

**DRAFT**  
**Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting**  
**Hotel Encanto, Las Cruces**  
**November 13, 2019**

Committee Attendees:

Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair  
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair  
Kathie Schafer, EMSC  
Joaquin Graham, Region 2  
James Williams, EMS Region 3  
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1

Absent:

Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC  
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society  
Darren Braude, UNM Health Sciences  
Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR  
Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association  
Vacant, NM Ambulance Association  
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.

Proxies are as follows:

Kathie Schafer held the proxy for Mick Leo.  
James Williams held the proxy for Marc Nason.

There was no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

**Gregg Kotila moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2019, seconded by Joaquin Graham. The minutes were approved with the correction on pg. 4 changing "finds" to "funds."**

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee: There has been some pilot angst regarding the Downtown Presbyterian location (approach & departure with the hotel construction in the area. The safety concerns are that there is 1 way in & out egress, a new tower and construction cranes in the area. The FAA will not get involved in the construction aspect. A subcommittee was formed to speak with Heart Hospital management about the issue.

Medical Direction Committee: Joy Crook has had a family tragedy. The Region 2 Medical Director Course has been cancelled, there will be another scheduled in Northern NM for the spring. At the last MDC Meeting (September 13, 2019) we had 2 Initial Special skills approved and 9 special skill renewals. The Committee is looking into creating a standard Ketamine and TXA application. The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2019 at 0930, the location is to be determined.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee: There was no report provided.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report: Kathie Schafer reported the following: EMS for Children are working on creating resources to support the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators/Pediatric Champions for both EMS and hospital systems. These resources include education with training materials. There is a recognition system for EMSC available online – Bronze, Silver or Gold. The EMSC pediatric online training platform will no longer be supported through UNM. As of 12/31/2019 UNM will stop access to EMSC training. There was discussion of perhaps applying for statewide funding to assist with recreating a web based training program. There will be another pediatric survey coming out in January 2020.

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

Public Regulation Commission Committee (PRC):

It was reported that Avelino Gutierrez has retired effective July 1, 2019. Jason Montoya is the new acting Director. A meeting will be scheduled in December in Albuquerque to discuss ambulance issues.

EMS Bureau Updates:

EMS Licensing

The following are NREMT pass/fail statistics and current EMT population numbers:

National Registry Pass/ Fail

**3rd Quarter 2019**

	Attempted Exam	First Attempt Pass
FR	8	8/5 63%
Basic	98	98/74 76%
AEMT	47	47/34 72%
EMT-P	34	34/32 94%

**Current Active Licenses- Total 8066**

<b>Disp</b>	608	<b>EMT-B</b>	3188
<b>Disp-I</b>	19	<b>EMT-I</b>	1853
<b>FR</b>	379	<b>EMT-P</b>	2019

Licenses expiring by 3/31/2020 = 3555

Initial Licensures – 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr = 315

Disp	11	EMT-B	179
Disp-I	1	EMT-I	53
FR	15	EMT-P	56

Recertified Licenses – 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr = 39

Disp	7	EMT-B	5
Disp-I	0	EMT-I	11
FR	2	EMT-P	14

The Bureau is excited to report that there is a new Licensing System on the horizon. It is an Image-Trend product so it will mesh with the NMEMSTARS; the major frustration is we have yet to have an on-line payment system. So, with this new licensing system, the applicant can sign up for initial or renewal of licensure on-line, but will still need to send in a check or money order/PO for payment of fees. We anticipate this system will be ready for the next renewal cycle, as we need to inform our EMT license holders of the changes.

#### EMS FUND ACT

Ann Martinez reported that there was just under \$20,000 in carryover asked for, usually from the same counties. Finance departments are sending in their expenditure reports. In February 2020 you will see probably 2 start-up applications, for Milan and Taos Ski Valley. Special Project applications are due this Friday. Local Funding and Annual Service Reports applications are due January 24, 2020.

