

DRAFT
Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting
Mesilla Community Center, Las Cruces, NM
November 7, 2018

Committee Attendees:

Joaquin Graham, Region 2
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1 – *via phone*
Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association
Kathie Schafer, EMSC
Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair
James Williams, EMS Region 3
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair

Via Telephone:

Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR
Darren Braude, UNM Health Sciences

Absent:

Kurt Krumperman, NM Ambulance Association
Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society
Vacant, NM Nurses Association
Vacant, NENA
Vacant, Consumer Advocate
Vacant, NM Public Safety Representative
Vacant, NM Hospital Association

Pete Bellows called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and introductions were made.

There was a quorum of filled positions in attendance.

Mick Leo's proxy was held by Kathie Schafer

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 25, 2018 meeting were approved, as corrected. Moved by Chad Hamill and seconded by Kathie Schafer. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee: The EMS Bureau is currently working on a revision to the Air Medical rule.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Dr. Joy Crook gave the Medical Direction (MDC) report via telephone. The Medical Direction Committee met in Albuquerque on December 14. The Special Skills subcommittee reviewed the process on the format for special skills reports, it was determined that a vote was not necessary – just a change to the process. The Special Skills subcommittee also discussed the development of a Critical Care Scope of Practice for New Mexico. Motion did not pass, will revisit later. The Treatment Guidelines update will be up on the Bureau's website in a few weeks. There was discussion regarding addition and removal of items from the NM Scopes of Practice. There was one recommendation submitted to the Bureau on the

EMS Bureau change form. Dr. Crook reviewed her PowerPoint deck for proposed scope changes. Phenylephrine already in scope as “pressors,” TXA for Intermediates – support, Keep Lasix in Scope, Narcotics at the Intermediate level w/o Medical Direction – supportive, NSAIDs / Tylenol - supportive, Advise delay of Ketamine for pain & sedation, generalize gastric tubes, Epinephrine at 1st Responder level (education/time issue), Review class of medication monitoring – clarify infusion termination and adjust as needed. All NM Scope of Practice recommendations need to be documented on the forms provided by the EMS Bureau. AFR will begin using their special skill for Ultrasound Point of Care.

All renewals for special skills were approved in one vote:

- Roswell Fire Department; Diltiazem, Ketamine, Enalapril
- AMR Las Cruces; Diltiazem, Ketamine, TXA
- Lifeguard; CCT skills & medications
- Sierra Vista Hospital; STEMI protocols, ACLS/PALS for Intermediates
- AeroCare; Ketamine modification, CCT skills & medications
- Gallup Med Flight; RSI, Pediatric Intubation

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee:

Sahaj Khalsa sent the JOE report via email:

The JOE has updated the EMS curriculum for all levels. They have also worked to create a process for in-state internships for students from out-of-state programs. Have approved 2 students through this process. Created a working group who will be meeting later this month to discuss common course numbering, as required by the state HED.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

Discussed upcoming opportunities with Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC). The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator can work together to improve education and opportunities for EMS Providers. Based on this initiative a HRSA PECC Learning Collaborative was established as a supplemental grant; NM applied for and was awarded \$100,000 grant. This gives us an opportunity for EMS services to shape what Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) means for NM. Other NM Goals include establishing a “NM State Team” for pediatric care, identify agencies by region that may be willing to participate in collaborative and obtain earnest “buy-in” from NM EMSC for ongoing support.

Trauma Advisory Committee (TAC): The report will be given with the EMS Bureau report.

Public Regulation Commission Advisory Committee (PRC):

Joaquin Graham gave the PRC report. The PRC Advisory is seeking clarification on the random drug screening rule and meet with Avelino Gutierrez, Director in order to streamline the rule to match EMS providers, rather than truck drivers. Amanda Gray is no longer with the PRC and the new Point of Contact is Inspector James Martinez. Discussion regarding DOT physicals were tabled to the April 2019 meeting.

EMS Bureau Updates:

Contracts have been awarded for the EMS Regions. The awardees are:
Region 1 – Eastern New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Corporation
EMS Region 2 – Region II Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
EMS Region 3 - Eastern New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Corporation

Regions 1 & 3 are not combined, but are separate entities with different Boards of Directors. The contracts are 4 year renewable contracts and can be renewed automatically.

