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Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting
NM State Library, Santa Fe, NM
February 1, 2017

Committee Attendees:

Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair
James Williams, EMS Region 3
Kathie Schaffer, EMSC
Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society
Kurt Krumperman, NM Ambulance Association
Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC

Absent:

Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association
Joaquin Graham, Region 2
BJ Brunt-Palmer, NM Nurses Association
Darren Braude, 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 1:33 p.m. and introductions were made.

There was a quorum of filled positions in attendance.

No changes to the agenda.

Proxies:

Joaquin Graham gave his proxy to Pete Bellows.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting were approved, moved by Gregg Kotila and seconded by Nate Lay. All approved.

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee: Brent Hamilton covered some communications changes on radio frequencies. Shannon Talent sent out new UHF/VHF/ 800 mhz approved air medical frequencies. He said that he will make sure that the new frequencies are on the Bureau's website. During an emergency anyone can go to these common frequencies, Communication managers would like to see that people get away from using the State Fire frequency.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

Received federal funds from HRSA, reduced from \$130,000 to \$74,000, due to budget cuts. The Program is considering not holding pre-conference offerings at regional conferences due to the cuts. They have completed home injury prevention “child ready home safety tool” application. The app will be rolled out through Google and iTunes. Pediatric emergency.com is CAPC approved, and they plan to re-tool some of the old modules.

Trauma Advisory Systems Stakeholder Committee (Trauma Advisory Committee):

The TASSC last met in November, 2016. Trauma centers bringing reports on transfers. Regional offices report on ReTrac activities (PI) and Gerald Champion Hospital improved their trauma rates to less than 25%.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Dr. Crook reported that the MDC last met on December 9, 2016. Only real issue at hand is the use of pre-hospital ultrasound, the ultrasound is regulated by the Environment Department’s Radiological Bureau. NM is one of two states that license ultrasound operators. Approved special skill initial and renewal applications were reviewed. New members approved by the Governor’s office are: Dr. Chad Carver, Region III physician and Dr. Ryan Hodnick, Region I physician.

Public Regulation Commission:

Amanda Grey stated that the Statewide Tariff has finally been approved, as originally drafted, although the PRC added one amendment for the patient’s permission for treatment by written consent.

EMS Bureau Updates:

Trauma:

Liana Lujan and Mike Guinn gave the Trauma report: Reviewed Trauma Centers and pending applications for Memorial Medical Center, Las Cruces, Cibola Hospital, Grants and Lea Regional, Hobbs. Mountain View Medical Center must act as a Trauma Center for a year prior to having a site survey. Working on a rule change proposal to change the name from ReTrac to Regional Advisory Committees. Staff gave an update on meeting dates for TSFA (2/8/17) and TNCF (moved to March 8-9, 2017). Gave out TSFA applications numbers from each region; Region 1 – 5, Region II – 2 and Region III – 5.

Communications:

Shannon Talent stated that Sandoval Regional purchased their own repeater and it is placed on Pajarito Mountain. Sandoval Regional will switch from Med 8 to Med 22. Sierra Vista Hospital has relocated their med radio equipment.

Stroke & STeMI:

Alyssa Patterson gave Stroke/STeMI update including results from the recent survey. There were 290 responses to the stroke survey. 53% were not familiar with stroke protocols. More training on large vessel occlusions is needed.

STEMI Committees are doing outreach with referring centers and is looking at thrombolytic usage across the state. Lea Regional Hospital is progressing on getting their data submitted to

become a certified STEMI referring center. The STEMI quarterly meeting on June 30th in Las Cruces at Mountain View Regional.

EMS Fund Act:

26 Local Service Improvement, 12 Vehicle Purchase and 7 Statewide Improvement Fund Act applications have been received.

Las Palomas EMS wants to transfer funds to cover for Caballo EMS, who has ceased operations, \$10,000 of Fund Act money was left over from Caballo. Ann Martinez has concerns about other services that may need funds to cover the area. She has requested an inventory list. Ann stated that they could consider rolling over funds based on how the request is written.

Chad Hamill made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from Caballo EMS to Palomas EMS pending Bureau approval of pending documents. James Williams seconded the motion. All approved.

Living Cross Ambulance has ceased operations in Valencia County, American Medical Response (AMR) is covering the area.

EMS Licensing:

Martin Moulton gave the licensing report. EMS licensing is in peak renewal season. To date 1,390 licenses have been renewed, there are 2306 licenses left to renew. Initial licenses are issued as follows: 31 Emergency Medical Dispatchers, 111 EMT-Basic, 34 EMT-Intermediate, 24 Paramedic and 31 EMS First Responders. Appreciations were given to Martin and his team.

EMS Operations:

Charles Schroeder presented general EMS updates:

From the Licensing Commission Meeting of November 8, 2016:

Impaired Practitioner Program; 2 participants

Letter of Censure: 3

Hearings: 1 pending

Parental Responsibility Act:

Suspension; 2

Warned; 2

Each EMS Region will transition to the updated NMEMSTARS (NEMSIS Elite) system, as follows: EMS Region 3 will begin transition in February 2017, followed by EMS Region II, then EMS Region I.

The January 20 deadline for EMS Fund Act has closed. We do not know the total amount for distribution yet.