EMS COMMUNICATIONS: A meeting was held with Mountain View, the EMS Bureau & DoIT regarding a repeater issue. DoIT reprogrammed the Aden and Cebolla repeater so both MMC and MVRC can utilize the repeaters to allow for better coverage for the Las Cruces area. DoIT is going to work with MVRC to identify possible ways to restructure their internal communications. Shannon Talent has also met with Gerald Champion hospital regarding a different repeater issue.

EMS OPERATIONS: Charles Schroeder reported the following:

At the November 5, 2019 Licensing Commission, see the following information:

- 1 in the Impaired Practitioner Program, 1 removed from the program
- Parental Responsibility Act (PRA): 1 Warning Letter sent, 3 Certificate of Compliance received
- 1 approval to license
- 1 revocation of licensure

Meeting dates are as follows:

- Air Ambulance Advisory, Albuquerque (Atlantic), 12/03/2019 at 1300 hrs
- MDC, Albuquerque (TBA), 12/13/2019 at 0930 hrs
- JOE, Albuquerque (TBA), 12/13/2019 at 1330 hrs

The Proposed SWAC Dates for 2020 are:

February 5, 2020, Santa Fe State Library

April 22, 2020, Ruidoso Convention Center

July 22, 2020, Albuquerque

November 11, 2020, Las Cruces

TRAUMA PROGRAM UPDATES:

- FY20 Hospital Trauma System Fund Authority (TSFA) allocations are currently proceeding with no issues. Quarter 1 invoicing due October 31, 2019.
- FY20 Trauma System Development funding also currently proceeding.
- FY21 Trauma System Development applications are available through EMS Regional offices or by contacting EMS Bureau Trauma Program.
- Sandoval Regional Medical Center in Rio Rancho, NM submitted letter of intent to become a designated Level III Trauma Center. Currently in beginning phases with approximately 2-year development phase.
- Trauma Registry Course held on September 31 and October 1 for Trauma Registrars and Trauma Coordinators hosted by the Trauma Registry Workgroup and was attended by over 30 individuals.
- Upcoming Trauma Outcomes and Performance Improvement Course (TOPIC) to be held on November 14, 2019 during the EMS Region II Conference in Las Cruces, NM. Currently the class is at capacity with 50 individuals registered.
- Anticipated surveys of new trauma centers in early 2020 are:
  - Cibola General Hospital in Grants, NM as a level IV Trauma Center
  - Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, NM as a level IV Trauma Center
  - Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, NM recently hired a new Trauma Coordinator and anticipated survey date is currently delayed.
  - Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, NM continues year 2 of development phase with anticipated survey date in summer of 2020.
- Dr. Pollard from Gerald Champion received the Trauma Champion award.
- The next Trauma Performance Improvement Committee meeting will be held at the Partners in Preparedness Conference in March.

STROKE/STEMI REPORT:

- The New Mexico Systems of Care Stroke Committee and the New Mexico Systems of Care Cardiac Committee held their quarterly meetings on November 1, 2019 at the Heart Hospital of New Mexico.
- The Cardiac Committee was presented with laminated posters and 8x11 versions of the New Mexico STEMI Transport Protocol & Fibrinolysis Flowchart and approved their distribution throughout the state.
- The EMS Bureau plans to deliver poster versions of the NM STEMI Transport Protocol & Fibrinolysis Flowchart to a few hospitals in the state who provide thrombolytic treatment to STEMI patients and transfer those patients to a PCI capable facility. There are a limited number of posters currently. 8x11 versions of the protocol and flowchart will also be delivered to targeted hospitals.