We have a new Governor coming in this coming year, so there may be some procedural changes that the EMS Bureau will deal with.

NMEMSTARS

The EMS Bureau has been working to transition NMEMSTARS V2 to V3. All services should plan on being completely transitioned to V3 by January 1st – no runs will be counted after this point for Fund Act. The Bureau is working with colleagues at SFCC to look at pre-hospital pain management in a diverse variety of patient populations. We're also collaborating with the Department of Transportation to provide information about fatal motor vehicle crashes and gain safety improvement data from those records. NMEMSTARS is also being used to perform surveillance for influenza cases and Narcan use.

The EMS Bureau has been assisting agencies with accessing and analyzing their own data. For trauma data, we have been focusing on improving data quality in the registry. We have also been looking at outcomes such as time to transfer, number of transfers, and patient mortality. Our goal is to use data to start giving feedback to hospitals about areas of success and where there is room for improvement.

EMS Communications

The following medical channels have been licensed by DOH/EMS Bureau, for utilizing if necessary:

MED 12
MED 32
MED 42
MED 52
MED 62
MED 72
MED 82
MED 92
MED 102

The DOH has given Albuquerque Ambulance Service (AAS) permission to utilize Med. channel 92 and 102 for Cedro Peak and Tesuque Peak for dispatch purposes. Shannon Talent is the EM Resource point of contact in the EMS Bureau.

Trauma Program

Liana Lujan attended the Healthcare Preparedness Program and Regional Healthcare Coalition training in conjunction with BHEM. These trainings were held both in Las Cruces and Santa Fe, NM. Mike Guinn attended ReTrAC meetings in Portales, Hobbs, and Clayton, NM. FY20 Trauma System Development Applications and Performance Improvement were discussed at these meetings. Liana Lujan attended Southwest ReTrAC in Las Cruces to discuss Performance Improvement as well as destination protocols for the area. Liana Lujan and Mike Guinn attended Northern ReTrAC in Santa Fe, NM and a few things that were discussed with the attendees were the development of Destination Protocols, ReTrAC Bylaws as well as Performance Improvement and Trauma System Development Applications. Liana Lujan along with two surveyors completed a level III re-verification survey at San Juan Regional Medical Center in September.

Stroke & STEMI Program

To facilitate the improvement of cardiac and stroke care in New Mexico, the EMS Bureau is able to award funding for data registry fees. The EMS Bureau is excited to provide funding to the following hospitals for FY19:

1. Carlsbad Medical Center

2. Eastern New Mexico Medical Center
3. Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center
4. Lea Regional Medical Center
5. Lovelace Medical Center & Heart Hospital
6. Lovelace Westside Medical Center
7. Mountain View Regional Medical Center
8. Presbyterian Main Hospital
9. Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services
10. San Juan Regional Medical Center
11. UNM Hospital

EMS Licensing

Nikki Arana gave the EMS Licensing Report. The following are NREMT pass/fail statistics and current EMT population numbers:

National Registry Pass/ Fail

	Attempted Exam	First Attempt Pass
FR	13	77%
EMT	115	82%
AEMT	41	76%
EMT-P	46	83%

Initial Licenses Issued ((07/01/2018-11/01/2018) = 398

Disp	36
Disp-I	0
FR	33
Basic	183
Intermediate	87
Paramedic	59

Current Active Licenses

Disp	567
Disp-I	18
FR	393
Basic	3196
Intermediate	1824
Paramedic	1964
Total	7962

Licenses due to expire = 3820

We have begun to accept new renewal applications. The license verification and audit lists are posted. Background Checks for renewals with the last name M-Z and CE numbers and application processes are being revised effective January 2019.

EMS FUND ACT

Ann Martinez provided the Fund Act report. Ann has been working with agencies on their carryover and conducting several quick audits to confirm monies left in accounts. Further, assisting new Finance Administrators in understanding how the Fund Act works and answer any questions on Fund Act rules and items for expenditure. FY 20 Local Funding applications are now available and are due in January,

while Special Projects are due next week Nov. 16th. Ann would like the Chair to pick the SWAC sub-committee for Special Projects, so she can have packets ready for the January meeting in Santa Fe.

