

DRAFT
Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting
NM State Library, Santa Fe, NM
January 30, 2019

Committee Attendees:

Joaquin Graham, Region 2
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society
Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair
James Williams, EMS Region 3
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair
Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC

Absent:

Darren Braude, UNM Health Sciences
Kathie Schafer, EMSC
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:

Mick Leo held Kathie Schafer's proxy.
James Williams held Marc Nason's proxy.
Pete Bellows held Nate Lay's proxy.

Changes to the agenda: We will move the Medical Direction Committee report down the agenda until Dr. Joy Crook has arrived.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting were approved. Moved by Joaquin Graham and seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee: The EMS Bureau is currently working on a revision to the Air Medical rule. The new Chair of the Air Medical Advisory Committee is Aaron Teague Britnell. Brent Hamilton will remain as the representative of the Air Advisory to the SWAC.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee:

There was not a report for the JOE.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

There was not a report from the EMSC, however, Brent Hamilton stated that there was a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators meeting in Albuquerque on February 6, 2019 in Albuquerque.

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

Public Regulation Commission Advisory Committee (PRC):

The PRC report will be tabled until a PRC representative can give the report.

EMS Bureau Updates:

Kyle Thornton was on travel and was unable to attend the meeting.

Trauma Program

A total of 28 applications were received for the Trauma System Development funding for fiscal year 20 for a total request for \$407,144.61. The applications are broken down by the following number per EMS Region:

Statewide: 6 applications for a total of \$179,195.80

EMS Region I: 5 applications for a total of \$59,683.22

EMS Region II: 10 applications for a total of \$73,035.53

EMS Region III: 7 applications for a total of \$95,230.06

Upcoming Trauma Meetings:

TSFA February 6th at the Hospital Association in Albuquerque

TNCF/TRW March 6th during the NMPIP Conference in Albuquerque

TPIC March 6th during the NMPIP Conference in Albuquerque

TASSC statewide review for Trauma Systems Development committee March 7th during NMPIP.

TASSC March 7th during the NMPIP Conference Albuquerque

Upcoming designations (re-verifications) as follows:

Memorial Medical Center, Visit in March, Survey in July

Gila Regional Medical Center, Visit in March

Gallup Indian Medical Center,	Survey in April
Cibola General Hospital,	Visit in April
Miners Colfax,	Survey in April
Union County General Hospital,	Survey in April
Northern Navajo Medical Center,	Visit in April
Eastern New Mexico Medical Center,	Survey in May
Lea Regional Medical Center,	Visit in May
Christus St. Vincent	Survey in July
Sierra Vista Hospital	Survey in July
University of NM Hospital	Survey in July

Looking at educating facilities for the appropriate destination protocols set by the local Retrac. Protocols will be sent to the Bureau, will then present to the Trauma Advisory Committee for approval. There was some discussion with Burn patients at UNMH, these patients are tracked through a burn registry, not through the trauma registry.

Stroke & STEMI Program

Haemi Rogers noted the following updates: The next Stroke and Stemi meeting will be on February 15, 2019, at the Heart Hospital. Facilities for developing as a primary stroke center are: Eastern NM Medical Center and Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center. Acute Stroke Ready hospitals are: Carlsbad and Mimbres Medical Centers.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Dr. Joy Crook gave the Medical Direction (MDC) report. The Medical Direction Committee met in Albuquerque on December 14, 2018 where they discussed recommended scopes of practice changes for the last time. Although there was some support to add Ketamine to the Scopes, the MDC wanted to wait and look at additional documentation before making the recommendation. At the next March meeting the MDC will make the final recommendations to the EMS Bureau. The only new skill was for Ultrasound by Rio Rancho Fire Department (it was considered as point of care, but is not a test – does not fall within the existing Scopes of Practice).

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	29	20 passed
EMT	250	205
AEMT	80	61
EMT-P	94	82

Current Active Licenses

Disp	592
Disp-I	18
FR	410

Basic	3281
Intermediate	1856
Paramedic	1988
Total	8145

The EMS Bureau is in the middle of our renewal season. Nikki is working to streamline the continuing education process. James Williams and Pete Bellows gave kudos to the EMS Bureau's licensing section.

EMS COMMUNICATIONS

Currently the EMS Communication system is running great, there has been no problems reported. At the PIP Conference there will be NO radio communication classes offered this year. If you need help with EMSsystems, please contact Shannon.

