

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 15, 2009
10:02A.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 Turpin II (Paramedics)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Chief of Staff, Indiana Department
Homeland Security

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:

Chairman Miller stated that the minutes of the March 27, 2009 meeting should reflect that the commission approved the waiver for Dennis Pagni and that he abstained from the vote. **Michael Olinger offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2009 meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Myron Mackey. The minutes were approved as corrected.**

STAFF REPORTS:EMS Certification Report

EMTs	16,675
A/EMTs	1,626
PARAMEDIC	3,361
INTERMEDIATE	186
FIRST RESPONDER	6,174

John Buckman reported that the agency is working on the application form for the technical advisory committee and it will soon be posted on-line. Mr. Mackey asked about the total certifications for First Responders. He was concerned that they had dropped. Jim Abraham responded that he could provide a rolling fifth quarter report so that a comparison could be made with the previous year.

It was reported that a working group met and makes the following recommendations on the EMT electric certification process:

1) the paper process cannot be totally removed, 2) the electronic form can be completed by the individual, or 3) the electronic report can be filed by a designated provider organization, or 4) the individual can file through the National Registry. The agency will be testing the process with Brownsburg Fire Territory. Mr. Abraham stressed that no provider will be required to file for their employees. Mr. Garvey stated that regardless of the process the individual is responsible for meeting the reporting requirements.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

Rescue Squad Organizations	6
Basic Life Support Non-Transport	495
Ambulance Provider Organizations	119
EMT Basic Advanced Organization	36
EMT Basic advanced Non-Transport	12
EMT Intermediate Organization	10
EMT Intermediate Non-Transport	0
Paramedic Organization	187
Paramedic Non-Transport	16
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	21
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance	3
Total	905

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Vehicle Inspections	124
Provider/Hospital//Training Institution Applications	116
EMS Provider Visits	117
EMS Provider Audits	1
Hospital Visits	5

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain reported that EMS Operations staff had been busy attending media conferences and working with groups within the agency regarding the H1N1 influenza response.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the agency is processing about 1,000 reports per day. He noted that the provider organizations with waivers are still holding their reports in anticipation of the agency being able to receive them. He also hopes to have the new rules in place by October 1.

EMS TRAINING STAFF REPORT

EMS Training Manager Julia Fox stated that the agency was still searching for contract instructors, the agency is in the final stages of procurement for the mobile simulation lab, and the Ambulance Strike Team Leader training is being scheduled. She reminded providers that the deadline for autism training is December 31, 2010 and the training program is now on-line.

Janet Archer, Indiana State Department of Health advised that ISDH is working on altered standards of care for health care professionals in regard to pandemic flu situations. She encouraged the commission to give guidance to EMS personnel on this issue. She stated that EMS personnel should not be placed in the position of making life or death decisions in the field. Agency Council Mara Snyder asked if the issue of patient choice on whether to go to a facility has been addresses. It has not. She encouraged the commission to address this. Lee Turpin advised that the use of non-certified personnel could dissolve 80% of reimbursement funds on the federal level. He said many issues need to be considered and there needs to be a local trigger to initiate altered standards of care.

WORKGROUP PEPORTS

Trauma Protocol Workgroup

EMS District manager Jason Smith presented a revised protocol to the commission as an FYI. He stated that he is waiting on feedback from providers and will give a report at the next commission meeting. There is a question on the statement about patient choice. Chairman Miller encouraged all providers to give feedback on the protocols. Mr. Smith can be reached at jsmith@dhs.in.gov.

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

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

Non-Final Order

Edward Owen:

Ms. Snyder presented a non-final order from the administrative law judge for the commission's consideration.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to affirm the order of the ALJ placing Mr. Owen on probation for a period of 1 year from the effective date of the order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed.

Petitions for Review

Bernard Mickler: petition to review issuance of order 09-2009

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to grant the petition for review. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

Stephen Sikora: petition to review issuance of order 11-2009

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to grant the petition for review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Probationary Orders Issued

The agency has issued the following probationary orders:

Shawn Sarrazin - 01-2009

Gregory Werden - 03-2009

Thomas Cobb - 04-2009

Jacob Cox - 05-2009

Jon Meseralauull - 06-2009

David Palmer - 07-2009

Robert Blumck - 08-2009

Bernard Mickler - 09-2009

Jennifer Beyer -10-2009

Stephen Sikora - 11-2009

Jacob Palina - 12-2009

OLD BUSINESSLegislative Report

Chief of Staff Garvey reported on legislation of interest: Effective July 1, the commission membership will include a position for a program director of an ALS training institution and the deputy executive director of the preparedness and training division of the department of homeland security or his designee. Also, effective 12/31/2009 EMD centers will not be required to have a medical director and emergency medical dispatchers will not be required to be certified by the commission.