- The Cardiac Committee and the Stroke Committee discussed the distribution of an informational survey that will be sent to all acute care hospitals in New Mexico. The survey will assess NM's acute care hospitals abilities to provide treatment for stroke and STEMI patients. This survey will provide a fundamental base for the statewide stroke and STEMI systems of care. The information from the survey will drive treatment and care strategies of stroke and STEMI patients in New Mexico.
- The New Mexico Systems of Care Stroke Committee is seeking physicians, RN's, EMS/Paramedics to represent EMS Region 2 as official members of the committee. The New Mexico Systems of Care Cardiac Committee is also seeking physicians, RN's, EMS/Paramedics to represent EMS Region 2 as official members of the committee. Members will be asked to attend all quarterly meetings (in person or via phone) and will have the responsibility of voting on, and making recommendations for, protocols and guidelines specific to New Mexico stroke and STEMI care. Please email Haemi Rogers at [Haemi.Rogers@state.nm.us](mailto:Haemi.Rogers@state.nm.us) for further information and if you are interested in becoming a member.
- The New Mexico Systems of Care Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020. The conference day will be on stroke and STEMI topics and will be held in conjunction with the EMS Region 1 Conference and the Navajo Nation EMS Service Conference.
- The New Mexico Systems of Care Cardiac Committee and the New Mexico Systems of Care Stroke Committee will have their next quarterly meetings on March 6, 2020. The location is TBD. If you would like to be added to the invitation list, please email Haemi Rogers at [Haemi.Rogers@state.nm.us](mailto:Haemi.Rogers@state.nm.us).

#### BUREAU REPORT:

Kyle Thornton reported that ...

- ❖ The EMS Bureau has a new EMS Licensing Manager who is Peggy Ann Griego.
- ❖ Joy Crook sent an email, sending her regrets. Her husband took his life and she needs prayers.
- ❖ Charles Schroeder will be retiring on December 27, 2019 as the EMS Program Manager.
- ❖ EMS Staff met with a group from Oakland California called the EMS Corps; they focus on at-risk youth (foster, juvenile justice, etc.) to give skills, life training and job preparation. They look to complete a pilot program in NM.
- ❖ The new licensing system is through Image Trend; the Bureau hopes to continue meetings regarding electronic payments.
- ❖ A program to match state spending with federal funding through Medicaid.
- ❖ The Association of Counties and the NMDOH Secretary are looking at options for EMS Funding.
- ❖ Media is becoming interested in EMS data regarding response times.
- ❖ Rule draft updates are slated for the following programs:
  - SOP Update
  - Medical Direction
  - Air
  - Trauma
- ❖ Medical Directors Course in Las Cruces has been cancelled, there will be another in the early spring in Northern NM.
- ❖ Renewal Season has started, the renewal and audit list is on the website.
- ❖ Background checks for people with last names of A-M, expiring 3/31/2020.

#### REGIONAL UPDATES:

### EMS REGION I

Gregg Kotila reported that EMS Region 1 continues to stay busy completing deliverables and support for Trauma, NMEMSTARS, Fund Act, Technical Issues and Inspections. The Region 1 Advisory Board is having regular meetings every other month. The EMS Region 1 EMS Conference will be re-branded as the Statewide EMS Conference next year at the Isleta Conference Center. The conference will be on July 27 through August 1, 2020.

### EMS REGION III

Donnie Roberts stated that EMS Region 3 is working on their contract deliverables. Melinda busy with the Certification inspections. Active with NMEMSTARS and the new licensing systems. Now teaching agencies how to complete reports. Website stays busy and sending out information statewide. EMD program working with the State Police. Shannon Talent is in talks with the State Police to add the EMD component to the Police Training Academy. Their AHA Training Center has 642 instructors on their roles. AHA is stressing more on-line courses. Region 3 has been busy with their area re-tracs; working with the 8 designated trauma centers and working with the Critical Access Hospitals. TSFA and Special Project applications are being reviewed.

### EMS REGION II

Doug Campion stated they are happy to host the Region II conference. Region II is also working on their contract deliverables. This is the second year they have been able to provide a no-cost conference for the EMS Providers. Doug thanks the many sponsors that has helped bring the conference to fruition.

TRAINING SCHOOLS – No updates from the schools

### LEGISLATIVE AND NATIONAL NEWS

Kyle Thornton stated that there is nothing pending. The American Paramedic Association continues to push for the idea that everyone should be called a Paramedic; they believe that this will foster professionalism throughout the communities. In addition to lobbying to change the nomenclature, they are also lobbying to require college degrees for Paramedics.

Pete Bellows gives nice comments regarding Charles Schroeder's retirement from the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee.

*The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 in Santa Fe at the NM State Library.*

**Chad Hamill moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 pm, seconded by Gregg Kotila. All approved.**