

State EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Connie Mattera- at 10:39 a.m.

EMS Roll Call Vote: Council Members Present: Rebecca Tracy, M.D., Richard Fantus M.D., Connie Mattera, Chief Juan Hernandez, Arien Herrmann (proxy Juan Hernandez), Kim Godden, Kevin Bernard, Stuart Schroeder, Sara Brown, Charles Kelly, Brad Robinson, Ken Pearlman, M.D., Ralph Gaul, Lisa Kirane (Proxy James Graham M.D.), Dan Donahoe, Arien Hermann, John Nowack, Mike Hansen (Proxy Connie Mattera), Amy Crane, Scott French M.D.

Approval of May 2024 EMS Meeting Minutes -Approved

No Correspondence, no public comment

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT: Bobby Van Bebber

- See detailed report attached.

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT – Dr. Richard Fantus:

- See attached report.

EMS DATA: PATRICK SENNETT

- No Report

EMS EDUCATION: CONNIE MATTERA

- See Attached Report
- Last meeting was July 22nd. Had over 100 people joining, and an extensive agenda was sent out along with slide decks of the report.

EMS RECRUITMENT/RETENTION: STUART SCHROEDER

- Report given by Kim Godden
- We have the EMT Recruitment and Retention Task Force that was set up through the Governor's Assembly. The next meeting is being held tomorrow. We have invited everyone to listen in on the task force. If they have any thoughts that they want to share or group recommendations.
- We have been talking about difficulties working as an EMT and moving on to the paramedic program. Health insurance is an issue.

- State Board of Education we'd like to make sure spots are dedicated to individuals who want to be in EMS. We talked about the recent legislation that was signed to make it easier to be EMT with program in high schools. The end of July, the Governor signed into legislation whereas a paramedic with three years of experience can teach an EMT course with an instructor, so that will also help the pass rates for those classes.
- A goal is to get more students aware of EMS, more people licensed and CPR, and get individuals to apply for EMT's and move on to paramedics. We discussed a bridge program that we can go from paramedics to nursing, so there is a credit for paramedics when they go to nursing school. We would like to show career progression.
- The task force does have members from the hospital so, we were trying to get their views also.
- Connie mentioned she is aware of Earn to Learn programs around the country where they are being hired and paid to go to school and they are retained, they have been highly successful. The problem being when they move on to nursing, we lose them in EMS.

STATE STROKE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE: CHARLES KELLY:

- Report given by Michelle Lear from IDPH.
- Last meeting 15th of August with educational presentations as well.
- The next meeting is November 20th.
- Currently we have 156 stroke centers.
- We do have a few open appointments on the stroke committee. Applications did go to the Director's office, approximately 20 of them. Some were renewals along with new ones. We now only have 4 openings.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: ARIEN HERMANN:

- I would like to discuss ASPERN (?) and the hospital preparedness program grant applications that went live in engrams today. One of the requirements for the hospital preparedness program is that every Regional Health care coalition must have a representative from EMS on the Advisory Board. So, if you are not currently active with your regional health coalition, I would encourage everyone to least figure out who is and try to put some pressure on them to address the concerns that were bringing up.
- In Region 5, our representative is Robert Hyman, who is our EMS coordinator for Good Samaritan, and he is a very strong advocate that brings a lot of good things to everyone else's attention.
- Last week we were contacted by Senator Durbin's office in Southern Illinois. We were awarded the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration EMS Training Grant. This will create training programs for prehospital providers to be more prepared in dealing with mental health crisis that they may be responding to. The reason we

applied for the grant was training, recruitment, and retention, so we will be hiring a full-time coordinator and investigating all of avenues for changing educational delivery models, trying to give incentives to people to get into the EMS.

- Kim mentioned if there's any help, she can provide with anything on recruitment and retention, or the ambulance association please let her know.
- I will also be reaching out to Connie for Regarding graduate prepared paramedics.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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FUTURE EMS MEETINGS: VIA WEBEX 2024

NOVEMBER 7TH 2024