

**DRAFT**  
**Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting**  
**Las Cruces Convention Center, Las Cruces**  
**November 2, 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  
James Williams, EMS Region 3  
Kathie Schaffer, EMSC  
Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association  
Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR

On phone: BJ Brunt-Palmer, NM Nurses Association

Absent:

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

**Pete Bellows called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and introductions were made.**  
There was a quorum of filled positions in attendance.

Additions to Agenda:

A review of the bylaws will be added to Other Business.

Proxies:

Mick Leo gave his proxy to Kathie Schaffer.

Approval of Minutes:

**The minutes from the July 27, 2016 meeting were approved, as amended and moved by Chad Hamill and seconded by James Williams. All approved.**

Committee Reports:

Doug Champion gave the EMS Region II report, thanking all attendees. Region II has been busy working on their deliverables and they have been having a high level of participation with the ReTrac. They have also been having Stroke & STEMI meetings with the hospitals.

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee: No report.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Dr. Joy Crook is taking on the responsibility of State EMS Medical Director. The new rules, including the EMS Scopes of Practice are currently at the Division level for approval and are waiting for Public Meetings to be scheduled.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee Report:

Kyle Thornton presented that two schools have had their CoAEMSP visits, ENMU-R and SFCC. There was discussion regarding education including the stroke protocol education, the JOE will look at national guidelines to potentially incorporate into the training programs. They also discussed transition with NREMT and updated renewals at the national level in particular. Pete Bellows mentioned that NREMT recertification should continue as normal for this year.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

Kathie Schafer introduced the EMSC program. Robert Sapien is the principal investigator, new performance measures will be coming out for this next year.

Trauma Advisory Systems Stakeholder Committee (Trauma Advisory Committee):

Liana Lujan reported that the TAC report will given with the Trauma Report during the EMS Bureau update.

Public Regulation Commission:

Amanda Grey stated that the PRC had approved the tariff, but then were asked to reconsider. So the PRC reinstated the old tariff. The next hearing date is scheduled for 12/14/2016 at 1:30pm at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor meeting room at the PRC offices.

EMS Bureau Updates:

Kyle Thornton stated that Dr. Braude will be replacing the UNMH position (Dr. Michael Richards) on the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee. Dr. Braude's vetting package is at the Governor's office.

Kyle thanked all the Regions and vendors for their assistance with the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) meeting. A synopsis of the luncheon event was recounted.

Five amended rules have been sent to the Division (Epidemiology & Response Division) for approval and scheduling of Public Meetings. The rules are: Licensing, Supplemental (SOP), Advanced Directives, Stroke, and Cardiac Arrest. \*Note: there is more found in Legislative Issues, below.

Kyle stated that the FY17 budget is not looking good and that the EMS and Trauma Funds are looking at cuts.

This year's Legislative Session will be from January 17 through March 18. A 60 day session. The DOH plans to introduce legislation for REPLICA (an interstate compact) and the EMS Fund Act (to encourage regionalization).

A Crisis Standards of Care Advisory Group has been formed to look at issues that may overwhelm the continuum of care in NM. Individuals from the Statewide EMS Advisory who were interested in participating in this workgroup are: Pete Bellows, James Williams, and potentially Joaquin Graham. This workgroup is not being reimbursed. Dr. Joy Crook stated that

she would put out feelers for 3 Medical Direction Committee participants. It was also discussed that 2 providers and a representative from each Regional office may want to participate.

Electronic reports were provided to the Committee, as follows:

Licensing

Martin Moulton provided the following licensing results:

The National Registry test results for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Initial Attempt Only):

First Responder applicants testing - 28

Initial Attempt Pass - 64%

EMSA 12/21 – 57%, CNM 2/2- 100%, San Juan 4/5-80%

EMT-Basic applicants testing - 127

Initial Attempt Pass - 82 %

CNMCC 46/57 – 81%, DACC 7/10 – 70%, ENMU 4/4 – 100%, EMSA 42/48 – 88%, SJC 5/8 – 63%, SFCC - N/A

EMT-I applicants testing - 35

Initial Attempt Pass - 54 %

CNMCC 11/22 – 55%, EMSA 3/7 – 43%, SJC 4/6 – 67%

EMT-Paramedic applicants testing – 82

Initial Attempt Pass Rate - 82%

CNMCC 13/13 – 100%, DACC 4/4- 100%, ENMU 7/10- 70%, EMSA 43/55 – 78%

Number of Active Licenses as of 10/25/2016:

Disp		543
Disp-I		18
EMT-B		3171
EMT-I		1748
EMT-P		1840
FR		439
Total		7759

Initial Licenses Issued for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016:

Disp		24
Disp-I		0
EMT-B		133
EMT-I		49
EMT-P		57
FR		10

There are 3656 Licenses due for renewal by 03/31/2017.

