



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Health Protection Conference Room
570 E Woodrow Wilson Ave Jackson MS

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council was held July 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mississippi State Department of Health Central Campus, Osborne Auditorium. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. (Shaw/Wilson)

Galli reported on behalf of EMS for Children Grant Program.

- Productive discussions about the development of the potential system of care for pediatrics
- Process of reviewing several adjoining states' protocols and programs.

Avara reported on behalf of Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee.

- Challenges with trauma registry and how to capture everyone specifically.
- Reviewed issue of systems of care and the importance thereof.

Galli reported on behalf of Medical Direction Training and Quality Assurance Committee/EMS PI Committee.

- Critical Care Paramedic pilot has been completed. It was very successful. Have a few potential updates and changes in terms of the education (proposed cadaver labs).
- Discussion on spinal immobilization. Unanimous to recommend the consideration of the National Association of EMS Physicians' policy statement on using spinal immobilization.
- GCS. MDTQA reviewing literature reviews on that; Update at next meeting.
- State Model Protocols being revised to include a section on critical care paramedicine.
- Will be distributed in two forms. The EMT basic and the paramedic part would be distributed to the general services. And those with the critical care paramedic program had the option of taking a third iteration.
- Embarking on discussions with outside organizations to look at a couple of studies to dig down on exactly how systems of care are functioning in the state.

Deschamp reported on behalf of EMS Functionality Subcommittee.

- Continued work on medical control for non-transport EMS.
- Work begins on Mobile Integrated Healthcare (Community Paramedic).
- Critical Care Paramedic pilot complete and reviewing for any changes that need to be made. Not getting clinical time planned for. Proposing change to add cadaver lab.

- Developed orientation plan for future critical care paramedic programs to ensure continuity across the programs.

Wilson reported on behalf of EMS Rules and Regulations Subcommittee

- Arterial tourniquets for use. Currently on the minimum standards list for Ambulances.
- Air medical chapter referred to Mississippi Air Medical Providers Association, to review and make recommendations. Will bring to Rules and Regs.
- Glucose checks to EMTs NOT in national scope of practice.
- Motion to add to EMT practice. Requires reg change and education change. Assigned to education committee to update and submit to EMSAC to set timeline for implementation and regulation change. (Deschamp/Galtelli)
- Standards for Ambulance Vehicles moving away from GSA specifications. Motion made to change language as appropriate. (Avara/Bassett)
- EMS Advisory Council proposed change to 41-59-7 (reflecting systems of care and changes to make up of EMS Advisory Council) to go before Board of Health. (Avara/Gamble) Opposed: McCallum, Cole, Nelson
- Motion made to present to Board of Health a fee for certification of critical care paramedic to be set at \$60. (Bassett/Wilson)
- Motion made to present to Board of Health an increase to EMSOF of \$5. Requires legislative change. (Deschanp/Shaw)

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 P.M. (Wilson/Bassett)

Present: Rick Carlton, MD (Chairman); Clyde Deschamp, Ph.D.; Douglas Higginbotham; Hugh Gamble, M.D.; Mark Galtelli; Jonathan Wilson; Alton Shaw; Heather Kyle; William T. Avara, III, M.D.; Amber Kyle, John Nelson; William Bassett; Claude Brunson, M.D.; Debbie Berry (for Hemeter; Mike Cole; Tony McCallum