Important meeting dates are as follows:

EMS Licensing Commission, Albuquerque: 02/7/2017

Air Ambulance, Albuquerque: 03/7/2017

Medical Direction Committee, Albuquerque: 03/31/2017 at 0930

Joint Organization on Education, Albuquerque: 03/31/2017 at 1230

Statewide EMS Advisory Committee, Ruidoso: 4/26/2017

Region III EMS Conference, Ruidoso: 04/24-30/2017

Regional Updates:

EMS Region 1: Jerome Haskie stated that Region 1 continues to work on their deliverables for the next 6 months. He stated that they have almost completed the Medical Rescue inspections and applications for this year. They will review special projects on February 10 and will attend 2 Trauma meetings (Northern Retrac and Western Retrac). The Region 1 conference will be held on July 24-29 at the Marriott Pyramid. Jerome stated that they would like to use CNM Workforce Training Center in the future.

EMS Region II: Donnie Roberts gave the report on Doug Champion's behalf. Region II continues working on their task work. Their regional conference is scheduled for November. They are preparing for NEMSIS version 3 to come online. Stuart Castle has been a great resource for questions and answers to the EMS agencies.

EMS Region III: Donnie Roberts reported that EMS Region III has been busy working on current contract items for EMS/ NMEMSTARS, Trauma and Regional Activities. These contract items include providing technical assistance and conducting inspections of EMD agencies and Medical Rescue Services to satisfy requirements for state certification. Providing technical assistance to regional services with the EMS Fund Act Special Project funding program. Providing continuous assistance to EMS agencies in the use of NMEMSTARS and the upgrade to NEMSIS version 3. Continued to provide the MegaCall™ Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) course. The Video Loan program has been busy and we are in the process of updating DVD's. The EMS Region III AHA Training Center has continued to be their most active program. Region 3 serves New Mexico, Texas and Arizona as our coverage area and now have over 653 instructors. EMS Region III continues to participate in quarterly Regional Trauma Advisory Council (ReTracs) meetings in 4 established areas. They continue to work closely with 9 trauma designated facilities and are working with all of the Critical Access hospitals to address concerns from a survey conducted last year. EMS Region III assisted hospitals and EMS services in the TSFA funding program this year by reviewing and assisting in preparation of applications. The Region III conference is planned for the end of April.

EMS Training Institutions:

The EMS Academy report was presented by Jan Veasart. Ms. Veasart gave a report on classes for 2016 for all levels. The EMS Academy has hired a new EMS instructor and are working on a continuing education update packet.

Central NM Community College (CNM) was provided by Jessica Medrano. They are doing two dual credit EMS First Responder courses. She gave a report on other ongoing courses. CNM is now pre-testing prior to acceptance to their paramedic programs. They have 4 community paramedics completing their clinicals. The EMS Program can now run their own non-credit courses. They are also having discussions regarding their failed students and remediation.

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) – Sahaj Khalsa stated that their 2016 program is expanding. They are experiencing staffing problems and will be posting positions soon. He gave an overview on ongoing classes and instructor coordinator training. SFCC had their CoAEMSPS site visit in October with 2 minor citations. He felt that the visit went well. Mr. Khalsa gave an overview on Sunpath grant program. SFCC are building a hybrid EMT curriculum to include an online component; this hybrid course should be ready by fall 2017.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee: The report was given by Jessica Medrano. Jessica discussed the JOE's 2017 goals to include the approval of their bylaws and processes. They would like to see increased participation of EMS Medical Directors and are looking at EMT-Basic course curriculum length. The JOE will send their reports to the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee (SWAC).

EMS Legislation and other EMS Issues:

Kyle Thornton reported that this year's Legislative session is a 60 day session; from 1/17-3/18, 2017; the NMDOH will track 3 Bills: Amending the EMS Fund Act, the REPLICA limited recognition compact, and amending the STeMI Certification Act.

Kyle covered budget concerns. Trauma budget is the same right now. The EMS fund is targeted for a \$200,000 cut. With carryover, the cut will be \$400,000. The EMS Fund is estimated at \$2.6 million.

The EMS Bureau has 4 rules that are currently at the Governor's office for approval to carry on with the hearing process (EMS Licensing, EMS Supplemental, AED rule, and Advanced Directives).

National Scope of Practice project is up and running, they are in the process of selecting individuals to sit on review committees. The EMS for the Future document (EMS 2050) is being updated and they are looking for individuals to sit on that committee, as well.

Martin Moulton and Charles Becvarik will be attending the National Association of EMS Officials (NASEMSO) this year. Kyle stated that he would not be attending due to the work that needs to be done at the Legislative session. The next CDC block grant compliance visit will be on February 16-17.

Other Business:

There will be a 1 day conference on Stroke/STeMI put on by the American Heart Association on April 14, 2017 at CNM-Workforce Training Center. San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington will host a Trauma Conference from February 24-25 at Pinon Hills Church. The Medical Reserve Corps will be hosting a Volunteer Summit in Albuquerque. Please keep your eyes open for pending dates.

The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2017 at 1:30pm in Ruidoso, during the EMS Region III conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm as moved by Chad Hamill and seconded by Gregg Kotila. All approved.