



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 April 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.
(Higginbotham/Bassett)

Howard reported on behalf of ST Elevation MI Committee.

- Initial Performance Improvement Report is tentatively scheduled for review at July regular Meeting.
- STEMI Rules and Regulations Subcommittee is being developed with Dr. Birdway in Tupelo, North Mississippi Medical Center, as chair of that committee.
- The EKG course for paramedics for STEMI recognition/alerts is being developed. Mark Galtelli is coordinator.
- Once developed STEMI will look it over, the cardiologists will, with the Mississippi Healthcare Alliance, and determine its acceptability, put a stamp of approval on there, and we'll go out and start teaching, or he will. He and the EMT paramedic educators will start teaching that around the state. And they plan to have several per year to get a big swell of paramedics trained initially, and then maybe less and less as we get caught up.

Williams reported on behalf of EMS for Children Grant Program.

- Completed readiness survey. 80 percent feedback from hospitals and 100 percent feedback from EMS.
- Committee is reviewing to see what kind of state we're in to start pediatric referral patterns for children who are injured or seriously ill, to make sure that they get to the right hospital at the right time.

Carlton reported on behalf of Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee.

- PEER committee report was reviewed.

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

- MDTQA discussed the ability of EMT basics to do blood glucoses in the field. Currently, that has not been the standard of care, standard practice. That is changing. It is included in the new guidelines, regulations. Motion to develop regulations.
(Higginbotham/Gamble)

- Reviewing C-Spine Precautions, Critical Care Paramedic Clinicals, motor component of GCS to expedite triage.
- Protocols are nearing completion. There are national protocols and not available. Awaiting those to be done, finished, to see where we stand with it.
- Completed a statewide survey on the current PI programs that each service is doing. They all seem to have something in place. The descriptions varied. Some actually admitted to the fact that their medical directors do not participate in the PI program, which we understand they will be receiving phone calls in the near future.
- Working on more of a statewide PI program, considering that we -- we're kind of considering frameworks.
- Streamlined drug list to go largely through the medical director, the state EMS director, and MDTQA so that we could make some adjustments on that list a little bit more expeditiously. Contains class of drug approvals. Clarified transport list. Specific drugs are approved through protocols submitted by the service off line medical director.
- Typographical errors to be corrected by Galtelli and submitted to EMS office for posting to website.

Deschamp reported on behalf of EMS Functionality Subcommittee.

- Functionality had previously submitted a recommendation to the council to approve the emergency medical systems of care concept, which was approved. Presented membership makeup.
- Includes everybody who serves on this council now, and it adds a few to it - the Mississippi Healthcare Alliance regions and the cardiologists and the neurologists from the Healthcare Alliance. Total committee is 31 members.
- Rationale behind is to include these other systems of care, STEMI and stroke right now in particular. So we need representation from those particular groups. The Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, they have a very strong interest in EMS. Fire departments run a lot of EMS agencies around the state. They have kind of felt left out in the past, so we thought we would add them to the table, as well, to give them a voice.
- Rules and Regulations will need to draft language for EMSAC approval to go before the Board in October.
- Motion to go before the Board of Health in October. (Galtelli/Bassett)
- Community Paramedic: Some differences in what the paramedic needs to be assessing for and teaching them what to look for and what resources are available to mitigate and where to report the deficiencies that they note -- but I see this as more like a bridge educational piece and a refresher, as opposed to a new certification level that we'd have to go all the way to the Legislature for.

Wilson reported on behalf of EMS Rules and Regulations Subcommittee

- No Report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. (AVARA/WILSON)

Present: Rick Carlton, MD (Chairman); Clyde Deschamp, Ph.D.; Douglas Higginbotham; Hugh Gamble, M.D.; Kevin Holland; Mark Galtelli; Jonathan Wilson; Janie Clanton; Amanda Fontaine; Alton Shaw; Heather Kyle; William T. Avara, III, M.D.; K.C. Hamp; Walter Grace; Amber Kyle, John Nelson