



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 **January 11, 2018** at 1300 hours at the Mississippi State Department of Health Central Campus, Osborne Auditorium.

Called to Order: 1300

Minutes for August 2017 meeting present. Motion made to approve (McKenzie). Seconded (Wilson). Unanimously passed.

Howard reported on behalf of ST Elevation MI Committee and Stroke Committee.

- \$2000 grant still available to new hospitals
- Working with hospitals on Pulsara Grant.
- Advanced Stroke Life Support classes available (see EMS Calendar at www.ems.ms.gov)
- Statewide Symposium on February 9, 2018 in Jackson, MS.

EMS for Children Committee. No Report.

Deschamp reported on behalf of Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee. New Trauma Activation Criteria for hospitals approved and will be implemented on March 1, 2018. These are now separate from the EMS Destination Guidelines.

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

MDTQA –

- Updated Medication List (posted on EMS website at www.ems.ms.gov)
- National Core Comp Program for recertification updated and approved to 2016 standards.
- Trauma Destination Guidelines implementation packet sent out to all licensed EMS Agencies (Operations Managers and Offline Medical Directors)

PI – No Report.

EMS Rules and Regulations Subcommittee.

- Community Paramedic Regulations – Review Concept
 - Chair and BEMS Director to establish Task Force for review (MHA, Home Health, EMS, Mental Health, Medicaid, General Practice Physicians)

- EMS Functionality input. (schedule meetings on same day as rules)
- Concerns voiced about the development of an independent practice
- Review other states regarding testing (including entry level exam), implementation, training
- Program to address routine visits to reduce readmissions to hospitals due to chronic illness.

Williams presented BEMS Update.

- As requested, maps provided for number of paramedics and number of EMTs by Mississippi county of residence.
 - Request to provide totals
 - Request to trend numbers
- Meeting Timeline for 2018 provided.
- List of Accomplishments for 2017 provided.
- Pending Items include
 - NREMT connectivity to MEMSIS Licensure – January 2018
 - Service Application Online – Summer 2018
 - Advanced EMT Legislative Request Submitted.
- REPLICA moving forward. Still NOT ready for implementation.
 - Provide quarter update as standing agenda item.

New Business:

Bills currently dropped regarding EMS include

- EMS carry firearms on ambulances
- EMS transportation of K9

Medical Licensure Board revamping Rules.

- Make sure it does not prohibit EMS activities
- Review new federal law on controlled substances

The meeting adjourned at **1400P.M. (Spruill/McKenzie)**

Present - Council:

Fredrick Carlton, MD - Chairman
 Dewayne Blaylock
 Wade Spruill
 Kendall McKenzie, MD
 Jonathan Wilson, RN, PhD
 Clyde Deschamp, Ph.D.
 Mark Galtelli, NRP
 Amanda Fontaine
 David Grayson, NRP
 Amber Kyle, RN
 Hugh Gamble, MD
 K.C. Hamp
 Jeffrey Welborne

Present - Staff:

Alisa Williams, BEMS Director
 Billie Collier, EMSC
 Donna Etheridge, MEMSIS
 Dale Holdiness, Licensure
 Wayne Vaughn, OEPR
 Jim Craig, Health Protection

Council – Not Present:

William Avara, MD
 Tyler Blalock, NRP
 Charles Brunson, MD
 Debbie Berry, RN
 Janie Clanton, RN, NRP
 Walter Grace
 Duncan Donald, MD