William Rutherford (Emergency Physicians)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Bradley Thatcher (State EMS Director)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Bigler (Assistant State Fire Marshal)

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller, he also thanked Batesville Primary School for the use of their facility.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Myron Mackey motioned to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The minutes were approved as written.

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ORGANIZATIONAL
BRIEFING PRESENTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE WAINSCOTT.**

Executive Director Wainscott presented to the Commission the restructuring of the Department of Homeland Security, explained how this would affect the EMS community, and also provided the opportunity to share questions, comments and concerns. Gary Miller asked if Executive Director Wainscott would give an overview of individual services for the districts, and how the relationship with the provider in the state would be affected. Don Watson stated need to have better communication and practice team skills.

STAFF REPORTS:

EMS QUARTLY PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

July/08-July/10

First Responder	2,573
Basic EMT's	6,109
Advanced EMT's	471
Intermediate EMT's	86
Paramedic	1,051
Primary Instructor	91

Oct/08-Oct/10

First Responder	3,133
Basic EMT's	8,876
Advanced EMT's	674
Intermediate EMT's	102
Paramedic	1,518
Primary Instructor	159

Jan/09- Jan/11

First Responder	3,795
Basic EMT's	11,372
Advanced EMT's	830
Intermediate EMT's	132
Paramedic	2,124
Primary Instructor	232

Apr/09- Apr/11

First Responder	4,675
Basic EMT's	13,730
Advanced EMT's	1,000
Intermediate EMT's	150
Paramedic	2,780
Primary Instructor	344

July/09- July/11

First Responder	5,714
Basic EMT's	16,367

Advanced EMT's	1202
Intermediate EMT's	174
Paramedic	3,209
Primary Instructor	421

John Buckman reported that 27,026 have been certified this is a 10% increase from 2 years ago. Mr. Buckman presented a quarterly report for certified personal from July 2008 thru July 2009 to the Commission. Myron Mackey questioned the totals of certified paramedics. Mr. Buckman replied that these were the numbers that were received from the data base. Mr. Miller asked what the turn around time is for Certifications; Mr. Buckman stated about 6-8 weeks. All renewal Certifications that were received prior to 07-01-09 have been processed and mail back out, he stressed to send in your hours early.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

Rescue Squad Organization	7
Basic Life Support Non-Transport	496
Ambulance Service Provider	118
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization	38
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization Non-Transport	13
EMT Intermediate Organization	10
EMT Intermediate Organization Non- Transport	00
Paramedic Organization	188
Paramedic Organization Non- Transport	17
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	21
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance	03
Total	911

No action was needed by the Commission. None was taken.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

No Report submitted

Robin Stump stated that the Education Committee has been dissolved and the new committee is the Technical Advisory Committee. Ms. Stump also reported that the department is getting closer to having all applications online.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mr. Miller asked where it stands with the provider that have waivers until the data system is up and running. Mr. Nelson stated that the software should be up and running on October 10, 2009.

No action was needed by the Commission. None was taken.

Trauma Protocol Workgroup

Dr. Olinger, stated that there are a lot of actions that need to be looked at, and he suggested at this time to table these changes.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to table the trauma protocol at this time. The motion was seconded by Myron Mackey. The motion passed.

Lifetime Jason Smith and the Commission presented Mary Irene Godsey with the Honorary EMT Certificate

Myron Mackey offered a motion to approve the Honorary Lifetime Certificate. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mara Snyder moved onto the Trauma Protocols. Mr. Mackey stated that this comes from previous discussions from the public. Mr. Mackey agreed that there needs to be standard protocols in place for guidance. Mr. Mackey offered a suggestion for consideration of a rule change that would remove requirements for Paramedic and when operating as a transporting ALS provider. He also stated that this should be tabled until the public gives back input. Ms. Snyder stated that a patient's right to determine where they are transported is very clear in the law. She also asked if this should go back to the legislature and ask for permission for this good faith exception. Regardless of what family members' say, our protocol is to do what the patient says, unless you have documentation that states otherwise. Mr. Miller inquired if the current law be used as that State guideline with exception of documentation, unless a different rule is adopted. Mara stated that the Commission does not have the authority to do that. Dr. Olinger asked if we are acting in response to the legislation and what exactly the requirements are in response to the legislation. Ms. Snyder would like to do more research on the legislative law. Mr. Miller asked if anyone had objections to table this until further research is done. Ms. Snyder responded with no.

