



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 2, 2012; 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Noblesville Fire Department, Station 77
15251 Olio Road
Noblesville, IN 46060

PRESENT: Leon Bell, Chairman, ALS Training Institute
Charles Ford, EMS Chief Executive Officer
Faril Ward, EMS Chief Operating Officer
Sara Brown, EMS Medical Director
Edward Bartkus, EMS Medical Director
Tina Butt, First Responder Training Director
Sherry Fetters, Vice Chairman, EMS Chief Executive Officer
Michael McNutt, BLS Training Program Director
Jessica Lawley, ALS Training Program Director
Michael Gamble, Emergency Department Director
Elizabeth Weinstein, EMS for Children

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Garvey, Chief of Staff, IDHS
Myron Mackey, EMS Commissioner
Stephanie Fahner, EMS for Children
Rick Archer, EMS State Director
Ken William, Fire Chief, Noblesville
John Zartman, EMS Commissioner
Myron Mackey, EMS Commissioner
Terri Hamilton, EMS Commissioner
Other IDHS Staff
Several members of the EMS Community

1) Meeting called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Chairman Bell

2) Roll call, quorum present

3) Adoption of minutes:

Ms. Sherry Fetters made a motion to amend the minutes to read length based recitation tape instead of Broslow's tape. Also to correct that it was Ms. Sherry Fetters not Mr. Leon Bell that reported on the Intermediate to Paramedic pilot program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sara Brown. The motion passed.

Mr. Faril Ward offered a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 14, 2012 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Ford. The motion passed.

4) Public Comment: Introductions from the audience.

5) Announcements:

Chairman Bell acknowledged that the EMS Commission is working on reviewing application for the two opened TAC positions.

Chairman Bell announced that the State Health Finance Committee meeting that was scheduled for October 9th has been moved the October 23rd in Senate Chambers at the State House at 1pm. There is a large audience expected due to the topics that are to be discussed. Topics to be discussed include paramedic licensure, report from IDHS and the ISDH, and a discussion of funding a trauma center in northeastern Indiana. Testimony is expected to be taken.

No action required.

6) Old Business:

Skipped Old Business to make sure there was time for the big topics that needed to be resolved under new business. Old business will be addressed at the next meeting if there is no time at this meeting.

7) New Business:

Overview of things to be discussed during this meeting under new business:

1. Discuss and resolve distance education
2. Advance EMT
 - a. What to do with Advanced EMT
 - b. What is the scope of practice of the Advance EMT
 - c. Recommendation for the tabled waivers from the EMS Commission

- 1) Rick Archer discussed the provider issues that go along with the new levels. The provider certification levels were left as they currently were due to still having the EMT Basic Advance and the Intermediate levels until 2014. Intermediate and Paramedic level providers can also employ Advance EMTs.

Elizabeth Fiato discussed the individual certification levels. Staff asked the EMS Commission to approve a minimum or base line curriculum to allow staff to start approving the courses. After reviewing the Advance EMT text books and curriculum staff has found that the base line or minimum for the course hours would be 175 hours (the guidance documents that are the recommendations made by staff is attached- Attachment #1). The recommended hours are for the full Advance course not the bridge course. If the TAC recommends and the EMS Commission accepts additional added on skills, then testing mechanisms have to be created to test proficiency with the added on skills.

Chairman Bell reviewed with the TAC the Indiana codes that pertain to the Advanced EMT and highlighted the changes that will need to be looked at and changed. Things that need to be clarified for the EMS Commission: does it need to be IHERN and UHF or Cellular and UHF, need to look at the wording concerning the drug list. TAC has to make some serious recommendations concerning the providers.

Chairman Bell reviewed the waiver requests that need to be reviewed by the TAC to be able to make recommendations to the EMS Commission:

The first waiver was for medication to be added:

1. Atrovent
2. Toradol
3. Epi- 1-10,000
4. Zofran in the oral dissolving tablets

The second waiver was for addition of skills:

1. Tibial or fibral I/O for Adults
2. CPAP

The third waiver was for:

1. Sinus rhythm
2. Sinus tac
3. V tac with and without pulses
4. Manual defibrillation
5. A Fib on three lead
6. 12 lead transmission- acquisition and transmission

Mr. Archer interjected that Dr. Olinger asked that the TAC explore the use of CPAP at the basic life support level

Chairman Bell also stated that Commissioner Turpen asked that the TAC also explore the use of the morgan lens at the basic life support level.

Ms. Jessica Lawley reported back on the EMT Basic advanced to Advanced bridge course that was conducted as a pilot. Eight (8) students in the first class. All eight successfully completed the course. All have completed the skill tests. Two have passed the written exam. Two are waiting on a test date to open. Four are finishing with patient contacts.

Chairman Bell discussed the way that the individual levels are interlocked. One level builds on the previous level. Reviewed with the TAC what each level is allowed to do and what skills they are allowed to perform. Chairman Bell posed the question "What is appropriate for Indiana provider organizations and education of our EMS providers?"

TAC members decided they would like to hear testimony from audience first before deliberations.

Chairman Bell called for a ten minute break before testimonies began.