The sub-committee members are:

- Kathie Schafer
- Gregg Kotila
- Joaquin Graham
- Pete Bellows
- Chad Hamill
- James Williams

Applications should be available on the EMS Regional websites for a Word fillable document. January 25 is the due date for Local Funding applications.

Operations Report

EMS Licensing Commission:

Impaired Practitioner Committee: 1 active

Parental Responsibility Act: 1 Warning, 1 suspension, 1 Certificate of Compliance

Non-sufficient funds: 1 denial

Cease & Desist: 2

Investigations: 3

Waiver request: 0

Meeting Dates:

- Statewide EMS Advisory Committee, 1/30/2019, 1330 hrs., Santa Fe
- EMS Licensing Commission, 11/13/2018, 1000 hrs. Scientific Labs, Albuquerque
- Air Ambulance 12/4/2018, 1300 hrs., Atlantic Aviation, Albuquerque
- Medical Direction 12/14/2018, 0930 hrs., CNM Workforce
- JOE 12/14/18, 1300 hrs., CNM Workforce
- EMS Region 3 Conference meeting day, 4/24/2019

Regional Updates

EMS Region 1 Report

Donnie Roberts reported that EMS Region 1 held their first Board of Director's meeting on October 23, 2018. There are 14 members on the Board. Chad Kim is the Chair, Lester Gary, Vice Chair and the SWAC member is Gregg Kotila. Melinda Shaw is doing inspections and working with Region 1 counties' questions related to Fund Act. EMS Region 1/3 is providing technical support throughout the state. Donnie is using the Region 3 website for both regions. They are also attending Retracs in the area.

EMS REGION II

Doug Campion thanked everyone for coming to their conference, which is free for EMT's. Their corporate sponsors have been generous providing food, snacks and continuing education to their

guests. In addition to the conference Region II is hosting the Trauma Workgroups: TRW/TNCF, the Trauma Performance Improvement Committee and the SW Retrac.

EMS REGION III

Donnie Roberts reported that they will be coordinating the Epidemiology Conference next week at the Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque. They are expecting approximately 250 people. Region 3 has received a contract through the DOH Flex Grant and will educate Medical Directors in the QA process through the NMEMSTARS system. Region 3 will oversee Megacall EMD for the NM State Police Academy. Their video loan program is very active as is their AHA Training Center. Region 3 continues to work with Retracs, Critical Access Hospital activities and Trauma designated hospitals.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

UNM EMSA

Lyndsay Eakes update included that the EMS Academy was awarded \$14,000 of scholarships. The Academy would like to push the scholarships out to the rural areas in order to increase the number of students entering the testing process.

The EMS Academy currently has 3 EMT-Paramedic courses going. They have 1 open faculty position in the PJ program. In 2018, they have completed 7 EMSFR, 28 EMT-B and 11 EMT-Intermediate courses.

DABCC

Ann Bellows presented that they have three Paramedic cohorts going on now. They have started a program with the Las Cruces Fire Department. Currently they have 1 EMS FR, 4 EMT-Basic and 2 EMT-Intermediate courses. They completed 1 Instructor Coordinator update that was well received. Regarding refresher courses; they have completed 3 combination refreshers and 2 Paramedic refreshers. DABCC has the following NREMT exams pending: AEMT in December and Paramedic in January.

SFCC

Sahaj Khalsa provided the following email report: SFCC is finishing one paramedic cohort with 12 students graduating beginning of December. Started new paramedic cohort of 18 mid-October; graduating December 2019. Finishing EMT-I and EMT classes early December. Running continuing education/refresher courses for various departments in Northern NM. SFCC is short staffed and looking to hire faculty by end of the year. They have received unrestricted national accreditation from CoAEMSP through 2022.

SJCC

Diane Meyer provided a written report: SJC is currently finishing up one EMT class, one EMT-I class (didactic and lab portions), refreshers that will no longer be called refreshers after this semester. We completed an EMR class the end of October. Our paramedic class is in its third semester, and have program finals next week, followed by internships! Our next paramedic cohort is due to start in fall of 2019. SJCC is actively seeking/advertising for a full-time paramedic faculty.

