

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WI EMS Board			Attending: See Below
Date: 03/02/2022	Time Started: 9:02 PM	Time Ended: 12:17 PM	
Location: Virtual - Zoom			Presiding Officer: Jerry Biggart, Chair

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM
2. Welcome and EMS Board Member rollcall – all present less one

Board Members

- **Laura Albert**
- **Chris Anderson**
- **Timothy Bantes**
- **Jerry Biggart**
- **Michael Clark**
- **Chris Eberlein**
- **Brian Litza**
- **Justin Pluess**
- Dustin Ridings (Absent)
- **Greg West**
- **Steve Zils**

Government Representatives

- **Amanda Bates – DHS Representative**
- **M Riccardo Colella – State EMS & Trauma Medical Director**
- **Don Kimlicka – Board Liason**
- **Michael Kim – EMS For Children**
- **Paul Shilling - DOT**
- **Timothy Weir – Wisconsin Technical College System**

3. Approval of previous EMS Board meeting(s) minutes

December Board Meeting Approval

Motion to accept – Eberlein

Second – Anderson

Discussion - None

Vote – Approved

Special Board Meeting Approval

Motion to accept – Eberlein

Second – Bantes

Discussion - None

Vote – Approved

West & Clark – Abstained

4. Public comment opportunity regarding Board agenda or special announcements (2 minutes max per attendee unless Chair extends period)

Jan Victorson – Bayfield County

- Thank you for the board and office on hiring a rural outreach coordinator
- Looking for points of contacts for board members? – Directed to DHS Website
- Appreciated scope changes PowerPoint. Would like to see written document to show updates and changes to assure compliance.

5. Report from EMS Section Chief, DHS Representative(s), and Section Staff, with possible recommendations/action from EMS Board regarding Administration, Education, and Operations

- Adding Cory Straubhaar on April 11 as the Community EMS Coordinator
- Discussion regarding continuing education requirements for unaffiliated EMS providers – CAPCE accredited education is acceptable for renewal of licensure, Information available on DHS website
- EMS data manager interviews have just concluded
- EMS Data coordinator position will be opening after failed recruitment
- Opening up an investigations and program coordinator position
- FAP has been processed and checks issued
 - Use DHS FAP email for questions
 - Thanks to Mark Mandler for his support of the FAP
- Electronic operational plans are in process with Imagetrend – hopefully late spring
- Working on records processing streamlining
- Town halls – 4th Tuesday of the month all are invited to attend
- Feasibility study has been revised
- Governors' Conference with WEM next week
- Governor announced distribution of \$30m to ambulance services
 - One time increase to FAP of \$8 m bringing program back to whole
 - FAP will open in May this year
 - \$12m to EMS flex grant for EMR then open to EMT services
 - Medicaid reimbursement increase
- Discussion – scope of work to open 110 with EMR rule on AEMT ACLS
- EMS state pan – working to incorporate committee recommendations
- WARDS data mining project to help tell the EMS story
- EMS communications plan being updated
- State office planning some open forums to discuss issues
- Community EMS curriculum was reviewed by PAC and sent back with suggested changes

6. Reports from Standing Committee Chairs with possible recommendations/action based from Committee Recommendations (see Committee Agendas for business items)

- a. Physician's Advisory Committee (PAC) (Dr. Steven Zils/Chair)

