

STATE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Center for Learning and Innovations
228 W. Miller St., Springfield, IL 62702

CALL TO ORDER-MIKE HANSEN AT 11:01 A.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Members Present: Glenn Aldinger, M.D. (ICEP), Mitch Crocetti (Rockford), Richard Fantus, M.D. (ICEP), Kim Godden (ICEP), Stephen Graham, M.D. (ICEP), Ralph Gaul (Springfield), Mike Hansen (ICEP), Stephen Holtsford, M.D. (ICEP), David Loria (Rockford), George Madland (ICEP), Connie Mattera (ICEP), Kenneth Pearlman, M.D. (ICEP), Brad Robinson (Springfield), Stuart Schroeder (Springfield), Doug Sears (Rockford), Justin Stalter (Champaign), J. Thomas Willis (Springfield) and **Robin Stortz (ICEP).**

Council Members Absent: Randy Faxon took another position and is no longer on the board. Bradley Perry, and Jack Whitney, M.D.

Quorum is established.

CORRESPONDENCE/MIKE HANSEN: Mike has sent out correspondence regarding EMS Advisory Council to the Honorable Richard Durbin and Tammy Duckworth about Senate Bill 967 “The Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention and Reform Act of 2017”. There was a lot of information from Kim Godden. The Council is asking the Senators to be co-sponsors of this piece of legislation. The same letter went to the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association requesting for their support as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT/MIKE HANSEN: No public comments for EMS Advisory Council.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2017:

Jack Fleearty informed the Council that Dr. Graham was in attendance at the last meeting and the minutes were corrected to reflect. Mike Hansen requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by George Madland and seconded by Dr. Aldinger. Minutes were approved unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA/MIKE HANSEN: No additions to the Agenda.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT/JACK FLEEARTY, RN, EMT-P:

➤ **UPDATE ON EMS GRANTS**

— The FY2018 EMS Assistance Fund Grant applications have been sent to their Regional EMS Advisory Board Chairs. The applications are due back to the Department with completed reviews by the EMS Regional Advisory Boards by August 25, 2017. EMS Assistance Grants will be awarded if funded and authorized by the Illinois General Assembly.

— **REGULATORY UPDATE**

— The EMS New Education Rule amendments are still in the review process within IDPH.

— **HEARTSAVER AED**

— At this time, the Fiscal Year 18 Heartsaver AED Fund Grant will not be available due to lack of appropriation by the Legislators.

— **EMS Week**

— The Department issued over 1300 Years of Service Certificates.

— This year’s EMS Hero of the year went to Todd Zobrist of Pocahontas, IL.

On the morning of March 16, 2017, Mr. Zobrist and members of the emergency crew responded to a call where a car drove into a lake. On their arrival a car was found submerged with only 12 to 15 inches of the

car above water. Mr. Zobrist immediately went into the 40 degree lake water, swam approximately 75 feet to try to save any occupants. The only occupant he was able to pull from the submerging car was an infant. Mr. Zobrist grabbed the infant's arm and pulled the infant onto the top of the vehicle where he began CPR. The infant was then transferred to a pediatric hospital where the infant was later released. The immediate and courageous actions of Mr. Zobrist have been attributed to saving this infant's life.

— This year's EMS Instructor of the year is Edward Ludwig from Morris, IL.

➤ **POLST Form**

— The POLST Form's instructional page, page 2, was recently updated to include the periodic review of changes in the patient's health status or use of implantable devices (e.g. ICDs/cerebral stimulators). It also includes the discussion of a patient's preference when reviewing the form.

➤ **TRAUMA PROGRAM UPDATE:**

— The Trauma Program Staff will be completing the remaining site surveys in Regions 9, 10, and 11 for FY2017.

— The Department received an application for a Pediatric Level II designation at Mercy Rockford Memorial Hospital and it is in review.

➤ **DATA REQUESTS:**

— Continuing to review data requests.

➤ **REGISTRY AND REPORTS:**

— Reviewing submitted requirements for Trauma Center Fund distribution. The distribution funds will be normally given out in August/September 2017.

— The Department continues to work with IT on Trauma Registry issues. The department apologizes for the inconvenience and performance issues related to the registry in the recent past.

➤ **CONTRACT AND PBC:**

— Request for Proposal (RFP) for surgeons is nearing completion for surveys in late Summer and Fall. Any interested physicians meeting the criteria who would like to bid on the RFP, can register for an account on the Illinois Procurement Gateway and make a proposal. The Team have completed eleven (11) site survey so far this year.

➤ **TRAUMA REGISTRY RFP:**

— The Division of EMS submitted a grant application to IDOT for trauma registry funding for FY 2018. The Department Information Technology Department is currently reviewing the specifications for the Trauma Registry RFP.