CNM

Jessica Medrano provided the following written report:

We have a first responder class at Career Enrichment Center via APS. Kyle Cole taught a specialized first response course at General Mills. We have six basic classes going, one at AFR. We have two Intermediate classes going, one in the evening at BCFD. We have three paramedic classes going currently. We taught the CE package at NM Fire and EMS Expo. Partnership with criminal justice - providing peer observation service for APD instructors. CNM has hired patient actors. Will be scheduling for spring Hybrid EMT Basic that will begin in fall 2019. We are piloting the online course shell this spring. Working on a hybrid intermediate class for spring. Working on a fast track Associates degree - very early stages. Finishing a CE package in November - 24 enrolled. Will graduate 8 CHW

students this term. We are currently interviewing part time faculty. Our Dean, Dr. Mason is retiring in December. This is a huge loss for the school of HWPS, she is extremely supportive of the EMS Program.

ENMU-R

Jessie Davis provided the following written report: The ENMU-Roswell EMS Program currently has been extremely busy with multiple courses going on and with 2019 looking to be an extremely busy year. We have new leadership on our campus in two key positions. Our new President is Dr. Shawn Powell from Wyoming and our new Assistant Vice President of Health Education is Dr. Laurie Jensen from Minnesota. Both of these individuals bring a great deal of insight and experience to our campus.

We currently have the following courses going on:

On Campus:

EMT-Basic Afternoon Section- 11 students

EMT-Basic Night Section- 13 students

Hybrid AEMT Course- 19 students

Paramedic Cohort- 7 students

Off Campus:

AEMT Course with New Mexico Junior College- 14 students

EMT Basic Course at Mescalero Fire Department in conjunction with ENMU-Ruidoso with 12 students

Upcoming Courses:

EMT-Basic with Eunice Fire Department- Starts November 24

EMT-Basic with Portales Fire Department- Starts November 27

Continuing Education Workshop (Up to 60 hours) in Roswell- December 17-22

EMT-Basic with Eddy County Fire- Starts January 4

Paramedic Cohort scheduled to begin January 17, 2019 in Clovis, New Mexico in conjunction with Clovis Fire Department.

LEGISLATIVE AND NATIONAL NEWS

Kyle Thornton spoke briefly on the National Scopes of Practice. New Mexico still leads the way regarding our increased scopes for our caregivers. The National Scopes can be found on the NHTSA website. The new EMS Fatigue Guidelines are now available through the National Association of State EMS Officials and will be put on the Bureau website*. The guidelines are aimed at reducing work-related fatigue among emergency medical services workers

NMDOH EMS Bureau will not be putting forth any legislation this coming Session, however there are 2 Bills that could affect the EMS Fund. Kyle Thornton noted that the Association of Counties does have some legislation that they are planning on moving forward with; a straight up \$5M infusion to the EMS Fund Act. The second is a proposal from the NM Fire Affiliate (Association of Counties/Municipal League). Due to a lack of information, the Bureau can't comment on this proposal.

James Williams informed the Committee that the Bill will request an Office of Fire & Emergency Services, would move this Office out of the Fire Marshal's office to the Insurance Division. The plan is to utilize the fire fund reversion for EMS. There was discussion regarding the impact to the Fund Act. This proposal would only be allowed for "fire department based agencies."

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

James Williams moved to nominate Pete Bellows for Statewide EMS Advisory Chair, seconded by Gregg Kotila. All approved.

Gregg Kotila moved to close the nominations, seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved. Pete Bellows is the Chair by acclamation.

Chad Hamill moved that James Williams be nominated for the Vice Chair of the Statewide EMS Advisory. The motion was seconded by Kathie Schafer, all approved.

Marc Nason moved to close the nominations, seconded by Chad Hamill. James Williams is the Vice Chair by acclamation.

Joaquin Graham moved that Marc Nason be nominated for the Secretary position, seconded by James Williams. All approved.

Chad Hamill moved to close the nominations, seconded by Gregg Kotila. Marc Nason is the Secretary of the Statewide EMS Advisory by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2019 in Santa Fe.

Gregg Kotila moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 pm, seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved.