

# **STATE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 17, 2016

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 11:14 A.M.** (due to technical difficulties)

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

***Council Members Present:*** Stephen Holtsford, M.D. (ICEP), Connie Mattera (ICEP), Doug Sears (Rockford), Ralph Graul (Springfield), Mike Hansen (Springfield), J. Thomas Willis (Springfield), Leslie Stein-Spencer (ICEP), Kim Godden (ICEP), David Loria (Rockford), Stuart Schroeder (Springfield), Randy Faxon (Springfield), Brad Robinson (Springfield), Justin Stalter (Champaign), Robin Stortz (ICEP), Stephen Graham, M.D. (ICEP), Mitch Crocetti (Rockford), and Kenneth Pearlman, M.D. (ICEP).

***Council Members Absent:*** Glenn Aldinger, M.D. (proxy by Mike Hansen), Richard Fantus, M.D. (proxy by Mike Hansen), George Madland, Bradley Perry, and Jack Whitney, M.D.

Quorum is established.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2016:**

There is a correction on page 4 of the meeting minutes. Typographical error has been corrected. Mike Hansen requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Tom Willis and seconded by Brad Robinson. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE/MIKE HANSEN:** There is a couple of letters written by Mike Hansen on behalf of the State EMS Advisory Council for Federal legislation, HR4365. It has been passed from the House and is now at the Senate, SB2392. This deals with protecting patient access to Emergency Medications Act. There was an issue with DEA on how IL controls their controlled substances on the ambulances. The DEA identified that IL was not in compliance with the law. IL will change the law at the Federal level through various groups (i.e. NASEMSO and the American Ambulance Association). There are five (5) State Representatives and one (1) State Senator who have signed on. Other representatives and senators have been asked to sign onto this bill as well.

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA/MIKE HANSEN:** No additions to the agenda for EMS Advisory Council.

## **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT/JACK FLEE HARTY, RN, EMT-P:**

Jack Flee harty introduced Michelle Lorton as the new EMS Stroke Coordinator at IDPH. Michelle has started designating the Comprehensive Stroke Centers as well as all of the renewals of Primary and Stroke Capable hospitals. There are many changes in IDPH's processes and forms. The State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee's activities are to be commended.

EMS & Highway Safety had a change in the organizational structure. Keith Buhs will serve as the Program Section Chief who will oversee the Licensing and the Testing sections. The vacated Executive II position (previously held by Stu Thompson) posted this past week. IDPH is looking to recruit an individual in this position as soon as possible. Another Ambulance Inspector out of the Edwardsville started yesterday. His name is Beau Elam.

## EMSC PROGRAM UPDATES

### • PEDIATRIC FACILITY RECOGNITION

- **Region 11** - Site surveys are currently being conducted in Chicago and will be completed in January 2017.
- **Regions 1, 9 and 10** - Hospitals in these regions will undergo renewal in 2017.
- The agency is currently working to develop an online JUMP Start MCI Training Module which will be available in 2017.
- The next EMSC Advisory Council Meeting will be December 21, 2016. Date was changed due to a conflict with reservations at IHA in Naperville. The meeting time is 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Minutes for the meeting are available on the IDPH website.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Administrative rule changes which were proposed to the Poison Control Center language and the Heartsaver code were approved at JCAR day before yesterday, November 15, 2016.
- The Division is on its third legal review of the new Education Standards. It is anticipated to have these rules at the Governor's Office by the end of 2016.
- There were 48 EMS Assistance grant applications received. These applications will be reviewed for recommendation by the regional committees. Deadline for review completion is January 13, 2017.

### EMS LICENSING YTD

- New License Processed YTD = 5,147
- Renewals Processed YTD = 6,932
- Reciprocity Processed YTD = 479

The Department currently has 56,599 licensees in the system.

### EMS LICENSING/GLSUITES

- The GLSuites Maintenance Agreement and Upgrade to V6 Migration Contract has been completed. The upgrade will take 4 to 6 months. The process should commence soon. The existing system will still be operational until the migration has been completed.

### EMS TESTING

- The EMS Testing Request for Proposal (RFP) was published and will come down on December 1, 2016. An evaluation team has been established to review vendor applications.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter test results:	<u>Students</u>	<u>With a Pass Rate of:</u>	<u>YTD Pass Rate</u>
EMT-Basic:	272	75%	81%
EMT-Intermediate:	9	53%	85%
EMT-Paramedic:	166	93%	90%
TNS:	15	65%	70%

### **PRE-HOSPITAL DATABASE:**

- IDPH is currently accepting both Nemsis 2.2.1 and 3.3.4 versions from third party software users. The free State-supplied software known as KeyData was converted to Nemsis 3.3.4 on November 2016 and is up and operational.
- Federal grant funding was received from an IL Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant. This will allow the Department to upgrade to the most current version of Nemsis. This upgrade will be completed sometime in 2017.
- The paper forms to collect data has been totally discontinued. Runs occurring after June 2016 must be reported electronically either on a third party system or on IDPH's web-based system.
- The administrative rules regulating pre-hospital data submission are being reviewed for revisions.