- Discussed status of Buprenorphine – in process waiting on OLS guidance
 - Advanced practice white paper forwarded from PAC to office
 - Presentation on protocol formatting by EMS office
 - Created suggestions for state EMS plan
 - Reviewed community EMS curriculum – being sent back for some error corrections
 - Scope change requests still under review
- i. State Medical Director Feedback to the EMS Board (Dr. Colella)
- Scope was released with training.
- b. Education & Training (Brian Litza/Chair)
- Training Center Advisory Group
 - Group working on standardized preceptor training
 - Looking at competency-based education for implementation of new curricula
 - DHS 110.13(5) ACLS requirement for AEMT. For the time being, AEMTs must request waiver (about 78 have applied thus far).
 - DHS 110 Discussion – Nothing else to add that has not already been identified
 - State EMS Plan Ideas
 - Competency based education implementation (2 YR)
 - Standardized preceptor training (2 YR)
 - EMS education heavily reliant of external services – clinical/field (2/5 YR)
 - Investigate sustainable education processes
 - (Training local, completion, then train at service – reducing reliance on clinical filed sites)
 - Assure alignment with teaching methods and emerging science to match ALS Exam redesign (paramedic/AEMT) (2/5 YR)
 - Collaborate on implementation and standardized tracking of portfolio skills at all levels (2 YR)
 - Scope implementation of changes on an ongoing basis and S&P updates (2/5 YR)
 - Continued concentration of issues Diversity/equity/inclusion in EMS education (2/5 YR)
 - Continue to develop and formalize the EMS student success project – recruitment and preparation of potential students entering the EMS profession and evaluate reasons for success/failure of students (2/5 YR)
 - Review/reevaluation of curriculums and S&P at (5 YR)
- i. Invited Guest Tim Weir for updates and feedback on EMS Education Topics from WTCS
- EMR Curriculum is proceeding forward.
 - Target date for completion of May 2022. Possibly a FY24 implementation date. Still working on actual implementation date.
- c. System Management & Development (Dr. Clark/Chair)
- Updating MCI plan discussion

- TRANS 309 – working with PAC to create minimum equipment list
 - EMS Diversion discussion
 - Best practices regarding interfacility transfers
 - Supporting alternative roles in community health system
 - Provider recruitment and retention
 - EMS Leadership and medical director development opportunities
 - Discussions regarding DHS 110.13(5) – ACLS at AEMT level
 - ACLS certification versus validation of knowledge
- i. Report on Health Care Coalition State Advisory Committee (Clark)
1. Updates from Advisory Meetings (Clark)
 - Next budget period will be more stable
 - Ongoing purchasing of the burn life support program
 - Requirements of some exercise ASPR will allow combination of exercises to meet requirements
 - Burn surge and highly infectious diseases annexes nearing completion
 - Peds surge plan was just released
 - Potential Ft. McCoy Afghan Refugee presentation in future
- ii. Update with possible recommendations regarding Ground Emergency Medical Transport reimbursement initiative (Anderson)
- Bill to create GEMT program in Wisconsin
 - Assembly passed
 - House – hopeful to address

Break 10:01-1015

Danielle – Representative Loudenberg:

- REPLICA discussion – Concerns regarding the impact on the EMS office and system
- If you have strong feelings, please reach out to your senators
- Discussion included historical information from previous board denial of adoption

d. System Quality & Data (Dr. Eberlein/Chair)

- Thanks to Laura Alberts and her participation
- Discussion on state EMS plan
 - 2 Year Goals
 - Continue to work with office data manager
 - Improve functionality of wards
 - Use data for funding
 - Live data dashboard
 - Link regional, state, and national data for agency use
 - 5 Year
 - Link protocols to WARDS QA for QA/QI Automation
 - Allow small services to utilize data sources

- Increased reports/reporting
- Version of WARDS that are easier to use
- Sharing best practices
- Increase feedback from hospitals
- Working on mission statement
- CQI Project on hold
- Respiratory illness increased but appears to be on decline again
- WI Still heavy on falls – looking at data
- Looking at ambulance deserts in WI – focusing on response times greater than 25 min
- OD Map and civilian alert system used for surveillance
 - Deidentified data
 - Run by state – owned by state
 - Sharable with all state agencies
 - Accessible by the public

Motion - Approve going forward with the OD system report

No second required - Committee recommendation

Discussion - none

Vote – Approved

e. EMS for Children (Dr. Kim/Dr. Browne/Chair)

