

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: EMS Advisory Board			Attending: See end of minutes
Date: 03/03/2021	Time Started: 9:00AM	Time Ended: 10:56AM	
Location: Virtual - Zoom			Presiding Officer: Jerry Biggert, Chair
Minutes			

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Welcome and EMS Board Member rollcall

- See attendance listed at the end of minutes

Introduction of newly appointed EMS Board Members

- None

Approval of previous EMS Board meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes – Ridings
- Motion Second – Eberlien
- Discussion – None
- Vote - Approved

Public comment opportunity regarding Board agenda or special announcements

- None

Notice of Elections for Standing EMS Board Standing Committees to Stakeholders which will include the Physician's Advisory Committee (must be a physician), Education & Training, System Management & Development, System Quality & Data, & the newly established Emergency Medical Services Human Relations Committee. More information to follow from the EMS Section regarding the application process. Elections will take place at the June Board Meeting with the September Meeting being the start of the 1-year term.

- So, noted and read

Report from EMS Section Representative(s), and Section Staff

with possible recommendations/action from EMS Board regarding Administration, Education, and Operations

- COVID Response continues – working on continued PPE distribution
- Re deployment of ventilators
- Alternate care equipment and supplies being redistributed to partners
- Vaccinations process continues
- Continuing search for section chief

COVID-19 vaccination plans as it relates to utilization of current & potentially retired EMS practitioners.

- As reported above

DHS 110 Status

- Processed through the Governor's office and should be headed to the legislature

Community Paramedic Educational Curriculum and Credentialing

- Process of development continuing

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

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

- Discussed some scope questions
- State protocols updated
- Community EMS scope update and curriculum
- What will scope look like for community paramedic?
- TEMS Scope of practice
- Review of protocols
- Discussed scope clarifications national vs state
- Med list being revised by classification

- **Education & Training (Brian Litza/Chair)**

- WTCS Website has been revised.
- NREMT OOHS–
 - Moving ahead well
 - Still in pilot
 - Full implementation effective fall 2020
- EMS Curriculum committee has been formed
 - We will be needing more people for the process
 - S&P will be revised along with the curriculum
- NREMT changes to skill sheets for paramedic – implemented this month
- NREMT Exams now include the new AHA 2020 guidelines.
- Connor Smith – WTCS diversity video series to be included in instructor training through Train-WI
- Documents shared by Helen Pullen from DHS for education:
 - https://www.ems.gov/pdf/EMS_Agenda_2050_Summary.pdf
 - <https://www.ems.gov/pdf/EMS-Agenda-2050.pdf>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUbM3Q5Btx44cJVj9yDJWg35oCUixiKi6>
 - <https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/educational-services/academic-programs/emergency-medical-services/>
 - <https://www.nremt.org/document/aemt-paramedic-psychomotor-exams>
 - <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10903127.2020.1856985>
- Discussed the difficulties with an ever-changing scope and keeping curriculum current
- Made the most sense to continue to include both optional and required scope items in curriculum updates.

- **System Management & Development (Dr. Clark/Chair)**

- COVID Response NHTSA Survey – not a good sample anymore
- General discussion regarding vaccination process and rates
- Effects of vaccinations on return-to-work policies

- Status of information being created – how to share?
- Discussed TRANS 309 – new standing item – create medical equipment list
- Patient tracking update – discussion to add refusal form in WARDS system

- **System Quality & Data (Dr. Eberlein/Chair)**

- Reviewed COVID data – response and transport rate returning to normal from decrease
- Workforce data to check burn out rate/status
- Data collection and sharing – HIPPA discussion and improving data sharing
- Validation rules being reviewed and cleaned up
- Encouraging services to use free WARDS
- CQI Program development and needs of services
- Presentation on ODMAP
- Presentation on prescription drug monitoring program – missing link to EMS data

- **EMS for Children (Dr. Kim/Dr. Browne/Chair)**

- Retirement of Karen Ordians
- Guest speaker – dental health integration
- Children with special needs pilot program – ems agency and school integration
- National EMS C – Tele-health collaborative pilot state – ED focused – should be able to use EMS
- EMS-C performance measure Survey – low response
- Pediatric readiness – 3rd attempt at attaining grant
- Attained 4 national speakers on pediatric
- Respiratory distress module in process of being posted to TRAIN-WI
- Care coordinator program
- March 17th PEC quarterly meeting – low/high fidelity training
- Pediatric champion for EMS week –
- Zils, Zemple, Kim – DNR POLST
- CQI Workgroup

Report on Health Care Coalition State Advisory Committee (Clark)

- Burn surge plan with exercise
- Advanced burn life support
- Carry over funding from this year because of COVID
- Multiple opening in preparedness area
- EICS – online platform with EM resources update/implementation
- WISCOM Updates to hospitals

Updates from Advisory Meetings (Clark)

- Same as above

Update with possible recommendations regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates/ Ground Emergency Medical Transport reimbursement initiative (Sechler)

- Little movement – no contact over 2020
- Medicaid rates adjusted to 80% of Medicare rate (currently 42%)

- BLS & ALS 1 increased to 80% ALS now 29% SCT – now 25%
- GEMT – gap between caid and costs – would need legislation

Updates on DHS 110 Revision (Office)

- Signed by governor’s office going to legislature

Updates on Community Paramedic Educational Curriculum and Licensure (Office)

- Moving ahead with discussions from committees

Discuss Federal Emergency, Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model and State Implications (Biggart/Sechler)

- On hold

Updates and Actions, as needed, related to State Overdose Epidemic Initiatives in Wisconsin & Role(s) that the EMS Board can serve in assisting with the Initiative (standing item) (Bates)

- No action
- Update on overdose leave behind program

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

- AB 89 – SB 93 - EMR licensure
- AB 95 – SB 90 – streamlining FAP, interfacility, paramedic without paramedic equipment.
- AB 96 – SB 98
- PTSD bill will most likely have an EMS rider bill to include EMS if passed

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

- No action

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

- MAP program – health and safety collaborative – survey on healthcare support
- March 15th meeting to steer project
- Secondary survey through EMS
- Local resource list being compiled

Discuss and Develop Future New Business

- None noted

If Necessary, 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).

- Motion to go to closed session – Litza
- Motion Second – Bates
- Discussion – None
- Vote – Passed

- Entered closed session at 10:26 AM
- Returned from closed session and transitioned to open session at 10:55 AM

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – Pluess
- Motion second – Ridings
- Discussion – None
- Vote – Approved

Adjourned at 10:56 AM

Attendance:

Board Members

Jerry Biggart
Justin Pluess
Brian Litza
Greg West
Timothy Bantes
Michael Clark
Dustin Ridings
Cheris Eberlein
Amanda Bates
Steve Zils
Laura Albert

Government Representatives

Don Kimlicka – DHS Representative
M Riccardo Colella – State EMS & Trauma Medical Director
Michael Kim – EMS For Children
Timothy Weir – Wisconsin Technical College System

Prepared by: Brian Litza on 03/04/2021.

These minutes were presented and approved by the governing body on 06-02-2021