

## Mississippi State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

A meeting of the Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Council was held at 2:00 p.m. on December 9, 2010, in the Underwood Auditorium of the Mississippi State Department of Health, 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi. Committee member attendance was as follows:

### **Present:**

Pete Avara, MD  
Butch McMillan  
John Nelson, MD  
Josh Wenzel  
Jonathan Wilson, RN  
Jerry Howell  
Rick Carlton, MD  
Clyde DeSchamp, PhD  
Mike Cole, EMT-P  
Amber Kyle, RN  
Douglas Higginbotham  
Tony McCallum, EMT-P  
Wade Spruill, Jr.  
Rodney Frothingham, MD  
John Porter, MD  
Ben Yarbrough, MD  
Hugh Gamble, MD  
Alton Shaw, EMT-P, RN  
Steven Beeson, EMT-P  
Gail Thomas  
Amanda Fontaine

### **Absent:**

Mary Currier, MD, MPH  
K.C. Hamp  
Bennie Wright, MD  
JoAnn Coates, MD  
William T. Avara, MD

### **MSDH Staff Members Present:**

Jim Craig	Robert Galli, MD
Norman Miller, PhD	Alisa Williams
Donna Smith	Dale Holdiness

**Call to Order – Jim Craig:** Mr. Craig, Designated Representative for Chairman, called to order the EMSAC meeting at 2:09 p.m. on December 9, 2010 in the Osborne Auditorium, MSDH Campus.

1. **Approval of the Minutes-** Motion was made by John Nelson, MD to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Josh Wenzel. Passed unanimously without comment.

2. **Update – State Office of Health Protection, Director – Jim Craig:**
  - EMSAC has requested to set disciplinary actions against EMS services and/or EMS providers on disciplinary website
3. **Medicaid Interpretation of ALS –**
  - In response to the State Health Officers request to the Division of Medicaid to parallel definitions of ALS and BLS with that of the agency's the Division of Medicaid has since revised their regulations and filed them.
  - Jim Craig requests an oral proceeding from the Division of Medicaid –No response
4. **Update – State EMS Medical Director – Dr. Robert Galli:**
  - General EI Program with online tools for a corporate medical directorship
  - Two position statements were presented by the Mississippi EMS Educators. First stating they support the new national EMS education standards for EMR, EMT, EMTP. Second states supports the development of critical care endorsement for paramedics.
  - MDTQA supports critical care paramedic as a good category and valuable in terms of healthcare.
    - Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to craft regulations and determine if statutory change is required. Motion made by Clyde Dechamp, PhD. Seconded by Rick Carlton, MD.
  - MDTQA recommends EMT-Intermediate be phased out when transitioning to new national levels.
    - Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to craft regulations absent continuing the EMT Intermediate program in our state. Motion made by Tony McCallum, EMT-P. Seconded by Josh Wenzel, EMTP.
  - MDTQA discussed induced hypothermia protocols. Recognizing the difficulty of providing this skill in the field, MDTQA thought it should be made an optional skill.
    - Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to come up with appropriate plan.
5. **EMSOF Grant Applications:** Alisa Williams presented items in one EMSOF Grant Applications for approval by the EMS Advisory Council.
  - **Hinds County:** To purchase two EMS first response vehicles. – Application Approved
  - **Yazoo County:** To purchase one EMS quick response vehicle, two RTVs, and two utility trailers. – Application Approved

**Regulations** – Regulations to make changes to the approval process of the EMSOF Grant Applications to include an attached Memorandum and/or letter of

support from the licensed ambulance service and/or the county EMS regulatory program. Motion made to accept by Wade Spruill, Jr. and Seconded by Josh Wenzel, EMTP. A recommendation was made by Jim Craig for approval of the proposed regulations to be presented to the State Board of Health at the January 12, 2010 meeting at 10:00 a.m. and filed with the Secretary of State.