Mr. Garvey also reported that Senate resolution 73 urges the legislative council to assign a committee to study and define the relationships among the medical director the provider and the certified EMS personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Adoption of LSA doc #08-879

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve LSA Doc. 08-879 as published in the Indiana Register on March 4 2009 as PRA 20090304-IR836080879. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed.

Request for Honorary EMT Certification

Mr. Smith offered a request to grant an Honorary EMT Certificate to Donna Randall in appreciation for her 37-year contribution to the citizens of Jennings County.

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Terri Hamilton. The motion passed.

EMS Week Proclamation

Mr. Garvey announced that the governor has issued a proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23, 2009 as EMS Week in Indiana.

Discussion of Request from St. Mary's Warrick Hospital EMS

Mr. Garvey relayed a request for guidance from Joe Gamble EMS Director at St. Mary's Warrick EMS. Mr. Gamble has received a request from an out of state training institution to allow its paramedic students to be precepted by St. Mary's Warrick EMS personnel. His concern was that the students were not Indiana certified. The commission advised that either St. Mary's Warrick could ask for a waiver or the students, who are nationally registered, could apply for certification through reciprocity.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Jim Abraham presented the following waiver requests:

The commission granted waivers of reporting rules and the acceptance of in-service which was filed late to the following:

Tim Head – Motion by Charles Valentine and second by Mr. Gordon

Roger Utley –

Rebecca Reeves –

Joseph Bucinski -

The commission granted the following waivers to extend the time limit for completion of training requirements for a period of 6 months

Brooke Marley – Motion by Mr. Valentine and second by Mr. Gordon

Holly Wright – Motion by Mr. Valentine and second by Mr. Gordon

The commission denied the following waiver requests:

Twila Lutz – requesting reinstatement of EMT certification

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to deny the request because of failure to meet all training requirements within the 2 year period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valentine. The motion passed.

Mr. Abraham asked the commission for guidance on an issue of a training institution that held a first responder course without prior approval. He was advised to refer the issue to staff for resolution.

Provider Waiver Requests

EMS District Manager Tom Nowacki presented the following waiver request:

Porter EMS Renewal of waiver for IAC 836 2-7.2-3(5) medications

Mr. Valentine offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hamilton. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following request:

Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service: IAC 836 2-7.2-3 addition of Zofran and Benedryl to the EMT-I medication list

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed. Jane Craigin abstained.

Gibson County EMS renewal of waiver of IAC 836 2-1 (h) (2) EMT on a paramedic response

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

EMS District Manager Don Watson Presented the following waiver request:

Allen County Sheriff's Dept. SWAT Team: IAC 836 2-14-3 (b) (3), audible back-up warning device and IAC 836 2-14-3 (c) (2), reflective material

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

Data Registry Waivers

Mr. Nelson presented the following requests to hold data until the state can receive data in the new NEMSIS format

Greenfield Fire Territory – Motion by Mr. Valentine and second by Ms. Hamilton. The motion passed

Pike County EMS – Motion by Mr. Valentine and second by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed

Riley Fire Department – Motion by Mr. Valentine and second by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chief of Staff Garvey reported that the agency is proceeding with draft rules and reprioritizing administrative duties. The agency is looking at how inspections are done and adding teeth to violations. If you don’t have the equipment, expect to be fined. Staff will be concentrating on audits, technical assistance, and district involvement.

Chairman Miller presented a Lifetime Honorary EMT Certificate to EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain who is retiring after almost 25 years of service. Ms. Crain also received a bouquet of flowers from The Indiana Ambulance Association. Jerry Key and Randy Fox were the presenters. Through tears, laughter, and several standing ovations, Ms. Crain reviewed the events and progress made in EMS during her tenure. A reception was held after the meeting in her honor.

2009 EMS COMMISSION MEETINGS

The proposed dates are:

Friday, July 17, Batesville Primary School, 760 State Road 46 West, Batesville

Friday, September 18

Friday, November 13

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.