

**DRAFT**  
**Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting**  
**NM State Library, Santa Fe**  
**April 27, 2016**

Committee Attendees:

Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair  
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1  
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair  
Joaquin Graham, Region 2  
BJ Brunt-Palmer, NM Nurses Association  
Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR  
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society  
James Williams, EMS Region 3  
Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association  
Kathie Schaffer, EMSC

Absent:

Mike Richards, MD, UNM Health Sciences  
Art Rios, NENA  
Kurt Krumperman, NM Ambulance Association  
Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC  
Vacant, Consumer Advocate  
Vacant, NM Public Safety Representative  
Vacant, NM Hospital Association

**Pete Bellows called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and introductions were made.**  
There was a quorum in attendance.

Additions to Agenda:

There were no additions or deletions to be made to the agenda.

Proxies:

Art Rios gave his proxy to Joaquin Graham.

Approval of Minutes:

**The minutes from the February 3, 2016 meeting were approved, as moved by Chad Hamill and seconded by BJ Brunt-Palmer. Ann Martinez shared a clarification stating that “extensions of EMS Fund Act and Annual Service Reports are due on February 8” and all approved with a minor amendment to the Fund Act report section.**

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee:

There was no update for today.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Dr. Moore stated that during the last meeting of March 4, 2016 the Committee worked on Scope of Practice changes.

The MDC committee wanted to keep Tranexamic Acid (TXA) in the Special Skill realm to make sure that hospitals would continue the drug once it was initiated.

Ketamine was not brought up to the Committee for a vote to include in the SOP. A number of special skills requests have been approved. There are currently 3 vacancies on the Medical Direction Committee; the Region 1 EMS physician position, the EMT-Paramedic position, and the EMS Region 3 physician position. Vetting by the Governor's office has been completed for the Paramedic position.

The next MDC meeting is on June 24, 2016 at 0930 hrs. at the CNM Workforce Training Center.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee Report:

Jessica Medrano stated that the JOE's annual retreat was held in Ruidoso on March 2-3, 2016. They reviewed their amended by-laws, 2016 Goals, the approval process for training institutions, review performance of each school, approve Instructor Coordinators, and identify a better way to assess student standards. They have an updated Instructor Coordinator list on the JOE link for their website. The NREMT pass rates have been compiled into 1 report and can be sent out to the SWAC members.

The JOE meeting schedule for the rest of 2016 is:

June 24; 1:30pm CNM, WTC

September 9; 1:30pm CNM, WTC

December 9; 1:30pm CNM, WTC

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

Kathie Schafer stated that the EMS for Children NASEMSO Pediatric Council will be having a meeting in April 2016. The EMSC is making sure that children transport safety standards are in place and they are currently testing current products and the use of aftermarket products in EMS. She will have more for her report in July, 2016.

Trauma Advisory Systems Stakeholder Committee (Trauma Advisory Committee):

Liana Lujan would like email her report to the Committee at a later date.

Public Regulation Commission:

Amanda Grey gave an update on the statewide tariff; her report will go to the Commission in 2 weeks. The report will detail comments on pre-filed testimony. If anyone would like to comment they must go through the docketing process.

EMS Bureau Updates:

The electronic reports were read to the Committee by Charles Schroeder, EMS Program Manager.

There are new security measures deployed with the new wallet cards to assist in helping to identify forgeries. The EMT licensure verification report is considered the most secure way to identify if someone is duly licensed. The report is updated on a weekly basis.

The Bureau had anticipated a 10% major hit rate on our background checks, however we have matched less than approximately 1%, of our EMT population.

Trauma Program:

Liana Lujan provided the following information for Trauma:

The Trauma System Fund Authority met on April 6 to distribute \$2.4M to existing Trauma Centers, Developing Trauma Centers, and for Trauma System Development. The Fund Authority voted to award

12 hospitals a total of \$2,167,720 and for trauma system developing 14 projects totaling \$281,023 was also awarded.

DESIGNATED AND DEVELOPING TRAUMA CENTERS	
UNM Hospital	\$775,757.00
San Juan Regional	\$281,093.00
Christus St. Vincent's	\$274,521.00
Carlsbad Medical Center	\$154,441.00
Gerald Champion Regional	\$164,377.00
Roosevelt General Hospital	\$66,796.00
Sierra Vista Hospital	\$76,282.00
Nor Lea General Hospital	\$67,388.00
Gallup Indian Medical Center	\$162,759.00
Miners Colfax Medical Center	\$60,653.00
Mountain View Regional	\$26,082.00
Union County General Hospital	\$57,571.00
	<b>\$2,167,720.00</b>
TRAUMA SYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS	
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funded amount</b>
Miners' Colfax Medical Center	\$7,949.00
UNM ThinkFirst	\$5,000.00
Memorial Medical Center	\$2,520.00
Sierra Vista Hospital	\$4,795.20
Sierra Vista Hospital	\$7,785.00
NorLea General Hospital	\$5,873.00