### **HOSPITAL BYPASS:**

Reporting reliability reports are back and are being sent out on a monthly basis to the RHCC hospitals for distribution to all hospitals throughout the State. This system is working well and the Department now has a compatible system with Chicago. This system was utilized to monitor the hospital bypass status during the Marathon and the World Series.

### **AMBULANCE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM UPDATES:**

- Eight (8) EMS systems have submitted applications for Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) and have been approved and currently participate in the Program.
- Sixteen EMS agencies have signed on with the EMS Systems.
- Continue to license Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) agencies. There are a total of 89 EMD agencies licensed.
- One of the Department's projects for the upcoming year is to work on the development of new build standards for ambulances.

### **REMINDERS:**

- Non-transport license numbers are in the process of being modified. This will simplify the non-transport licensing process. All non-transport license numbers will end with "NT". If a non-transport provider is affiliated with a transport provider number, the same transport number will apply and have the NT at the end (i.e., 06789NT). The complete listing of all non-transport licenses will be sent to all EMS Systems before December 1, 2016.
- The Department continues to revise forms. Remind everyone to go to the website to get the most current version of IDPH's forms. EMS System Coordinators specific-forms are on IDPH's web portal.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT/GLENN ALDINGER, MD:** No report.

**MOBILE-INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE/GEORGE MADLAND:** No report.

**EMS DATA/MIKE HANSEN:** No report.

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

- The Education Committee met on October 24, 2016.
- There was an updated report from Jack Fleeharty regarding testing.
- The Committee discussed the enabling period in respect to the new scopes of practice. EMS Systems are encouraged to roll in the new scopes of practice which came out last May. There will not be a mandatory date for requiring the new scopes until after the rules have been approved. Everyone was provided with links to other programs who have already brought up great bridge curricula and educational materials for epinephrine IM injection training, as well as other trainings.
- The Committee reviewed some of the updates from NASEMSE and the National EMS Advisory Council. These organizations are in the process of revising the EMS Education Agenda for the future. Looking at several agendas in light of where EMS should be moving towards. An ECRN proposal was submitted which showed what some outcome objectives could like and a general sketch of what curricular materials would need to include. The objectives are under consideration currently and will need to be decided upon in 2017.
- Discussion on Co-A and Nationally Registry evolution into paramedic portfolios and what the new scenario based testing may look like at this level.
- Discussion on future State meeting dates.

**EMS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/STUART SCHROEDER:** No report.

**EMERGING ISSUES/GEORGE MADLAND:** No report.

**STATE STROKE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE/RANDY FAXON:** No report.

**AHA/MISSION LIFELINE/JULIE MIROSTAW:**

- Cook County passed a Sweetened Beverage Tax. It is a penny per fluid ounce on artificially and sugar sweetened beverage and will be effective in July 2017.
- On November 18, 2017, AHA is hosting a Cardiac System Repair Conference in Oakbrook, IL at 7:30 am. It is offering seven (7) hours of continuing medical educations. Space still available.
- Everyone encouraged to attend one of the State Stroke Advisory Subcommittee meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chairman wanted to know the process for an updated Strategic Plan. Jack Fleeharty gave a short overview. Discussions hopefully will commence in 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The State Ambulance Association has been meeting in Springfield to discuss the average commercial rate (ACR) for ambulances. A piece of legislation was presented last year; however, a hold was placed on this legislation (HB5919 and SB2957). Kim Godden gave an explanation on this potential funding reimbursement mechanism for EMS in IL. The Council to draft a letter of support regarding the ACR.
- Mike Hansen made a motion to draft a letter of support for the ACR. Once drafted, the Advisory Council will review before submitted. Connie Mattera moved; seconded by Tom Willis. Motion approved unanimously.
- HR4365 and S2392 were discussed. Mike encouraged individuals to get involved with the legislative process.
- Discussion on House Joint Resolution 77 (Task Force for MIH).

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- April 6, 2017, June 8, 2017, September 28<sup>th</sup> (JAC), and November 9, 2017

Motion to adjourn by Ralph Graul and seconded by Tom Willis.

**ADJOURNED:** 12:05 pm