EMS Training Staff Report

Julia Fox, EMS Training Manager reported that the first of the Ambulance Strike Team Medical Task Force Leader courses was held in La Porte County on June 27-28, 2009. A total of 19 persons that attended in various background of EMS, Fire, Public Health, and (2) two directors of emergency management. The Task Force Trailer will be in Batesville on July 25-26, and there are still openings for the class at Seymour. There is a requirement to be certified through ICS 300. In addition the possession of the EMS Mobile Simulation Lab was obtained on June 24, 2009. A

Training schedule will be available next week in Vincennes, IN. Also, the web master, Bill Arend, has placed the Autism and the SMART Train the Trainer course on-line on our website. If a student does not have a PSID # they need to fill out the application and send it to Barb Goble and she will issue that for you. Mrs. Fox stated that the curriculum for the Basic EMT is being put back on the webpage and updating any modules that our state requires to become certified. The Technical Advisory Committee Application is completed and posted on the website. In addition a letter will be mailed out explaining all the different positions the Commission designated. With the application you will also need to submit a resume. The deadline is set for August 17, 2009. The applications will be collected and meetings set for the Commission to review and recommend to the Governor appointments to the new Committee. Mr. Miller stated that for the ones that have not been on the new website, they need to go on and browse around.

EMSC Program

Dr. Weinstein: Indiana University School of Medicine provided an update regarding the EMSC program, along with getting feedback to recruit members from the EMS community throughout the State of Indiana. In March the IU School of Medicine successfully received their grant funding for the EMSC program. Primary goals are to collect data from the providers throughout the state regarding the delivery of emergency care, services for children. Dr. Weinstein also stated that the first advisory board meeting was held in May, for working on developments, outreach ideas, developing a web page, and talking about the emergency care throughout the state.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

List was given to the Commission for their information only.

No action needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

Mr. Miller stated that Judge Teegarden has been the administrative law judge for EMS for several years started in 1988, he is retiring however, will be sitting in on a temporary contract basis.

Old Business

Mr. Garvey stated that Senate Resolution Number # 73 was presented by Senator Tallian; Porter County, passed a Resolution, the Senate had directed the Legislative Council to establish a interim committee to study and define the relationships among the medical director, the provider organizations, and certified EMS personnel. Legislative Council meeting set for July 27, 2009, the set dates for the

interim study group have not be set. Mr. Garvey assured the Commission that they will be tapped to testify on behalf of the interim Committee, especially Dr. Rutherford, and Dr. Olinger as Medical Directors, also Ambulance Providers is involved in that discussion as well.

No action needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

New Business

Mara Snyder asked Commission to adopt LSA Document #09-381(F) in which readopts rules in anticipation of IC 4-22-2.5-2 providing that an administrative rule adopted under IC 4-22-2 expires January 1 of the seventh year after the year in which the rule takes affect unless the rule contains an earlier expiration date. Effective 30 days after filing with the publisher.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the readoption. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Mr. Mackey, staffing requirements for ALS has been unofficially discussed over the past few years. Numerous waivers have resulted referencing this portion of the rule. Mr. Mackey would like to officially open discussion for consideration of a rule change that would remove requirements for Paramedic and EMT- Intermediate personnel to have an additionally certified person in attendance when operation as a transporting ALS provider.

Mr. Mackey's motion to eliminate the requirements for Paramedic and EMT-Intermediate personnel to have an EMT present during a Paramedic and EMT-Intermediated response as is currently stated in the rules under "definitions" 836 IAC 2-7.2-1(g) for EMT Intermediate, and 836 IAC 2-2-1 (h) for Paramedic.

Dr. Olinger offered an objection to this motion, stating that this is the standard in Indiana.

Lee Turpen stated that he agreed with Mr. Mackey on the staffing requirements.

Dr. Olinger stated that is the standard or if this becomes a standard then for fiscal reasons people will change for cost effective way of providing services.

Mr. Mackey stated that there is a shortage of EMT'S and Paramedics.

Randy Fox, Dekalb EMS, asked for verification of the rule, stating that you have to begin a response with an EMT and Paramedic, does it mean that you can't operate as a Paramedic when you arrive on scene; he also stated that staffing begins when it's an ALS patient.

Dr. Rutherford stated that, once the transport begins, the person behind the wheel is providing no medical care, so it is tough to justify requiring medical training when there is no contribution of medical care once transport begins.

Bruce Bare; IVY Tech Bloomington, asked how can you separate the certification of an individual from the roll of the provider, and still contain in the rule that the provider has to provide to properly staff the ambulance: but separate it from the fact if a Paramedic shows up and the equipment is available, the medic is not the one in jeopardy if their standard of care is the patient, he stated that the provider would be in violation of the rule.