➤ **IDPH STROKE HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS:**

— **To DATE TOTAL: 150**

— ASRH (Acute Stroke Ready Hospital):	81
— PSC (Primary Stroke Center):	59
— CSC (Comprehensive Stroke Center):	10

— **NEW DESIGNATIONS IN 2016:**

— ASRH:	11
— PSC:	4
— CSC (all former PSC):	6

— **NEW DESIGNATIONS 2017**

— ASRH:	1
— CSC (all former PSC):	4

- State Stroke Fee Fund total as of May 2017: \$56,361.93
- Anticipating a RFP for a Stroke Registry in the near future.

➤ **EMS PRE-HOSPITAL DATA AND BYPASS UPDATES:**

- The Department expects to have the prehospital database system capable of receiving NEMSIS Version 3.4 data by the end of this month. However, we will continue to allow submission of Version 3.3.4 data through the end of 2018. So, from July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, either version will be accepted. Beginning January 1, 2019, only Version 3.4 will be accepted by the Department.

➤ **EMSC Program Updates (June 2017)**

— **2017 Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care Awards**

Awards were presented to the following recipients of the 2017 *Ron W. Lee, MD – Excellence in Pediatric Care* awards.

- Evelyn Lyons, RN, Lifetime Achievement, Illinois EMSC
- Evelyn Susada, RN, Lifetime Achievement, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
- Teri Campbell, RN, Clinical Excellence, University of Chicago, Chicago
- Stefanie Clarke, RN, Clinical Excellence, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria
- Elizabeth DeLong, RN, Community Service, Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee

— **Pediatric Facility Recognition**

- **Regions 1 & 10** – Hospital site surveys in these regions are currently being conducted and will be completed this summer.
- **Region 9** – Hospitals in Region 9 submitted their renewal applications on May 26th. These applications are currently undergoing review. Site surveys in this region will be scheduled in Fall/early Winter.

— **School Nurse Emergency Care (SNEC) Course** – There are eight School Nurse Emergency Care courses scheduled this summer in the following locations: Chicago, Elgin, Joliet, Maryville, Oak Brook, Peoria, Rockford and Winfield. This 3-day course provides school nurses with emergency care and disaster preparedness education and resources.

— **Federal EMS Survey** – The Federal EMSC program has rolled out two (2) new performance measures specific to EMS. One measure is to assure that each EMS agency has a designated individual who coordinates pediatric emergency care. The 2nd measure is to require that each EMS agency has a process for EMS providers to physically demonstrate the correct use of pediatric-specific equipment. Each state is scheduled to participate in a national online survey to obtain baseline information from EMS agencies. Illinois has been assigned to participate in the survey from September thru November 2017. We will be identifying a validated sample of EMS agencies to participate in this survey. Then, the Department will need the assistance of each EMS System Coordinator to email the survey information out to the selected EMS agencies. Further information will be available soon.

— **Federal EMSC Funding** – In the new proposed Federal Budget, the EMSC program funding (as well as many other programs) has not been allocated any funding. A number of national organizations are working to educate their legislators and partners regarding the impact the loss of this funding would have on state and national pediatric care initiatives.

— **EMSC Program Partnership Opportunity** – As mentioned previously, a partnership opportunity application process is underway for the EMSC program. Applications have been received and site visits are underway. To date the EMSC grant has been a collaborative effort at Loyola University Chicago. The Department opened this opportunity to all Schools of Medicine in Illinois to explore all eligible partners that may be interested in housing the Illinois EMSC program, and supporting future goals/objectives and ensure continued growth and sustainability of EMSC initiatives. Contact Evelyn Lyons for any questions.

➤ **EMS LICENSING YTD:**

- New License Processed YTD = 2,053
- Renewals Processed YTD = 2,615
- Reciprocity Processed YTD = 151

— The Department currently has 63,132 licensees in the system.

➤ **EMS LICENSING/GLSUITE:**

— Department of Information Technology continues to work with CMS and GL Solutions in building the new software platform for GLSuite6.

➤ **TESTING AND EDUCATION:** Jennifer Ludwig introduced to the Council.

— **CTS 2nd Quarter 2017 Test Results:** A brief summary of 1st attempt results for the 1st Quarter are as follows:

LEVEL	PASS	PASS PERCENTAGE	FAIL	FAIL PERCENTAGE	TOTAL	TOTAL PERCENTAGE
BASIC	367	85%	64	15%	431	100%
EMT-I	5	83%	1	17%	6	100%
EMT-P	124	97%	4	3%	128	100%
TNS	22	63%	13	37%	35	100%

➤ **AMBULANCE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM UPDATES:**

— The Department has posted the position for the Ambulance Compliance Program Section Chief position. The Department has continued to review new provider applications, process system modifications, and complete scheduled inspections. The Department is currently reviewing the application for a second mobile stroke unit that will be operated in the Northwest collar counties of Chicago.