Village of San Jon	\$10,934.55
Boles Acres Fire/Rescue	\$15,500.00
Roosevelt General Hospital	\$824.50
Roosevelt General Hospital	\$5,884.00
Carlsbad Medical Center	\$14,277.60
Union County Hospital	\$20,906.07
UNM RTTDC	\$3,774.49
EMS/ Trauma Program	\$175,000.00
	<b>\$281,023.41</b>

Stroke/STEMI Programs:

Alyssa Patterson stated that the STEMI program is waiting for the EMS guidelines to be approved for release by the DOH, the STEMI Protocol subcommittee is polishing the formatting on the referring hospital guidelines/protocols for approval by the DOH. The STEMI program is working on a map to provide locations of hospitals with lytic or PCI capabilities that could be published on the EMSB website. The Stroke program has been moving forward with establishing a dashboard to look at data from hospitals on a bi-monthly basis. (This is a self-report as we do not have enough hospitals yet to receive a report from Quintiles). A Stroke Protocol subcommittee has been formed and will meet on a bi-monthly basis (first meeting 5/19) to discuss the Statewide Stroke protocols including EMS protocols. Anyone is welcome to attend and help shape the future direction of EMS care.

There will be a free education event again this summer on July 15<sup>th</sup> covering Stroke and STEMI topics hosted by AHA at Presbyterian, this is a one day event offering EMS and nursing CMEs.

NMEMSTARS Program:

Charles Becvarik stated that in NMEMSTARS, the number of services reporting were 344 or 97.4% of agencies. The total runs collected was 2,891,950.

The EMS Bureau is in the process of updating the NMEMSTARS System to the national NEMSIS 3 level. We will be updating services as we get closer to the implementation and rollout dates. We are anticipating the go-live date to be January 1, 2017, for full implementation. As we get closer to having a working formatted run form on the new system, we will be asking several services to be beta users, to

input and use the new system. The beta group must be directly entering their run forms into the NMEMSTARS system. The regional NMEMSTARS coordinators will be contacting services in the next couple weeks to start the process.

We encourage services to maintain their scheduled input/export into the NMEMSTARS system. There are several services in each region that have not submitted data to date this year (not to mention over half the air services are not reporting). Please contact the regional NMEMSTARS coordinators or the EMS Bureau for assistance.

The NMEMSTARS update will facilitate the stream-lining of reporting requirements and provide an intuitive reporting tool that has the ability to track the skills of individual users, provide a comprehensive EMS report for each patient interaction and have all documentation available for the EMS provider in a logical format.

EMS Communications:

Shannon Talent, EMS Communications Coordinator stated that Regis Chavarria and Shannon met with Albuquerque Ambulance Service (AAS) about some communication issues, they will meet again for follow up. Shannon will be meeting with DoIT to view their 5 and 10 year plan regarding Land Mobile Radio (LMR) communication.

Charles Schroeder, EMS Program Manager presented the Bureau operations report:

From the Licensing Commission Meeting of February 9, 2016:

Impaired Practitioner Program; 3 participants  
Investigations; 0, 4 in process  
Background Check Violations; 2  
Suspensions; 1  
Revocations; 1  
Letter of Censure: 2  
Denial of Licensure; 1  
No Action: 0

Parental Responsibility Act:

Suspension; 1  
Denial; 0  
Warned; 1  
Reinstated; 0

1 applications for licensure approval  
1 applications denied  
5 waiver request approved  
0 waiver request denied

The next EMS Licensing Commission meeting will be held on May 10, 2016 in Albuquerque.

EMS Program:

The EMS Epidemiology position was denied by our Division; hopefully we will be able to resubmit for the position in July.

The DOT Licensing Project utilized federal money from the National Highway Transportation safety Administration (NHTSA); a moratorium on online payments stopped the project. We are seeking a compromise with the Department of Information Technology (DoIT).

EMS Region 2 is working with the Bureau to complete all of their medical recue certifications by the end of May.

The Albuquerque Metro Area fire and EMS agencies have put together a Metro Peer Support Program (MPSP) to augment the State Crisis Support Team. The MPSP is obtaining members from their agencies to assist in interagency critical incident stress debriefings. They will have the same training as the NMCST and will be used as a resource as needed. Trainings have been funded through a grant. In the future, the MPSP intends on rolling their training to other interested regional fire/EMS/LE agencies in the state.

