

NM EMS Medical Direction Committee Minutes
June 9th, 2025
UNM EMS Academy

1. Call to Order and Introductions 1302

Meeting called to order by Dr Mateo Garcia
Brandon Sam EMT Basic Present
Pete Bellows EMT -I Present
Karen Burns Paramedic Present
Dr Robert Sapien Absent
Dr Mateo Garcia Present
Dr Jenna White Present
Dr Chelsea White Present
Dr Ryan Hodnick Absent
Dr Ben Diven Present
Dr Chad Carver Absent

2. Call for proxy votes and quorum

No proxy votes
Quorum

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion to approve agenda Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition Motion carries

4. Review and approval of minutes from March 2024

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Dr Chelsea White

5. Old Business

- a. Rule Hearing update
- b. PHI finger thoracostomy guideline update

6. Initial Special Skills

a. Guardian flight Gallup Med Flight

Motion to approve with removal of Chest tube insertion by Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

b. Guardian flight Aero Care

Motion to approve with removal of Chest tube insertion by Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

c. Clovis Fire Department

Motion to approve by Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows

The motion is amended to approve with the dose of 4 mg/kg IM

No opposition, motion carries

Dr Jenna White questions the dosage. Chance Chenault states Dr. Carver wanted to keep dose on low end due to recent issues with dosage. Dr. Chelsea White also voices concerns due to the low dose may cause further agitation instead of sedating the patient. Dr. Chelsea White states he is still uncomfortable with the dose range. Motion is tabled while Chance Chenault confers with Dr Carver.

d. Cibola County Fire Dept

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns

Dr Chelsea White abstains

No Opposition motion carries

e. AMR Otero County

Motion to approve to benzo by Pete Bellows amends motion to amend to 10 mg
Second Dr Ben Diven

Dr Jenna White states that the IM/ IN dosing appears to be low as the EMTI guidelines 5 mg IV/IO and 10 mg IM/IN route. The committee tables pending clarification later in this meeting. Medical director approves 10 mg IM

Motion to approve Paramedic medication special skills by Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns

No Opposition, motion carries

f. AMR San Miguel County

Motion to approve Pete Bellows Motion amended to include AMR Albuquerque
Second Dr Ben Diven

Karen Burns asks if it was added to the Paramedic scope, Dr Ian Medoro states it has not yet been approved by Secretary of Health.

No opposition motion carries

g. AMR Albuquerque

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven

No opposition, motion carries

h. Estancia Fire Rescue

Motion to approve EMT B IV Starts by Karen Burns
Second Dr Chelsea White

Discussion: Karen Burns states that she supports placing an EMTI class. This opens a door for many services to request a special skill for EMTB IV starts. Service MD states they have more EMTB and EMTP than EMTI and having EMTB with special skill would free the EMTI and EMTP to treat patients. Dr Chelsea White states AZ does the special skill process differently and

the special skill follows the provider. There is a class that allows EMTB to have special endorsement to have IV skill. Dr Chelsea White states he would support if it was a special skill to assist an on scene EMTI or EMTP but not if it were to allow an EMTB to work as an untrained EMTI. Dr Ben Diven states the special skill puts the burden of training on the service. The service clarifies that it is not a request to monitor the IV. Dr Jenna White states she has misgivings about expanding the scope of the EMTB, even on a case-by-case basis. She worries this will draw the focus away for tasks the EMTB should be completed.

Roll call vote:

Brandon Sam No
Pete No
Karen No
Sapien Absent
Garcia Present
J White No
C White No
Hodnick Absent
Diven Vote to approve
Carver Absent

Motion Denied

Motion to approve Benzo for seizures at the EMTI level Pete Bellows addendum to include corrections by the service.

Second Karen Burns

No opposition, motion carries

Motion to approve Ketamine for pain sedation by Karen Burns

Second by Pete Bellows

Dr Kim Pruett left notes questioning the dosing. There is extensive discussion

i. Torrance County

Motion to deny EMTB IV starts by Karen Burns

Second Pete Bellows

Dr Ben Diven opposes, the motion passes

Motion to approve Benzo by Pete Bellows

Second by Dr Chelsea White

No opposition motion carries

Motion to approve Ketamen with the same amendments as above by Karen Burns

Second by Pete Bellows

No opposition motion carries

Motion to approve US at EMTP level for cardiac arrest/FAST by Pete Bellows

Second by Karen Burns

No opposition motion carries

j. Mountainair Fire and Rescue

Motion to deny EMTB IV starts by Karen Burns
Second By Dr Chelsea White
Dr Ben Diven opposes, motion carries

k. Grants Fire and Rescue

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
Dr Chelsa White abstains, no opposition motion carries

l. Gila Regional EMS

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven
Dr Mateo Garcia abstains, No opposition, motion carries

m. Las Cruces Fire Dept

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
Dr. Ben Diven abstains, No opposition. Motion carries

n. Guardian Flight Eagle Air

Motion to approve with removal of Chest tube insertion by Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

7. Special Skills - Renewal / Annual Report

a. AIT

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven

Pete Bellows reiterates that the committee has asked numerous times for Ketamine be reported by indication, Karen Burns requests that reports not be accepted in the future if the use is not reported by indication. Both request this be placed in the minutes.

No opposition, motion carries

b. Belen Fire

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven
No opposition, motion carries

c. Santa Fe County Fire

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

d. Bernalillo County Fire

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Dr Ben Diven
No opposition, motion carries

e. UNM EMS Consortium

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
Dr Mateo Garcia abstains
No opposition, motion carries

f. Pueblo of Zuni

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven
Dr Chelsea White abstains,
No opposition, motion carries

g. UNM Lifeguard

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

h. AMR Chaves County

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
Recognition to service for easy-to-read reporting. Dr Jenna White questions the dosing and asks that the committee consider the dosing.
No opposition, motion carries

i. Lincoln County EMS

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Dr Ben Diven
No opposition, motion carries

j. Rio Rancho Fire

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

k. Albuquerque Fire Rescue

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
Dr Mateo Garcia notes that the application was easy to read and also deserved recognition
No opposition, motion carries

l. AAS

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows

Karen Burns amends the motion to include expansion to include headache and nausea

Karen Burns comments that the report is well written and very transparent with adverse reactions

No opposition, motion carries

m. CSI

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
No opposition, motion carries

n. Mescalero Fire Rescue

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

o. McKinley County Thoreau

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns

Pete Bellows comments that McKinley County, Gallup MedStar and Gallup fire submitted one report, in the future, it should be separated by service

No opposition, motion carries

p. Gallup MedStar

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Dr Chelsea White

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No opposition, motion carries

q. Gallup Fire

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Dr Chelsea White

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No opposition, motion carries

r. Artesia Fire

Motion to approve Pete Bellows
Second Karen Burns
No opposition, motion carries

s. Espanola EMS

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Dr Ben Diven
No opposition, motion carries

t. Guardian Flight Aero Care

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

u. Guardian Flight Gallup Med Flight

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

v. Guardian Flight Eagle Air

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

w. PHI

Motion to approve application with the provision Dr Kim Pruett's recommendation be followed by
Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

x. PHI Rico

Motion to approve Karen Burns
Second Pete Bellows
No opposition, motion carries

8. Late Submissions

- a. Corrales Fire
- b. Hidalgo county
- c. Roswell Fire

9. Special Skills Process Review and Reminder

10. EMS Bureau Program Updates

11. MDC Meeting schedule for 2025: 05 September, 05 December

12. Adjournment 1625