➤ **REMINDERS:**

— The IPHA Public Health and Medical Services Summit is taking place in Bloomington next Tuesday thru Thursday. We hope to see many of the EMS System Coordinators there and have some networking opportunities during the summit.

— The Illinois Ethics Training 2017 will be coming out in June for EMS & Trauma Advisory Council members. Please complete the training and return your forms to Tena Horton.

➤ **TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/RICHARD FANTUS, MD:**

— The Council has not met since the last meeting.

➤ **MOBILE-INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE/GEORGE MADLAND:**

— MIH Committee created a subcommittee for data to create consistent data metrics from programs to programs. There will be teleconference call on Monday, June 12, 2017.

— MIH Task Force has been put on hold until the data metrics can be developed. The MIH Data Subcommittee will be chaired by Ken Snow from Advocate Sherman and Dylan Ferguson out of the McLean County.

— The Committee was able to have conversations regarding the data elements with the approved programs as well as the Systems that supervise these programs. Dan Lee is attending as well.

— Dylan Ferguson gave a brief overview of the MIH Subcommittee Data regarding the metric which were developed at their last meeting.

➤ **EMERGING ISSUES/GEORGE MADLAND:**

- The Committee did not meet prior to this meeting.
- The issue of the POLST and cross-jurisdictional ambulance being held up, stopped or not received when they are transporting a patient who dies with a properly executed POLST form. The Committee has contacted the Coroners. The Committee would like to encourage the private sector that is taking these patients across counties that these arrangements are all made by the Hospice staff in association with the Medical staff at the facility and they should be the primary resource.

➤ **EMS EDUCATION/CONNIE MATTERA, RN:**

- The last EMS Education meeting was held on April 24, 2017. The Committee was teleconferenced at several different sites.
- IDPH informed the Committee that Continental Testing Services has had their contract renewal. Based upon this, the Committee will begin to reconvene the Item Writing Subcommittees for each of the exams in order to start working on blueprint adjustments based on the new scope of practice model.
- The bulk of the business at the meeting involved having each of the sites approve a verification of the update CE that all of the providers are supposed to obtain with respect to the Illinois scope which came out in May 2016. It is a unanimously-approved one (1) page document that a Coordinator within a System would be able to complete in terms of what education has been completed.
- ECRN course outcomes were approved at the January 2017. It was determined that the programs would like to have a blueprint of a possible final exam for ECRNs. Programs would be able to plug in their own items, but they would correspond to the objectives that were agreed to be proposed. This will be proposed at the July 2017 meeting. Looking for a vote at the September 2017. The PHRN course outcomes will be looked at afterwards.
- Through NASEMSO, their Scope of Practice Model Subcommittee is in full force and expect to have their report by end of 2018. NASEMSO also has a task force whose members include physicians. This task force are in the process of updating their model protocols to align with guidelines currently being developed by a lot of organizations, like AHA, etc. The Committee request that everyone continue to visit the model guideline website. This would allow you to see what they are proposing for local protocols.
- A lot of movement on the Veterans Disability & EMS Transition project. Subcommittees have been working on curricula at a national level in order the veterans to transition from their military credentials to state credentials. This is on the website for review as well.
- NASEMSO just published a Safe Transport of Children by EMS guideline.
- NASEMSO is also making progress on the Fatigue Risk Management Guidelines for fatigue in EMS. This has a potential for being a game changer in EMS as data they have been able to collect data.
- Co-AEMSP will have an accreditation workshop in June 2017 in Minneapolis and another one on October 12-13, 2017. Location to be disclosed. For those who have been accredited or under a letter of review, there is a price increase from \$1,400 to \$1700 effective July 2017 and is due annually.
- In May 2017, Lead Instructor courses were conducted on May 5th and May 7th. There are two (2) more Lead Instructor courses planned before the end of 2017. Dates to be announced. For instructor resources, there are good blogs from Faculty focus of huge importance to educators.
- National Registry has implemented their new initial testing for paramedics' process. Illinois is the 4th highest State of National Registry pass with fewer than 75 candidates doing the exam last year. Regarding the National EMS Compact, if a student went to class after January 1, 2013, and they did not obtain their license by taking the National Registry exam, the student is not eligible to deploy to a disaster zone. Connie Mattera has a three (3) page agenda, as well as a link, for the Committee's review.
- The next EMS Education Committee is July 24, 2017.
- Connie Mattera provided additional resources for education materials on IM epinephrine, 12-lead EKGs, and naloxone.
- Discussion on how to get Systems to go to National Registry testing.

➤ **STATE STROKE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE/JACK FLEEHARTY:**

- At the last State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee scheduled on May 10, 2017, there were approximately 30-40 attendees. There was more in-depth discussions on more in-depth assessments for large vessel

inclusion. Drs. Graham and Mahr came and presented on the CDH Mobile Stroke Unit and share some of their metrics and experience since they became operational in the first quarter of the year.

