

EMS Operations Subcommittee
June 4, 2008

Subcommittee Members

Present:

Lamar Guyman
Renee' Holleran
Ron Johnson
Dr. Steve Joyce
Lynn Yeates
Dr. Brent Mabey
Mike Mathieu
Deborah Mecham
John Miller (Jeff Hunt)
Lauara Snyder
Rod "Hoss" Tomkinson
Dan Walker
Ernie Williams
Deanna Wolfe
Dr. Dennis Wyman

Excused:

Rand Andrus
Clark Stanger

Visitors and

Bureau Personnel:

Jenny Allred
Guy Dansie
Dan Camp
Susan Garcia
Tamara Goodin
Jim Hansen
Joshua Legler
Dr. Peter Talliac
Shellie Young
Jolene Whitney

Welcome and Introductions

Lauara Snyder brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She presented Dan Walker with a certificate of appreciation from the Bureau of EMS for time served on the Operations Subcommittee.

Action Items

Review and Approval of Minutes

Lauara Snyder asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes. She asked a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

Ernie Williams moved that the minutes of March 5, 2008 be approved with minor corrections. Mike Mathieu seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Dispatch Center Rule Change

Jim Hansen facilitated a discussion on the dispatch center rule changes analysis. R426.-17 is a new section in the administrative rules that will remove reference to dispatch center designation from rule section R426-13. "Emergency Medical Services Provider Designations," which prior encompasses all designations including dispatch center designation, quick response unit

designation and resource hospital designation. All references to dispatch center designation would be removed from this section and placed in the new section R426-17. Because of this rule's changes, wording in rule R426-15 will also be changed to reflect those changes. Jim recommended that the Subcommittee approve the proposed rule changes. R426-17 would include a change in the rules that would allow for three levels of dispatch center designation.

Ernie Williams made a motion to reject the proposed rule changes as they are written. Renee' Holleran seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

The Subcommittee discussed having the Bureau of EMS perform an assessment and gather information for a task force work group on the dispatch rule changes.

Ernie Williams made a motion that the Bureau of EMS perform an assessment and gather information for a task force work group. Dennis Wyman seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

The Subcommittee recommended that the assessment be presented before the Subcommittee when completed.

Paramedic Staffing Waiver – Wendover Ambulance

Ron Johnson announced that Wendover Ambulance Service is requesting a staffing waiver for a Paramedic Division of Wendover Ambulance. Lauara Snyder presented the request to staff one Paramedic rather than two per response as currently required for paramedic licensure. If granted, Wendover Ambulance will submit the full license application to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services for a Paramedic Rescue License. The intent is to serve the public in their response area the best they can with the highest level of service available and continue to carry their Intermediate Ambulance License as well as a Paramedic Rescue License. Their Medical Director is in full support of this proposal and will work closely with them to develop and maintain appropriate medical protocols and training for this advanced level of service.

Dan Walker made a motion to approve the staffing waiver on the condition with the corrected verbiage to reflect paramedic rescue and provide the data of individuals transported to a higher level of care. Ernie Williams seconded the motion and the voting was approved by all except for Lauara Snyder. She abstained from voting.

Equipment List Update

Lauara Snyder explained this Subcommittee has been tasked to revise the equipment on the equipment list. She recommended forming a task force to work on this assignment. The following people volunteered: Dr. Steve Joyce, Lynn Yeates, Renee' Hollaran, Ron Johnson, Tamara Goodin, Guy Dansie, Hoss Tomkinson, and Dr. Peter Talliac.

Dr. Steve Joyce made a motion to form this work group. Ernie Williams seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Patient Care Report – Short Form Project

Joshua Legler explained that this Subcommittee worked on developing a list of the critical EMS patient care information of what is needed upon arrival at the hospital. The Subcommittee decided to provide a sample reference form which agencies could use and adopt in the field. Joshua presented and discussed a copy of the short form Ernie Williams volunteered to draft.

Discuss Changing Meeting Date

Guy Dansie explained that the Utah EMS Director Association (UEMSDA) recommended changing the meeting to the second Wednesday of the month of the quarter. This would be more consistent to have the EMS Subcommittees meeting on the second Wednesday and the Utah Association of Directors met on the second Wednesday of the off month.

Ernie Williams made a motion to change the meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month of the quarter starting December 10, 2008. Deborah Mecham seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Polaris Update

Joshua Legler provided an update on Polaris.

EMS Pediatric Strike Team

Susan Garcia gave a presentation on the EMS Pediatric Strike Team. The purpose is to assist EMS agencies and hospitals during any event that has the potential to overwhelm or deplete their resources. The team is to assist hospitals in meeting surge capacity requirements. There are six adult EMS Strike Teams around the state that each has an equipment trailer. There are four Pediatric Strike Teams with two pediatric equipment trailers. The EMS Strike Teams are broke out into six regions, twelve team members in each region all state certified EMTs or paramedics. The Pediatric Strike Teams have three regions; four teams with nine members of state certified/licensed MDs, NPs, RN, paramedics and EMT-Is. The two Pediatric Strike Team equipment trailers each has pediatric specific equipment to take care of 100 kids. The trailers are supplied to sustain strike team members for a period of 72 hours to one week. The concept of operations is to respond to request for assistance from local agencies and hospitals needing additional resources, coordination and integration of available state health and emergency medical resources with local resources, and acts as the liaison between all agencies (local, state, and federal).

EMS Week

Tamara Goodin announced that EMS Week was a great success. They are now accepting applications for next year.

Other Items for Discussion

Allan Liu stated that the Ambulance Rates Subcommittee met on April 30. Comments made during the meeting were considered during the rate review process. New rates will be posted in the middle of June with the effective date July 1, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be September 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Building, 3rd Floor Auditorium.