- Appreciation to Laura Alberts for her participation
- Committee was previously consulted during development of Peds surge plan
- Public comment: Can other CAPCE accredited material cover PALS requirement or other equal certifications
- Co-Chair Elections – Dr. Browne & Dr. Kim
- State plan – federal grant dictates the work – therefore we will have to discuss at a later time as it could be complicated to match state and national objectives
- EMS CQI – weight documentation process moving forward (kg)
- Peds Readiness grant – almost completed with toolkit for ED
- Rural expansion program – facility recognition criteria for pediatric readiness
- Trying to identify education topics/needs - EMS Instructor Coordinators group?
- Looking for pediatric champion (EMS Agency) for this year
- National EMS for Children Survey opened through March
- Special needs project expanding
- Tele-Heath pilot project being developed for pediatrics
- Circle of influence – EMS-C would like to better collaborate with other committees

f. EMS Human Relations Committee (Albert)

- Meeting this afternoon
- Looking for new chair
- Great membership
- Maybe a new non board member as chair

Meeting Break 11:29 – 11:44

7. SARS-CoV2 Updates (Board & EMS Section)

- Be aware of SARS-Covid grants for supplies and equipment
- Positive rate is in decline
- Mask mandates have been relaxed

8. Updates and Actions, as needed, related to State Overdose & Mental Health Epidemic Initiatives in Wisconsin & Role(s) that the EMS Board can serve in assisting with the Initiative (standing item) (Full Board & EMS Section/DHS)

- Continue support for our providers and keep this issue in the forefront
- Observation that many are preferring tele-health rather than walking into an office

9. Legislation Updates Report on EMS Topics (standing item) (Pluess)

- AB683 & SB680 PTS Coverage – out of committee
- 2021- AB778 & SB681 PTS for all EMS - passed committee
- SB736 & SB736 Replica - passed assembly headed to house
- AB 874 & SB826 GMT bill – passed assembly headed to house
- AB93 & SB89 NREMT Exam EMR – in committee
- AB96 & SB88 FAP - awaiting committee

10. Discussion Regarding Licensing Alternative to Status Quo (Biggart)

- This was covered in the EMS Section Chief Report

11. Discussion Regarding Emerging Funding Streams & Transport Reimbursements (Biggart)

- This was covered in the EMS Section Chief Report

12. Discuss, as needed, new EMS equipment concepts with possible recommendation as applicable (standing item)

- None brought forward

13. Update Regarding Behavioral Health and Wellness of EMS Workers (standing item) (Pluess/Ridings)

- Continuing the work on resource for providers to access

14. Future EMS Board & Strategic Planning Meeting Logistics for 2022, including Future Meeting Structure & Committee Assignment Updates

- In person starting June 14 & 15
- September meeting dates will be 13th & 14th
- December meeting dates will be 6th & 7th
- Will develop agenda based on one committee at a time with estimated time frames from chairs

15. Committee Elections Process for Voting at the June 2022 Meeting – Anticipated that this is an “in-person” meeting.

- Elections will take place for committees and board officers
- Will utilize online voting as last year

16. Committee Appointment to the EMS HRC

- Recommended and discussed adding Shannon Anthoine, Assistant Chief of EMS, City of Franklin Fire Department, to the EMS Human Relations Committee. No vote required but all agreed to add

17. Discuss and Develop Future New Business

- None noted at this time

18. If Needed, Motion/Vote: Closed session (Board and EMS office) - to review complaints received by the WI EMS program and provide consultation per Wis. Stat. § 256.08(4). The closed session is authorized under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f). (Standing Item)

- No closed session needed

19. If Needed, Transition to Open Session and report formal Board action, if applicable

- No closed session needed

20. Adjourn 12:17 PM

Motion – Anderson
Second Pluess
Discussion
Motion Carries

Prepared by: Brian Litza on 03/02/2022.

These minutes were presented and approval by the governmental body on: 06/15/2022