- Discussion regarding networking between the ASHRs and PSC and CSC. They discuss regional reports and each region reports on its work with Regional EMS Advisory Committees. There are some areas that feel that they could provide a better service regarding transport protocols. There has been huge improvement as a result of their networking.
- Discussion of Pact to Act Fast brochures and the work that is ongoing in other States which are mirroring this same education.
- Discussion of posting of educational material and Dylan Ferguson is working on this committee as well. The Subcommittee has a lot of medical expertise.

➤ **EMS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/STUART SCHROEDER:**

- Stuart traveled to Iowa to meet w/individuals who have experienced the similar situation to rural Illinois. What helps their service is the ability to put an ambulance with a driver. This person has a driver's license, some type of emergency vehicle training, and a CPR card. It does not matter if it is a Basic who jumps into the back of the ambulance, then that unit turns into a Basic life support; if a Paramedic jumps in the back then the unit becomes ALS. The majority of the rural services are utilizing this process.
- Kim Godden brought up some recruitment issues Illinois is experiencing. Stuart visited trade unions, i.e. IBW, heavy operators. They have seen about a 50% increase in high school graduates taking to be an electrician to be an HVAC and heavy equipment operators. Stuart decided to review the data. In the first year, an electrician apprentice earns between \$10-\$20 per hour with no weekends or holidays. HVAC apprentices earn \$15-\$25 per hour with no weekends or holidays. Heavy equipment operators earns in the first year \$25 per hour; fourth year \$35 per hour. There will be a need for 10,000 HVAC technicians within the next five (5) years. There is a lot of competition between EMTS and the trade unions.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS:**

— **EMS Legislation:**

- Representative Willis spirited HB3910 Illinois Controlled Substance Act which strips language out of the Federal level and places into the State legislation to allow "Standing Orders" to be used for controlled substances. It passed the House and the Senate side unanimously.
- HB2661 EMS Transportation of Police Dogs passed unanimously in the House and the Senate.
- HB302 Infectious Disease Testing Act. EMS language falls under the Hospital Act. All EMT/PHRN/Law Enforcement will be included in this Act and is a separate standalone Act. This passed both House and the Senate.
- HB1952 Ambulance Assist Vehicle Provider was included for the Council's review.
- Also discussed was the shell bill, SB1967.
- Four (4) bills were passed with one (1) bill having a "No" vote.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS:**

— **SWOT Analysis & Strategic Planning:**

Mike Hansen informed the Council that he is still working on the strategic plans for EMS. He is looking at other national documents for the group's review. He is also reviewing EMS 3.0 to provide guidance for the future. First meeting could possibly be after the Summer.

— **Rules and Legislation**

Jack Fleeharty gave a brief overview regarding the movement of EMS Education Standards are still under review with IDPH. The Department's goal is to move these rules over to the Governor's Office. In the EMSC Pediatric Faculty Recognition, in JCAR, there are some changes that recognize clinical nurse practitioners. IDPH had future goals to work with a Subcommittee regarding ambulance build specs and standards. The Department is still working on obtaining clarification on pediatric equipment and it has been brought to the attention of the EMSC Advisory Council. New cot mount rail system will need to be addressed in the near future. The Department will continue to work through these changes. Paula Atteberry was thanked by Mike Hansen regarding all of her hard work.

- Mike Hansen expressed his concern regarding the limited submission of NASEMSO surveys. Jack indicated because of the total volume of surveys he receives on a regular basis that it is impossible to complete each and every one. He also informed the Council that the Department has been short-staffed. Mike extended the Council's assistance if needed to possibly complete some of these surveys. The Department appreciated their offer.
- The annual election for a new chair and a new vice-chair was presented. George Madland motioned to retain Mike Hansen as the chair; seconded by Dr. Fantus. Motion passed unanimously. Mike thanked Dr. Holtsford for his service and has informed the Council he will not be available to co-chair. Mike Hansen nominated George Madland as the vice-chair; seconded by Dr. Holtsford. Motion passed unanimously. Mike Hansen thank the Council for all of their hard work.
- Tom Willis informed the Council that NEMSAC nominations are open. NEMSAC is the National EMS Association Committee. Previously, Tom had served on the Inaugural Committee in 2008 with EMS educators, researchers, data managers and dispatcher. This Committee is a subcommittee under National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The term is for two (2) years and the current nominations are open until June 16, 2017. It is a self-nomination process and Tom would like Illinois represented.

➤ **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- September 28, 2017 (JAC), and November 9, 2017 (EMS)

➤ **ADJOURNMENT:** 1:28 pm

- Motion to adjourn by Dr. Fantus and seconded by George Madland. Motion passed unanimously.