OPERATIONS REPORT

At the November 2018, Licensing Commission, see the following information:

Impaired Practitioner	1
Letter of Censure	1
Suspension	1
Revocation	2
PRA Warning	1
Suspension	1
Cert of Compliance	1
Waivers	0

Meeting dates are as follows:

EMS Licensing Commission	February 12, 2019, NM Gaming Control Bd., 10am
Air Ambulance	March 5, 2019, Atlantic Aviation, 1:00pm
MDC	March 22, 2019, TBA, Trying for CNM-WTC, 9:30am
JOE	March 22, 2019, TBA, Trying for CNM-WTC, 1:30pm
SWAC	April 24, 2019, Ruidoso Convention Ctr, 1:30pm
PRC Ambulance	On April 24, 0900 hrs Ruidoso
EMSC	On April 24, 1000 hrs, Ruidoso
EMS Region III Conference	April 22-28, Ruidoso

BUREAU UPDATE

Renewal Season in full swing. No issues with renewals. In the Governor's budget for new licensing software but not in the Legislative budget.

Vetting – should be ok if already on a Committee.

Regionalization - first year that we have applications that are utilizing that statute. Will advise if any issues; so far no problems. Dona Ana County Fire Department is the first FD to utilize the new wording in the EMS Fund Act statute for a regionalized agency. This preserves funding for rural districts.

NMEMSTARS Elite Version 3 is now live and users are reporting good feedback. NMEMSTARS version 2 will be closed for entry by 12/31/2018. In order to maintain special skills, all air agencies need to report into NMEMSTARS.

Agencies that are transporting out-of-state to destinations not found in NMEMSTARS should contact Charles Becvarik so he can add the information into the system.

The EMS Bureau will not be proposing any Legislation for the upcoming 60 day Legislative session.

EMS FUND ACT

Ann Martinez provided the Fund Act report. Eloy Medina of Grant County applied for a start-up for "Gila Regional East." They currently have 2 EMS providers and request drivers from the local volunteer fire department. They utilize the Gila Regional PRC number.

Chad Hamill motioned to approve the start-up application for Gila Regional East, seconded by James Williams. There was further discussion; the ambulance belongs to Gila Regional EMS. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Review for Statewide Special Projects for FY2020 have been completed in Regions 1 & 3 and anticipate meeting with Region 2 on February 14 in Las Cruces. Statewide Committee will review the applications on March 20-21 at the Hospital Association in Albuquerque. An agenda has been sent out. Statewide special projects state review is March 28, 2019.

There are 45 total applications; 29 Local System Improvement Projects, 13 Vehicle Requests 3 Statewide Special Projects Improvement. The historical budget is approximately \$500,000. All Local Funding and Annual Service Reports are in, they were due on January 25, 2019.

Dona Ana County will be the first county to regionalize their operations this year.

There was discussion of how regionalization works. Each agency will apply, a tentative letter is sent and one check is sent to the county. It is up to the county how they will spend the funds.

LEGISLATIVE AND NATIONAL NEWS

SB 145 on House floor, simple Bill that corrects a now out-of-date portion of the statute and formalizes and codifies bureau activity in the formation of STEMI guidelines for prehospital. Heard nothing from the Association of Counties bill that was to infuse funding to the EMS Fund Act. The deadline for new legislation is February 14, 2019.

James Williams discussed a Fire Fund Bill through the NM Fire Chiefs Association. Their proposal would move the Fire Fund out from the PRC/Fire Marshal's Office (HB 269) to the Insurance Department.

Nationally – by NHTSA, there has been new discussion on nomenclature of our profession: abandon "EMT" to Primary Care Paramedic (Canadian model), Advanced Care Paramedic and Critical Care Paramedic, EMR.

Australia and Canada have a bunch of unemployed Paramedics, northern states trying to figure a way to recruit them and bring them over. How to assure appropriation education, testing, and licensure issues.

EMS REGION I

Donnie Roberts reported that EMS Region 1 held their Board of Director's meeting on January 16, 2019. The Board discussed potential conference meeting dates (July 24-26), Wednesday as the meeting day. Chad Kim, Chair is looking at venues for the conference. The Region has contacted several agencies to schedule inspections, and technical assistance. The Region has been busy with the five regional trauma advisory committees and addressing concerns. The Region has been assisting with TSFA application reviews.

