

MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 1, 2006--9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Aaron Harvey, EMT-P, Henderson Fire
Derek Cox, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire
David Petersen, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
JoEllen Hannom, Clark County Fire Dept (Alternate)

Steve Kreps, R.N., Mercy Air
Susie Kochevar, R.N., MedicWest Ambulance
Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire
Sandy Young, R.N., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Carrison, D.O., Chairman
Mary Levy, R.N., University Medical Center
Trent Jenkins, EMT-P, Clark County Fire

Rod Hackwith, EMT-P, CCSN
Bob Reed, EMS Training Center

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Director
David Slattery, M.D., Asst. EMS Medical Director
Rae Pettie, Program Coordinator
Moana Hanawahine, Administrative Assistant

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., QI Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Debra Dailey, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Russ Cameron, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept
Brian Fladhammer, Mercy Air
Tim Crowley, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Donna Fitzpatrick, Las Vegas Fire
Jennifer Massey, CCSN Paramedic Student
Shaun Hatch, CCSN Paramedic Student
Kristie McRae, CCSN Paramedic Student
Jason Law, CCSN Paramedic Student

Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Julie Siemers, Mercy Air
Jerry Newman, Specialized Med Services
Damon Schilling, CCSN Paramedic Student
Hyrum Barlow, CCSN Paramedic Student
Kenneth Hollifield, CCSN Paramedic Student
Maria Elario, CCSN Paramedic Student

I. CONSENT AGENDA

The Education Committee convened in the Clemens Conference Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Wednesday, February 1, 2006. Rory Chetelat called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Mr. Chetelat noted that a quorum was present.

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Mr. Chetelat asked for approval of the minutes of the December 7, 2005 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as written.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of Bridge Courses – Trish Beckwith

Mr. Chetelat explained that we have two bridge courses to discuss today and he reminded the committee that a command decision was made from the last meeting to allow individuals with a Fire Instructor I & II to immediately be eligible to test for EMS Instructor at the secondary level and then take a look at what would be necessary for those individuals to go on to be a primary instructor via a bridge course. The other bridge course he stated would be for those individuals that are currently preceptors in our system who would eventually want to become secondary EMS instructors.

Trish Beckwith stated that we looked at the different curriculums and identified the weaknesses and the things that as a group of educators we felt were very important. Some emphasis would need to be placed on the domains of learning, building objectives and using evaluation tools. We would like to create an 8 hour bridge course for preceptors to become a secondary instructor. Ms. Beckwith also explained that with the Fire Instructor I & II being eligible to eventually become Primary Instructors she outlined some of the differences between the Fire Service courses and the DOT EMS Instructor Curriculums. (Handout) She is looking at another 8 hour course with the emphasis being on objectives per DOT recommendations. They would like to include more discussion of research to move EMS to a more professional level. Ms. Beckwith also stated that they have been in contact with CCSN to allow these courses to be placed on their WebCT. Consideration has also been given to using the Target Safety system at Las Vegas Fire & Rescue and Clark County Fire Department to make these bridge courses accessible to all personnel without it being too costly. We still need to discuss how this would be implemented and monitored. Ms. Beckwith also stated that they want to look at developing mentoring programs where you have experienced people in the educational arena take secondary instructors and move them along in the development of a portfolio which is the culmination of the educational program and a component that is left out of the Fire Instructor I & II course.

Philis Beilfuss asked if the bridge course would be distinctively different for the preceptor to secondary instructor transition. Ms. Beckwith responded that the bridge course would focus more on the tasks that a secondary instructor would be involved in and not as much emphasis on the actual domains of learning as far as teaching philosophies.

Mr. Chetelat asked the committee to look at the handout and identify those areas that are the most important elements in building a bridge course to take back to a task force educator group to work on separately and then bring it back to this committee.

Derek Cox agreed that bullet points 1, 2 and 3 were very important along with bullet point 6 (research) for the EMS Instructor. Mr. Cox also felt that diversity, cultural awareness, sexual harassment, mentoring and evaluation in the field setting is primarily the secondary instructor's role. If these topics are not in the Fire Instructor I & II courses either that needs to change or he would recommend these be placed in a one or two hour module's to be placed in the secondary instructor pathway.

Sandy Young stated that the reason it is not included in the Fire Instructor I & II is they are doing that in a separate HR module requirement within the fire services.

Ms. Beilfuss felt that we need to include on this task force somebody who is well versed on the Fire Instructor I & II courses. She would like to recommend Scott Gorgon, who is knowledgeable and would be interested in being a part of this group.

Dr. Slattery congratulated Ms. Beckwith on her stance of making EMS more of a profession. He also recommended involving a professor outside of EMS and medicine to be a member of the task force. A person who is recognized by any college or university system could help us determine if we're doing the right thing in terms of education. Dr. Slattery stated our EMS educators need to be involved in research and understand in

education research is not necessarily clinical research or EMS research, but research that has to do with measuring performance of students, teaching strategies and effectiveness of teaching.

The committee agreed that the first 3 bullet points were very important along with the 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th bullet points.

Ms. Beckwith reported that she has put together a survey for FTO's, preceptors and EMS Instructors to identify some weak area's that they feel they need to be refreshed on so we would be hitting those target spots as well.

Mr. Chelatel stated that he agreed with Dr. Slattery and had a school in mind that he could approach and he also mentioned that he will reach out to Dr. Guinan who is a member of our RTAB and see if she has someone who can provide that kind of background. Mr. Chelatel stated that he will work on pulling together a task force to work on these ideas.

B. Standardize language for trauma telemetry and reporting.

Mr. Chelatel passed out a Trauma Telemetry Contact handout and stated this was a request that came from the RTAB asking us to work on cleaning up the style of the telemetries coming in and asked the committee if there was anything they felt was missing or would be valuable.

Dr. Slattery felt that this was not enough information and stated that the trauma centers have internal decision points that they use to activate their trauma team. Starting off the telemetry with critical trauma patient verses stable trauma patient and the ETA would be very important information along with passenger space intrusion and restraint status.

Ms. Young asked that we come back to this so we may put our thoughts down.

Mr. Chelatel stated that he told the RTAB that we would introduce it here and they offered to sit down with us to work on it. It was commented that they are the customer so we need to give them the information they need.

Steve Kreps from Mercy Air suggested that the trauma reporting sheet be used with the Trauma Telemetry contact sheet so when a report is given they get the exactly what they need.

Mr. Cox wanted Mr. Chelatel to remind the RTAB that when Sunrise did open their doors we did in-service the medics and EMT-s on the different steps of trauma and activation per ACS.

Mr. Chelatel stated that some of the physicians thought they were getting too lengthy of calls. Dr. Slattery stated that without a doubt we can streamline the telemetry to be very concise with the right information.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Chelatel adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.