

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** November 21, 2008  
10:01 A.M.

**LOCATION:** Brownsburg Fire Territory Headquarters  
And Training Center  
Brownsburg, Indiana

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)  
Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)  
Myron Mackey (EMTs)  
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)  
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedics)  
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)  
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)  
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)  
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)  
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** James Bennett, Assistant State Fire Marshal

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Miller. Rebecca Blagrove called the roll and advised the chairman that a quorum was present. Chairman Miller expressed appreciation for the use of the facility.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**Myron Mackey offered a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpin. The minutes were approved.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

John Buckman introduced Jim Abraham as the new certification manager for the training division. Mr. Buckman said that the PSID numbers have been mailed to the address of the provider on file with the agency. He

referred people to the following email address: [PSIDquestions@in.gov](mailto:PSIDquestions@in.gov). Mr. Buckman also cautioned EMS personnel to always use their legal name when completing certification applications or course enrollment forms.

Mr. Abraham said that the certification section is enforcing rules when recertification applications come in late and when dealing with reciprocity issues. He said that he will do what the commission requests he do.

#### EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

Rescue Squad Organizations	6
Basic Life Support Non-Transport	480
Ambulance Provider Organizations	125
EMT Basic Advanced Organization	38
EMT Basic advanced Non-Transport	12
EMT Intermediate Organization	9
EMT Intermediate Non-Transport	0
Paramedic Organization	186
Paramedic Non-Transport	14
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	21
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance	1

Chairman Miller expressed appreciation for the return to this format for the report. He asked why the 6 listed rescue organizations had not moved up to the BLS Non transport status. EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain stated that she did not know but that she would find out.

#### EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Vehicle Inspections	68
Provider/Hospital//Training Institution Applications	70
EMS Provider visits	53
Hospital Visits	9

Ms. Crain reported that the SMART Tag training would begin in December. She reported that she had attended the District 10 Fire Chief's meeting and they had concerns about the use of c-collars and spine boards by first responders. Ms. Crain also reported that Gail Fennel had worked at the recent One Stop Shop Disaster Assistant Centers in Lake, Jefferson, and Floyd counties.

#### EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that a total of 2,383,902 runs have been entered into the registry. Michael Olinger expressed concerns about providers that are not reporting and whether the agency will be able to accept reports in the new NEMSIS format beginning in January. He also stated that he would appreciate seeing reports on types of patients.

Mr. Nelson also reported that the agency had received a grant from traffic safety to work on a web-based reporting system. Agency Counsel Mara Snyder reported that the fiscal impact study for the proposed rule has been completed.

#### EMS TRAINING STAFF REPORT

Julia Fox reported that, in addition to the SMART Tag training scheduled in December, more dates would be scheduled later. The autism training would be conducted on the same dates in December as the SMART training. The EMS Training Advisory Committee is looking at determining a baseline on providers' ability to handle an MCI. She also stated that the education committee is working on how to inform students about the certification application process and improving the certification relationship between fire instructors and PIs.

Lindi Holt reported that the education sub-committee will have a proposal at a later date regarding the proposed national EMS scope of practice model.

Discussion was held concerning the inclusion of splinting skills, cervical collar use, and use of a spine board by certified first responders. It was pointed out that while the skills were not in the current curriculum, the training and practice was common in the field.

Public comment included:

Randy Seals asked why not just become EMTs; Jim Christopher stated that people need to rise to the level of certification instead of lowering the level of the standard of care. Randy Fox stated that first responders have the equipment in his county and have been an important part of the county's MCI plan since 1976.

Mr. Mackey stated that many in rural communities do not wish to be EMTs but are willing to volunteer as first responders. Ms. Crain suggested that the issue was similar to the pulse oximetry issue a few years ago.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to add splinting skills, cervical collars, and spine board use to the first responder curriculum. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion failed.**

**Charles Valentine offered a motion to direct the education committee to look at adding splinting skills, cervical collar use, and the use of spine boards to the first responder curriculum. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed.**

#### EMS CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Chairman Miller reported that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is not in favor of a new certification rule fining personnel who file late in-service reports. He called for a public discussion on the issue before

the January 23<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting. The discussion is scheduled from 9A.M. until noon. The commission meeting will begin at 1 P.M. Mr. Buckman reminded personnel that the recertification forms must be postmarked prior to the expiration date.

#### WORKGROUP REPORTS

##### Trauma Protocol Workgroup

EMS District Manager Jason Smith reported that Lee Turpin led a conference call concerning patient destination issues and that staff legal counsel is studying the issue.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

##### Pending Administrative Cases

A list was given to the commission for their information only.

Petition for Administrative Review – Edward Owen, PSID # 9490-8419

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to send the petition to the Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.**

##### Probationary Certifications Issued

It was reported that the agency has issued the following Probationary Certifications:

Order No. 17-2008, Kent Weber

Order No. 19-2008, David Evans

Order No. 20-2008, Edward Owen

Order No. 21-2008, Frank Pukoszek

Order No. 22-2008, Joshua Dishon

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Request from Nature's Way Animal Rescue

Chad Taylor, representing Nature's Way Animal Rescue discussed his agency's training on the handling of animals and other animal issues during a catastrophic event.

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to authorize credit for the training. He noted that the training could fit into the categories of scene safety, incident management, and preparatory. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.**

##### Emergency Medical Services for Children Grant

**Jane Craigin offered a motion to support the grant application by the Indiana University School of Medicine and to reestablish the EMS for Children Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.**

American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Assessment

Julie Reeves presented information on the AHA's efforts to improve patient outcome and level of care given to patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction. Surveys have been sent to EMS provider organizations.

**EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:**

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

*Steve McKinley, requesting the acceptance of in-service which was filed late,*

**Dr. Olinger offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Craigin. The motion passed.**

*Josh Buck, requesting the acceptance of in-service which was filed late,*

**William Rutherford offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Terri Hamilton. The motion passed.**

*Anya Bacon, requesting the acceptance of in-service which was filed late due to confusion of PSID number with approval of certification renewal,*

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request pending verification from the medical director clarifying the date of his signature. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.**

*Joel Miller, requesting the acceptance of in-service which was filed late because he thought the training officer would send it in,*

Mr. Valentine questioned that if an individual is responsible for turning in the in-service report, then why do we send the certificate to the provider organization? Mr. Abraham responded that the system defaults to the provider affiliation's address. He also advised that the agency does not send out "dear former" letters. Ms. Craigin stated that there needs to be a check and balance of certification applications received.

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

*New Albany Fire Department on behalf of Richard Bowyer, requesting acceptance of late in-service,*

Ms. Craigin asked if the person had been advised of the process for requesting a waiver. Ms. Crain responded that he had not.

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to table the request to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.**

EMS Training Institution Waiver Requests

*St. Elizabeth Regional Health, requesting a waiver of 836 IAC 4-2-1 G, requiring proof of national accreditation,*

Alan Borck spoke on behalf of the institution. The institution had been previously certified but has just started the accreditation process.

Mr. Turpin stated that the rule had been set and that the institution should have met the deadline.

**Ms. Craigin offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion failed.**

**Ms. Hamilton offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.**

*IVY Tech, South Bend, requesting a waiver of 836 IAC 4-2-1 G, requiring proof of national accreditation,*

The school is in the accreditation process.

**Mr. Turpin offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton. The motion failed on a show of hands vote with 3 votes "Yes" and 5 votes "No."**

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

## **2009 EMS COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The proposed dates are:

Friday, January 23

Friday, March 20

Friday, July 17

Friday, September 17

Friday, November 13

**Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the dates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28P.M.