EMS REGION III

Donnie Roberts reported that Region III has completed regional EMS Special Project reviews and will be ready for the SWAC sub-committee review. The Region has been providing a lot of NMEMSTARS assistance; they have been having to re-write reports that match with NMEMSTARS Version 3. The Region has received funding to train Medical Directors with NMEMSTARS and the quality assurance functionality on a statewide basis. They are also looking at presenting a new medical director's course. They will apply for CME for the course. Joaquin thought it would be good to invite service directors to the course.

Since Region 3 does not own the website to EMS Region 1, they will put Region 1 and Region 3 together in one website. They are working on putting a common calendar on their website. Their AHA training site currently has 635 instructors. The EMS Region 3 conference (April 22-28 in Ruidoso) will have a CE package available to assist EMT's in renewing their licensure at the preconference. The program will host seven national speakers. TSFA reviews will be coming

EMS REGION II

Doug Campion introduced Jackie Saldana, as the EMS Program Manager at EMS Region II. Region II had a nice conference in November 2018. The Region has the first RETRAC to get destination protocols approved. They will be conducting EMS Fund Act review in February.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

UNM EMSA

Lyndsay Eakes provided the following written report: UNM EMS Academy finished 2018 with 7- First Responder courses, 28- EMT- Basic, EMT-Intermediate- 11 and 5- Paramedic courses being completed, as well as 26 CE packages ("refreshers"). About 70% of these course offerings were provided in rural and frontier areas. We continue to offer increased instructor support in terms of Instructor Coordinator Courses, Simulation Courses, IC updates and continuing education opportunities for instructors, and continue to having a program manager traveling around the state who is directly involved with supporting all off-site courses.

We have initiated the following courses in 2019 so far: 2- First Responder, 11- EMT-Basic and 1- EMT-Intermediate. We are currently starting the admissions process for the Class of 2020 Main

Campus Paramedic program and will start the admissions process for the UNM/AFR Satellite Paramedic Program class of 2020 in coming months. Finally we have filled our open faculty position with the UNM/PJ Satellite.

DABCC

Ann Bellows presented the following written report:

For 2018, the following course information was provided:

First Responder Courses - 5 held - 2 at DACC, 1 at Silver City, 1 in Dona Ana County, 1 in Deming
Basic Courses - 11 - 6 held at DACC, 1 at ENMU-Ruidoso, 1 in Silver City and 1 in Reserve NM, 1 with Border Patrol.

EMT-Intermediate Courses - 3 held - 2 at DACC and 1 in Ruidoso

EMT-Paramedic - 4 held -

2 at DACC - this class finished in August of 2018 - Cohort of 8 students 6 have passed their NREMT, 2 must retest 1 on the written and 1 on the practical exams.

The second class began in August of 2018 and have completed their didactic and are in clinical and field now. Graduation for them will be July of 2018. Cohort of 8 students.

1 in Silver City - They finish this week and test in February - Cohort of 5 students.

1 in Las Cruces for LCFD grant. This course began in October of 2018 and is expected to test in November of 2019. We began with a cohort of 15 and currently have 13 students. Two students with drew for personal reasons. Both are expected to rejoin our next cohort.

We are accepting applications for our next cohort now.

We are working on analyzing the pass rates for our programs and trying to isolate individual instructor data to better improve feedback to the instructors on areas of improvement. We have started using Platinum as our test bank and have believe we have seen improvement in success on the NREMT testing. We will have more of an idea as more of the students in the Fall 2018 classes complete more of their NREMT testing.

We are also excited that we are pairing with our Adult Education folks to help students in our Basic and First Responder courses with reading, writing, math and language challenges. We hope this is an example of how our program can pair with another in the college to help students with their success. It is a voluntary participation, but we will keep you advised.

ENMU-R

Jessie Davis provided the following written report: The ENMU-Roswell EMS Program completed 9 EMT-Basic Initial Certification Classes in 2018 throughout Southeastern New Mexico. We also completed 3 Intermediate Courses, 2 of which follow our hybrid model. We have our on campus Paramedic Cohort with 7 students and our Clovis Cohort started this month with 13 students. We currently have 4 Basic Classes and 2 Intermediate Classes in process this semester so far. We are currently working with the other EMS Training Institutions to come up with a common course numbering system for all EMS courses across the state as directed by HED.

We will be accepting applications for our Paramedic Cohort that begins in August starting in late February.

SFCC

There was no report provided.

SJCC

There was no report provided.

CNM

There was no report provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2019 in Ruidoso. The announcement of EMS Fund Act awardees will be held at this meeting.

Chad Hamill moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 pm, seconded by James Williams. All approved.