Communications

Shannon Talent, EMS Communications Coordinator reported that the new Air to Ground frequencies have been approved. Beginning on July 11, 2016 all communication from air to ground should occur on the following frequencies:

VHF

VMED28 155.340 (primary)  
VMED29 155.3475 (secondary)

UHF

UTAC 43D 453.8625

800mhz

8TAC93D 852.5125

PL Tone 156.7

Radio communication is being upgraded at State Radio's monitoring system. The EMSCOM System is up and running with no issues.

NMEMSTARS

Charles Becvarik reported on the NMEMSTARS System:

NMEMSTARS continues to evolve in its development as we prepare for transition and integration to the NMEMSTARS ELITE ePCR System. The new system will be NEMESIS version 3 compliant to meet national and federal guidelines. This system will be a much more robust reporting database with many more options to support the EMS provider in reporting patient care. The look and functionality of the system is more intuitive and user friendly, supporting the EMS provider with the necessary elements they need to effectively and efficiently perform their reporting of patient care and interventions.

The NMEMSTARS V.2 system has just over 3,134,000 reports in the system for the state. We continue to see some issues with services not following the reporting guidelines set forth. One example is the entry of a "0" (Zero) instead of entering "NRS" (**N**o **R**uns to **S**ubmit) for months when they have a month they do not have any EMS calls. By entering "NRS" this indicates that the EMS service was available for calls but did not have any. When there is a "0" entered, this default value indicates that the service was not active or operational during this time. A service that is not available to cover EMS calls in their designated service area will potentially not be eligible for EMS Fund Act distribution.

As we get closer to the activation of the NMEMSTARS Elite site, we are developing the training components to send to all the EMS Rescue Service Administrators. The training material will be available online for users to access and complete the training at their own pace. Regional NMEMSTARS support will be available to answer any questions that may come up once people have completed the training online.

Trauma Report

Liana Lujan provided the following information:

Trauma Verification Update

- o Miners' Colfax Medical Center

- Verification Site Survey – April 19, 2016 - Successful
- Gallup Indian Medical Center
  - Verification Site survey – April 26, 2016
- Eastern New Mexico Medical Center
  - Verification Site Visit – May 26, 2016 - Successful
- Union County General Hospital
  - Focused Site Visit – June 3, 2016 - Successful
- CHRISTUS-St. Vincent Regional Medical Center
  - Verification Site Visit - June 21, 2016 – Successful
- Sierra Vista Hospital
  - Verification Site Visit – June 28, 2016 – Successful

Lea Regional Medical Center did not receive developing trauma center funds however, they submitted a report on their continued commitment to become a Level III trauma center regardless of the available funds.

The EMSB/Trauma Program visited Las Cruces, New Mexico and visited with AMR, EMS Services to discuss appropriate destination protocols when a facility is developing as a Level III Trauma Center. This visit was very informative and assisted AMR in their decision protocols for patient destinations.

The Trauma Program also did a Mock site survey at Mountain View Regional Medical Center, a Developing Level III Trauma Center in its final phase of development. A Mock survey uses an outside trauma Coordinator to review all trauma policies, procedures and protocols that have been developed, assess the facilities Performance Improvement plan and implementation, and final determination of a successful verification site visit within the near future is determined. It was determined, based on the review, that Mountain View Regional Medical Center is on track to have a successful verification site review in March or April of 2017.

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) has re-submitted a letter of interest to become a Level III Trauma Center. A presentation by the EMS Bureau/Trauma Program regarding the steps of development was presented to the administration of MMC. This presentation was well received, and the administration was very confident that within the next two years they could successfully verify as a Level III Trauma Center.