UNMH Lifeguard and 7Bar Aviation have completed their initial certification in early April to bring on a new rotor wing (Augusta 119KX) that will be housed in Albuquerque.

Important meeting dates:

Air Ambulance, Atlantic Aviation: 6/7/2016  
Medical Direction Committee, CNM/Abq: 6/24/2016  
Joint Organization on Education, CNM/Abq: 6/24/2016  
SWAC, Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid: 7/27/2016

EMS Statistics as of 04/21/2016:

Dispatcher 499  
Dispatch Instructor 17  
EMT-Basic 2968  
EMT-Intermediate 1676  
EMT-Paramedic 1714  
EMS First Responder 414  
Total: 7288

Licensing Report:

Martin Moulton provided licensing results:  
The National Registry test results for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, (Initial Attempt Only):  
First Responder applicants testing - 16  
Initial Attempt Pass - 75%

EMT-Basic applicants testing - 74  
Initial Attempt Pass - 72 %

EMT-I applicants testing - 13  
Initial Attempt Pass - 62 %

EMT-Paramedic applicants testing - 14  
Initial Attempt Pass Rate - 86%

Total Licenses Renewed March 31, 2016: 2,640

Expired Licenses:

Disp		100
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Disp-I		1
EMT-B		387
EMT-I		112
EMT-P		93
FR		107
Total		800

(879 Kickoff letters mailed and 79 have been reconciled)  
 Needed fingerprints: 525

Initial Licenses Issued 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016:

<b>Disp</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Disp-I</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>EMT-B</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>EMT-I</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>EMT-P</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>FR</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>8</b>

Kyle Thornton notified the Committee of the death of Department of Health Secretary, Retta Ward. Interims leadership are Deputy Secretary's Gabriel Sanchez-Sandoval and Lynn Gallagher.

The Budget for our Bureau is tight again this year. Each EMS Region has been cut by \$5,000 out of each contract for FY16 and FY17. Potential cuts are being considered for the Stroke and STEMI programs (hospital funding would likely be cut). The EMS Fund Act would be cut by \$250,000 and the Trauma Fund cut by \$500,000 for a total of a \$1.7 million cut for FY16 and FY17.

James Williams mentioned a Senate Bill 262 that would require Law Enforcement to carry Narcan in their units. The storage and temperature requirements will be held to the same standard as required by the NM Pharmacy Board. The driving force behind the program has left the Department of Health; the discussion is now between the Public Health Division and the Pharmacy Board.

Dr. Brian Moore stated that at the Federal level there is a drive to create evidence based guidelines for opioid use treatment and to add Narcan at the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) scope of practice.

The EMS Compass Project is currently identifying performance measures for the following topics: Seizures, Stroke, and Hypoglycemia. They are accepting Public Comment through May 6, 2016.

There was discussion of the Code Green Initiative for First Responder suicides; and through the National Association of EMS Physicians, House Bill 4365 for Protecting Patient Access and the role of Emergency Medical Services.

EMS Region 1 Update:

Carlton Albert stated that Retrac meetings have been going well (they have 5 in Region 1), they are discussing patient and communication protocols. They have been assisting in Fund Act review and completing Medical Rescue Certification inspections. They are finalizing the details for their annual conference at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid on July 25-30, 2016.

EMS Region 2:

Doug Campion reported that their conference will be held on November 2, 3, and 4, 2016. The business meetings will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Doug recognizes Stuart Castle who has been a great addition to their staff. They are identifying data for senior citizen falls that may help steer the direction of a harm reduction program. They held a Community CPR (hands only) course that was very successful.

### EMS Region 3:

James Williams reported for Donnie Roberts, who reported that they are meeting the needs of the EMS agencies in their area. In addition, he welcomed all to the EMS Region 3 conference.

### EMS Training Schools:

#### UNM EMS Academy (EMSA)

Shelly McLaughlin stated that the EMS Academy has 120 instructor coordinators statewide. They will be holding another Instructor Coordinator course on June 6, 2016. As far as courses go, they have 12 EMSFR, 20 EMT-B, 6 EMT-I and 6 EMT-P. They will have taught 30 refreshers and 6 transition courses through April 2016. All but 2-3 were online courses. The Academy has also taught successful AFD and 68 Whiskey courses. Rob McDaniels has stepped down for the Director position. That position has been filled in the interim by Jan Veasart.

#### Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)

Jessica Medrano stated that they have had a \$7 million dollar shortfall. CNM will hold an Instructor Coordinator course in May 2016 and will hold some refresher courses.