Mr. Miller stated that what Mr. Bare is trying to say is, if you have a paramedic that has ALS, and you have a patient that needs ALS, then that puts the provider in a tough situation due to you don't have the resources to provide ALS because of the rule.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to table staffing requirements. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

EMS PERSONNEL DISPENSING ANTIVIRALS

Mr. Garvey stating regarding the H1N1 virus, Indiana has experienced its first death from the virus. Mr. Garvey stated that the Commission will probably need to take action; there is a plan that is being put in place for volunteering for the vaccination program of the population for the State of Indiana, Mr. Garvey attended an H1N1 summit in Washington D.C, and the target audience was described as being young school age children from 1-12 years of age. This is a topic without a lot of answers. The State Department of Health has nearly 50,000 volunteer professionals that have agreed through their license to assist the State of Indiana in the case of an emergency to do programs like this. They feel that there will be a large number in nurses and doctors to administer the vaccine. Resources for this vaccination will be primarily public health doctors and public health offices within your county. The trial date for the vaccines is in Mid October. Mr. Garvey stated that the vaccine will still be given until January or February next year. Mr. Garvey stated to the Commission to not be surprised if there will be meetings to determine if rules need to be changed or protocols to be changed to allow that process.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrave presented the following request: Pike County EMS- 836 IAC 7-2.2-1(g) (2), Requiring the unit to be staffed with an EMT or higher in addition to the EMT-I.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the staffing requirement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following request:
Pike County EMS- 836 IAC 2-7.2-3 Scope of Practice regarding medication list.

Mr. Wells, Director of Pike County EMS stated that since 1977 Pike County has been an EMT basic level, EMT Basic Advanced level provider, and within the last year Pike County has become an Intermediate Provider. Mr. Wells stated that the closets facility is 25 minutes.

Mr. Turpen offered a motion to approve medication list. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Robin Stump presented the following request:
Grace on Wings- IAC 836 3-3-1, "each fixed-wing air ambulance service shall hold a valid 14 CFR 135 air carrier certificate.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following request:
Memorial Hospital- IAC 836 4-7.1-3(f) to administer 12- lead EKG.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following request:
Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service- IAC 836 4-7.1-3-(f) to administer 12- lead EKG.

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Jason Smith presented the following request:
Harrison County – IAC 836 4-2-4(g) rule requiring Accreditation to operate a paramedic program.

Mrs. Hamilton offered a motion to deny 18 month waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion to deny waiver failed for lack of majority vote. Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kleeman, Harrison County addressed the Commission with further conversation and after further discussion, Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the one time 18 month waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Jason Smith presented the following request:
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center- IAC 836 1-4-1, 1-4-2(c) - IHERN Requirements

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center- IAC 836 1-2-1 (b) (2) Ambulance Staffing Requirements

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center- IAC 836 2-2-1 (h) (4) ALS Staffing Requirements

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center- IAC 836 2-2-3 (e) (2) ALS Equipment Requirements

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Caroline Sitar, requested the acceptance of in service that was filed late due to failing to complete all required training within the required (2) two years.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed. The request is denied.

Tom Robison requested to have his Basic EMT certification reinstated due to submitting in service late but all training was completed on time. Expired 01-01-09.

Mr. Valentine offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

Amy Pruitt requested to have her Basic EMT certification reinstated due to submitting in service late but all training was completed on time.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hamilton. The motion passed.

William Terrell requested to have his Paramedic Certification reinstated due to submitting in service late but all training was completed on time.

Mr. Valentine offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.

Tony Bradtmueller, requested to have his EMT reinstated due to submitting in service late but all training was completed on time.

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion was passed.

Jim Weigel requested to have a 60-90 day extension to complete required training.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to grant extension to get required hours. Motion to approve failed. Mr. Thatcher offered a motion to deny 60 day extension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.

David Berry requested to have his First Responder reinstated due to submitting in-service late but all training was completed on time.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.

Stephen Lotsbaich requested to have his Paramedic reinstated due to required training not completed with in required (2) two year.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to approve the reinstatement of his Paramedic. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Robin Haworth, requested to have her EMT reinstated due required training not completed with in (2) two year time frame.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve request. The motion failed. Mr. Thatcher offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Crystal Hisaw requested 90 day extension to have her Basic EMT reinstated due to required training not complete with in (2) year time frame.

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thatcher. The motion passed.

Jeffrey Fryzel requested to have his Basic EMT reinstated due to submitting in service late but all training completed on time.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Mr. Miller had not report for this meeting.

2009 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday September 17, 2009- Elkhart, Indiana

Friday November 13, 2009- TBD

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved _____
Gary Miller, Chairman