Trauma System Fund Authority

Funds were decreased for FY17, \$500,000.00

Future Meetings Dates

<b>NAME OF MEETING</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
TSFA 1:00 - 4:00	November 9, 2016	Hospital Association (HA) - Confirmed
TNCF 9:00 - 4:00	November 15, 2016	HA - Confirmed
TRW 9:00 - 4:00	November 15, 2016	HA - Confirmed
TPIC 9:00 - 12:00	November 16, 2016	HA - Confirmed
TASSC 1:00 - 4:00	November 16, 2016	HA - Confirmed

NAME OF MEETING	Meeting Date	Meeting Place
TSFA 1:00 - 4:00	February 8, 2017	HA - Confirmed
TNCF 9:00 - 4:00	March	*NMPIP conference
TRW 9:00 - 4:00	March	NMPIP
TPIC 9:00 - 12:00	March	NMPIP
TASSC 1:00 - 4:00	March	NMPIP

\*NMPIP is the New Mexico Partners In Preparedness Conference at the Isleta Casino

NAME OF MEETING	Meeting Date	Meeting Place
TSFA 9:00 - 5:00	April 5, 2017	Santa Fe Venue TBD
TNCF 9:00 - 12:00	April 4, 2017	Santa Fe Venue TBD
TRW 9:00 - 12:00	April 4, 2017	Santa Fe Venue TBD
TPIC 9:00 - 12:00	April 6, 2017	Santa Fe Venue TBD
TASSC 1:00 - 4:00	April 4, 2017	Santa Fe Venue TBD

#### EMS Operations Report:

The Bureau Operations report was presented by Charles Schroeder, EMS Program Manager:  
EMS Operations Electronic Report, October 2016:

#### From the Licensing Commission Meeting of August 30, 2016:

- Impaired Practitioner Program; 3 participants
- Background Check Violations; 0
- Suspensions; 1
- Revocations; 0
- Letter of Censure: 3
- Denial of Licensure; 0
- No Action: 0
- Hearings: 1 pending

#### Parental Responsibility Act:

- Suspension; 0
- Denial; 0
- Warned; 2
- Reinstated; 2

0 applications for licensure approval

0 applications denied

1 waiver request approved

0 waiver request denied

#### EMS Program

- The Office of General Counsel has recommended a change in the wording of REPLICA to address a constitutional conflict – “contingent liabilities” (disallowing replica to sue states).

- State rules (Licensing, Scopes, Advanced Directives, etc.) have been submitted up our chain of command for approval to go forward with the rule making process.
- The dates for this year's Legislative Session will be from January 17 through March 18, 2017. It is a 60 day session.
- Legislatively, the Association of Counties has placed the EMS funding initiative on the back burner for the time being.

Important meeting dates:

- EMS Licensing Commission: 11/8/2016
- Air Ambulance, Atlantic Aviation: 12/6/2016
- Medical Direction Committee, CNM/Abq: 12/9/2016 at 0930
- Joint Organization on Education, CNM/Abq: 12/9/2016 at 1330
- Statewide EMS Advisory Committee, Santa Fe: 2/1/2017
- Region III EMS Conference: 04/24-30/2016

Stroke/STEMI Programs:

Alyssa Patterson gave the report for the Stroke and STeMI programs. STeMi getting outreach to referring hospitals, part of that outreach will be a lunch and learn session here at the Region 2 conference. Co-Chairs from the stroke program will also bring outreach and education to the hospitals on our protocols. The Stroke Committee is working on stroke protocol updates with the use of a stroke survey to include requests related to the various stroke scales. The survey comments have been very positive. The next quarterly meetings will be held on December 16, 2016 STeMI meeting will be at 7:00 am followed by a Stroke meeting at 8:30 am at the Heart Hospital in Albuquerque. There will also be a Stroke & STeMI educational event put on through the American Heart Association will be on April 14, 2017 at the CNM Workforce Training Center.

EMS Fund Act report:

Ann Martinez presented a new/old agency start-up for Magdalena Fire & Rescue. Karen Keyworth is the EMS Director. They are in compliance with the NMEMSTARS and have mutual aid agreements set up with PRC Agencies. They project four EMS calls per month. They currently have four EMT's on their roster, with one that lives in the village. Two EMT's are taking the EMT-Intermediate class in Datil.