Chairman Bell called the meeting back to order at 11:10 am.

The following people gave testimony concerning the add on skills and medications:

1. Jenifer Knapp from TRAA and the EMS section of the Fire Chiefs Association- spoke strongly in favor of the adult I/O and EKG.

2. Elizabeth Westfall from Vincennes University- spoke in favor of all of the additions to the AEMT. Reported on the results from the full AEMT course that she taught: all students completed course, all have taken the practical exam- one student needs to retake one station. Students need to take the written
3. Dan Alvey from Gibson County-spoke in favor of the Adult I/O and the Epi- 1-10,000
4. US Steel Jeff Sizac and Jenifer Sizac- spoke in favor of the additions.
5. Randy Samuels from Elkhart General- supports the new national standard and is in support of the 12 lead and other additions. He questions if the standards are being met and is the scope of practice taught.
6. Vicki Rush from St. Francis- Asks that the benefit verses the risk be assessed. She encourages a patient and community focus.
7. Jaren Kilian from Clay County EMS- spoke in favor of the additions
8. Chris Jones from the EMS association board of directors-
9. Tom Shoemaker from Parkview EMS- asked that the risk verses benefit be considered.
10. Kerry Hershberger from- spoke in favor of the 12 lead acquisition and transmission, manual defibrillation, adult I/O. Asked if it is possible for the testing of the additions be handled through the Acadis database. Also asked that the patient outcomes not be forgotten.
11. Michael Hunter from Harrison County Hospital- sent an email- Elizabeth Fiato read the email for the record (See attachment #2). Against additions to the AEMT.

General discussion among the TAC members took place. Ms. Sherry Fetters stated that additions to AEMT not be made before CMS makes the decision if AEMT is ALS or BLS.

Dr. Sara Brown made a motion to take additions to the AEMT item by item in order from difficult to easy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jessica Lawley. A vote was taken 6 in favor: 4 opposed; 1 did not vote. Motion passed.

Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein made a motion to remove discussion of education for AEMT from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael McNutt. A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Edward Bartkus made a motion to make the national education standards as the minimum and let the individual systems to look at the local needs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Faril Ward. Discussion followed.

Chairman Bell called for a ten minute break at 12:05 p.m.
Chairman Bell called the meeting back to order at 1:05 p.m.

The TAC members decided that they would vote on each individual element that is being considered for addition to the AEMT curriculum.

Zofran-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 1 in favor; 8 opposed; 2 did not vote. Recommendation to not add Zofran will be made to the EMS Commission.

Toradol- discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question- add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 1 in favor; 9 opposed; 1 did not vote. Recommendation to not add Toradol will be made to the EMS Commission.

Epi 1-10,000-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question- add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 2 in favor; 7 opposed; 2 did not vote. Recommendation to not add Epi 1-10,000 will be made to the EMS Commission.

Atrovent-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 1 in favor; 6 opposed; 4 did not vote. Recommendation to not add Atrivan will be made to the EMS Commission.

Monitoring 3 lead ECG/EKG acquisitions- discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 3 in favor; 6 opposed; 1 abstained; 1 did not vote. Recommendation to not add monitoring 3 lead ECG/EKG acquisitions will be made to the EMS Commission.

Manual Defibrillation-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question- to add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken and passed unanimously. Recommendation to not add manual defibrillation will be made to the EMS Commission.

12-lead acquisitions and transmission- discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 4 in favor; 5 opposed; 1 abstained; 1 did not vote. Recommendation to not add monitoring 12-lead acquisitions and transmission will be made to the EMS Commission.

Adult I/O-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT. The vote was taken 9 in favor; 1 abstain; 1 did not vote. Recommendation to add the adult I/O will be made to the EMS Commission.

CPAP- discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 2 in favor; 6 opposed; 3 did not vote. Recommendation to not add CPAP will be made to the EMS Commission.

Morgan Lens-discussion of pros and cons took place. Chairman Bell called for the question-add to the state minimum curriculum for the AEMT level. The vote was taken 2 in favor; 8 opposed; 1 did not vote. Recommendation to not add morgan lens will be made to the EMS Commission.

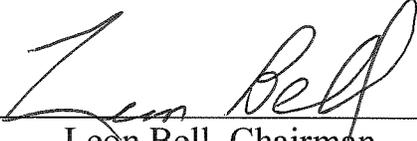
Chairman Bell called for a break at 2:20 pm.
Chairman Bell called the meeting back to order at 2:35 p.m.

Chairman Bell announced he will be sitting down with Chief of Staff Mike Garvey, Mr. Rick Archer, and staff to go through the emergency rules to help revise them.

The EMS Commission has asked that the TAC look at long distance learning and make recommendations for the curriculum for these types of course. Chairman Bell thinks that the primary education and continuing education both need to be looked over to make curriculum and acceptable continuing education. TAC will also look at the technology that is available in individual areas. TAC will also look at how this all connects with National Registry.

2) Meeting will be held at Noblesville Fire Station 77 on February 5, 2013 at 10:00am.

Dr. Edward Bartkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael McNutt. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved 
Leon Bell, Chairman