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EMS Operations Subcommittee
5th Floor Boardroom, Highland Drive Building
March 11, 2009

Subcommittee Members

Present:

Rand Andrus
Stan Babb
Lamar Guyman
Jeff Hunt
Ron Johnson
Dr. Steve Joyce
Dr. Brent Mabey
Deborah Mecham
Todd Richardson
Lauara Snyder
Dr. Eric Swanson
Rod "Hoss" Tomkinson
Ernie Williams
Dennis Wyman

Excused:

Deanna Wolf

Visitors and

Bureau Personnel:

Jenny Allred
Dan Camp
Neil Coker
Guy Dansie
Tamara Goodin
Kristin Gurley
Michelle Hale
Jim Hansen
Gina Holley
Bob Jex
Allan Liu
Shelly Young

Welcome and Introductions

Lauara Snyder brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She announced that due to the budget cuts and restrictions the Bureau of EMS will no longer provide travel reimbursement for the subcommittee.

Action Items

Review and Approval of Minutes

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

Ron Johnson moved that the minutes of December 10, 2008 be approved as written. Jeff Hunt seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Dispatch Center Task Force Recommendations

Deborah Mecham gave a brief history of the proposed rule changes that were submitted to this subcommittee. The Dispatch Rules Task Force members agreed with the subcommittee's decision not to accept the proposed rule changes as presented from a 2006 task force. The

Dispatch Rules Task Force reviewed the current designation rules, with the following recommendations:

- 1) R426-13-200 (3): Emergency Medical Dispatch centers ~~that~~ shall provide pre-arrival medical instructions to a caller ~~may only provide them~~ through a certified EMD.
- 2) R426-13-500 (4): ~~sufficient~~ be staffed to provide pre-hospital arrival instructions by a certified EMD at all times.

Except for the changes outlined above, the task force concurred that the current dispatch center designation rules should stay in place.

Above rules will be amended to reflect changes suggested by Ernie Williams and the subcommittee.

Ernie Williams recommended clarifying the language on R426-134-500 (4) by striking out ~~be staffed to~~.

Ernie Williams moved that the proposed rule changes R426-13-200 (3) be approved as written. R426-134-500 (4) be approved with the clarification of language by striking out ~~be staffed to~~. Jeff Hunt seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

There was a recommendation to have an ongoing task force work group under the Training Subcommittee to work on solutions, with the objective to assist all state dispatch agencies with ongoing EMD training and CME credit that would include a listserv with the Bureau of EMS be approved.

Jeff Hunt moved that ongoing task force work group including a listserv with the Bureau of EMS be approved. Rand Andrus seconded the motion and voting was approved. Ernie Williams was opposed to the motion.

The Dispatch Rules Task Force members recommended that the Bureau of EMS except the BCI certification and re-certification in lieu of new background checks to reduce cost of State certification/reciprocity.

Dr. Steve Joyce moved that the Bureau of EMS accept the BCI certification and re-certification in lieu of new background checks. Ernie Williams seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

There was a recommendation that the EMD center is granted a waiver that the EMD training/education maybe done all online.

Ernie Williams moved that the EMD center is granted a waiver that the EMD training/education maybe done all online. Deborah Mecham seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

Information Items

Implementation of Pediatric Protocols

A brief overview of the Pediatric Offline Protocol Guidelines was discussed. These protocols are guidelines, not requirements for medical control to use. The goal is to have the guidelines finalized, published at the end of March, and posted on the website.

Trauma Triage Guidelines

The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the Trauma Triage Guidelines. There were concerns that this information was presented and approved by the Trauma Systems Advisory Committee and the EMS Committee before being presented to the EMS Operations Subcommittee. Bob Jex explained that it is a function of the Trauma System Advisory Committee to approve the Trauma Triage Guidelines.

Lauara Snyder recommended incorporating the new medications on the skills level approved by the Bureau of EMS into the guidelines.

State EMS Directors Update

A brief history of the Utah State EMS Directors Association was discussed. The purpose of this group is to be a state wide medical services resource to the Bureau of EMS. Their goal is to develop a governmental task force for representation at the Legislature.

Equipment List Update

The equipment list was approved by the EMS Committee. During the process it was discovered that the hot and cold packets were not included. The hot and cold packets were incorporated in the list under allowable but not required. The equipment list has been submitted to the Utah Department of Health Legal section for approval.

Town Meetings and EMS Assessments

The Bureau of EMS received flex grants monies from Health and Human Services to conduct the town meetings and EMS assessments. The four rural town meetings will be conducted in Cedar City, Moab, Vernal, and Logan. An invitation will be extended to the local health departments, politicians, EMS, city council, and etc to attend. The Bureau of EMS will perform four EMS assessments with agencies involved with critical access hospitals. A summary of the assessment results will be compiled and discussed within that community. So far they have identified Gunnison, Milford, and Juab.

EMS Week

Tamara Goodin announced that due to the budget cuts the Bureau sponsored EMS Week ceremony has been cancelled for this year. A signage will be held of the EMS Week Declaration

by Governor Huntsman. The EMS 2009 Planning Guide will be distributed to EMS agencies, hospitals, and dispatch agencies. The Bureau of EMS is accepting nominations for next year.

Strike Teams and EMS Communications

Dan Camp gave a brief update on the adult EMS Strike Teams. Currently, there are five adult EMS Strike Teams around the state and nine equipment trailers. Due to budget cuts the Bureau of EMS decided not to develop the Wasatch front strike team.

The Bureau of EMS is in the process of developing a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) through the National Disaster Medical Systems. DMAT is a group of professional and para-professional medical personnel designed to provide medical care during a declared disaster or other event.

The Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN) is expanding the footprint with the 800 MHz radios and we expanding along with them. The 800 MHz radios have been installed in Delta Communication Medical Center, Gunnison Valley hospital, and Sanpete Valley Hospital. They also have been working on communications annex with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

EMS Fact Sheet

Allan Liu presented a draft copy of the EMS Fact Sheet for review. This will be posted on the Bureau of EMS website. The EMS Subcommittee made recommendations and minor changes.

Adjourned

Ernie Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brent Mabey seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

The next meeting will be June 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at 3760 South Highland Drive, 5th Floor Boardroom.