Their current courses are:

- 1 EMSFR (in-house) and 1 EMSFR (dual credit that will begin in March).
- 2 Paramedic courses
- 2 AEMT courses per term
- 6 Basic EMT classes per term; 1 with AFD
- 1 Community Paramedic

#### ENMU-Roswell

Jessie Davis stated that their February 1<sup>st</sup> JOE site visit went well and that they have submitted their self-study. They have been going through their policy and procedures and making revisions as necessary. They currently have 16 Paramedic students and are accepting applications for their June Cohort.

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) – Sahaj Khalsa stated that they have received their Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) executive analysis back and will have a site visit in the fall of 2016. Sahaj is projecting that they will have graduated 16 EMT-Paramedic graduates. Their next cohort will be in June 2016. They are also finishing 1 EMT-Basic and 2 EMT-Intermediate courses. They have received a Sunpath Grant that will allow for a common course numbering system to allow students to transfer between schools more easily.

#### San Juan Community College (SJCC)

Mike Buldra stated that SJCC will have an EMT-Basic course, an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and continuing education classes in the summer. In the fall of 2016, they will offer 2 each of EMR, EMT-B and AEMT courses. They will be offering 3 combination refresher courses and applications will be due on May 31 for their hybrid program.

#### Dona Ana Branch Community College (DABCC)

There was no report given.

Permian Basin Regional Training Center just restarted an Emergency Medical Services program and are offering 2 First Responder, a First Responder refresher, an EMT-Basic and an EMR to EMT bridge course.



Other Business:

Legislative Bills that the EMS Bureau will put forth for the next Legislative session will be for REPLICA, which is an Interstate Compact that will allow for limited state to state movement for EMS professionals. The other will be for the amendment of the EMS Fund Act, this Bill would improve funding for agencies that regionalize their operations. The Bureau will also be putting forth some rule changes primarily for clean-up, but the will allow the Bureau to improve the licensing process; moving to a blueprinted base refresher course. In order for the Department to act on a specific rule revision, the Secretary must be appointed.

Joaquin Graham presented a PowerPoint on the results of the EMT Needs Survey that was sent out approximately 1 year ago: The survey was sent to 239 agencies in 32 counties. The counties of Bernalillo, Valencia, Dona Ana and Otero all reported a need for additional EMT's at all levels. The need by level per county are as follows:

EMS FR	20%
EMT-B	36%
EMT-I	27%
EMT-P	15%

The EMS Community should target funding and classes to appropriate areas. This information should be shared with the EMS training schools. There are some caveats; the survey is not scientific, but was gleaned from the annual service reports. For next year, Joaquin stated that he would like to take information like this and have the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee apply for a Statewide Improvement grant and create / distribute EMS recruitment advertisements towards high school seniors and college freshmen. Sahaj mentioned that the NM Workforce Solutions lump salary information of EMT and Paramedics into one bucket. It would be useful if they could separate the EMT and Paramedic data to see a better representation the potential salaries for each position.

**A subcommittee of the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee was formed to further explore the topic of recruitment and retention. The members are: Joaquin Graham, Chair; James Williams; Nate Lay; BJ Brunt-Palmer; and Chad Hamill.**

EMS Fund Act report:

The report was presented by Ann Martinez.

The FY13 applications were in process. Out of 50 applications, 24 agencies were awarded funds, 2 are pending approval and there were 3 donations.

There are 2 start-up applications for this meeting. Eagle Air Med and AeroCare Medical Transport. AMRG is the parent company for both air agencies. They are applying for outreach and community education. Both air providers are fixed wing air agencies in NM and are not dispatched through the 911 system.

**James Williams moved to deny both agencies based on non-compliance with the NMEMSTARS system, seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved.**

Ann stated that she will have a booth at the vendor show and that she will be presenting a class on the EMS Fund Act during the conference.

There was a discussion surrounding an EMS Fund Act cap for FY17.

**Gregg Kotila moved to keep the cap at \$20,000 for the EMS Fund Act Distribution. Seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved.**

Dr. Moore asked in general, how much was this year's distribution? \$3.0M and there was \$3.8M requested.

Joaquin Graham asked that the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee redefine who is eligible for the EMS Fund Act distributions at the July 2016 meeting. The EMS Fund Act Rules Subcommittee will be reviewing the "eligibility of Fund Act" in the near future.

Gregg Kotila announced the names of the EMS Fund Act (Local Systems Improvement, Vehicle Purchase and Statewide Projects) Awardees \*.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date will be July 27, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., in Albuquerque, NM.

**Chad Hamill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by James Williams. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.**

\* The spreadsheet for awardees may be provided upon request.