**Joaquin Graham moved to approve Magdalena's start up application, seconded by Chad Hamill. All approved.**

Special Project applications are due on November 18, 2016. Local Funding applications will be available on November 15 and are due on January 20, 2017. Monday, October 31, 2016 is the deadline for carry-over requests. Ann stated that she will be teaching a Fund Act class for the Region 2 conference on November 3, 2016.

Regional Updates:

EMS Region 1:

Jerome Haskie stated that they were actively working on their contract deliverables. They reviewed 13 special project applications and provided feedback to the workgroup.

EMS Region 2:

As above.

EMS Region 3:

Donnie Roberts reported that they have been completing medical rescue inspections, working on the Megacall program and updating AHA cards. Region 3 has been active in trauma meetings, Retracs and Critical Access Hospitals.

EMS Training Schools:

UNM EMS Academy (EMSA)

Dr. Jan Veesart is the new EMS Academy Director. She reports the following for 2016: They have hired an academic advisor and are currently in the process of hiring a new EMS instructor. A successful academic advisory board meeting was completed. Training courses are as follows:

First Responder courses, 22 scheduled, 12 completed

EMT-Basic, 38 scheduled, 21 completed

EMT-Intermediate, 14 scheduled, 6 completed

EMT-Paramedic, AFD has a Paramedic class, and they have started one for their 3<sup>rd</sup> year bachelors starting up.

EMT Refresher courses, 46 scheduled, 27 completed

EMS Transition courses, 7 completed

Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)

Jessica Medrano stated that their current courses are:

2 EMS First Responder classes

6 EMT-Basic EMT classes

2 EMT-Intermediate courses

2 EMT-Paramedic courses

Community Paramedic course folks are going into clinicals. CNM had a successful active shooter drill on campus.

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)

There was no report given.

ENMU-Roswell

There was no report given.

San Juan Community College (SJCC)

There was no report given.

Dona Ana Branch Community College (DABCC)

There was no report given.

Other Business:



## Legislative & National Updates:

- DEA legislation pending regarding medication on ambulances.
- The National Standards for ambulance design (NFPA 1917) is currently open for comments.
- The COMPASS program is winding down.
- The National Scopes of Practice is to be revised in the next 2 years.
- The Licensing rules will dovetail with the NREMT, the move is to remove refreshers and use targeted continuing education hours.
  
- The state rules have been forwarded to the Office of General Council to go forward with the rule making process:
  - The Licensing rule changes are drafted primarily for clean-up, but they will allow the Bureau to improve the licensing process; moving to a blueprinted base refresher course and allow for some reciprocity changes.
  - Licensing Supplemental (Scopes of Practice), will include NSAIDs at all levels except EMS FR, and CPAP language.
  - Advanced Directives, will allow for the use of the “MOST” form.
  - Cardiac Arrest Targeted Response, will remove the requirement for a medical director for registered public access programs.
  - Stroke/STEMI, will allow for additional designations.

## Recruitment & Retention Subcommittee

The subcommittee has not met, no update at this time.

## Bylaws Review

The Committee clarified the definition of a quorum. It is 51% of active filled positions.

## Voting of Officers

Nominations for Chair was taken.

**Chad Hamill nominated Pete Bellows for Chair, seconded by James Williams.**

**Chad Hamill moved that nominations cease, seconded by Gregg Kotila.**

The vote was taken and Pete Bellows was voted as Chair of the SWAC for the next 2 years.

Nominations for Vice Chair was taken.

**James Williams nominated Chad Hamill for Chair, seconded by Marc Nason.**

**Gregg Kotila moved that nominations cease, seconded by Pete Bellows.**

The vote was taken and Chad Hamill was voted as Vice Chair of the SWAC for the next 2 years.

Nominations for Secretary was taken.

**Chad Hamill nominated James Williams for Chair, seconded by Gregg Kotila.**

**Gregg Kotila moved that nominations cease, seconded by Marc Nason.**

The vote was taken and James Williams was voted as Secretary of the SWAC for the next 2 years.

The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2016 at 1:30pm in Santa Fe, location is to be announced.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm as moved by Joaquin Graham and seconded by Kathie Schaffer. All approved.**