

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: State EMS Board			Attending: Separate list compiled by DHS EMS Section.
Date: 8/1/2018	Time Started: 09:05am	Time Ended: 5:00pm	
Location: 4622 University Ave, Madison, WI			Presiding Officer: Biggart, Jerry (EMS Board Chair)

Minutes

1. Welcome and committee member check-in.
2. Introductions of EMS Board, EMS Office staff, and attendees.
 - a. Short building layout orientation.
3. Public comments:
 - a. Heartsafe Wisconsin, which began in Cedarburg, is currently expanding to the entire state. Meeting held yesterday which included representation from across the state.
 - b. Wisconsin Coverdell Stroke Program has some funds available for EMS. They are looking for ideas from stakeholders on how to best allocate this money.
4. Approval of minutes from June 5 & 6, 2018 meeting. Thank you to Greg West for taking minutes in June. Motion by Don Kimlicka, second by Dustin Ridings. Motion carries 8-0.
5. WARDS update from Carrie Meier and Mark Lockhart (EMS Section Chief). WARDS errors noticed recently; WARDS identified a database issue which prevented uploads and downloads. Helen Pullen (DHS) is meeting with WARDS today (8/1/18) to continue work on resolving issues. Helen and Chuck Happel (DHS) will provide updates as they are available.
6. WARDS data requests made by the Board should be in a standard template format, including the reason for the data request, yet to be determined. This will allow Chuck Happel to accurately provide requested data. DHS EMS staff will provide an update at the October meeting with regard to how many services are not uploading data to WARDS.
7. EMR curriculum and National Registry test procedures updates provided by Don Kimlicka. Don has been told by several current and prospective EMRs that the National Registry testing process may be harming the numbers of EMRs that are able to practice in Wisconsin. There may be a discrepancy between EMR curriculum taught in Wisconsin and what questions are asked by the National Registry exam. Discussion centered around whether the testing process is doing what it is designed to do.
8. Tourniquet and stop the bleed discussion by Dr. Michael Clark. Continuing to finalize dispatch instruction project, with Physician Advisory Committee (PAC) providing feedback to the draft document.
9. Medicaid reimbursement update by Dana Sechler (PAAW President): DHS was able to determine how much total reimbursement was paid to EMS providers in 2017, which was between 9 and 10 million dollars. If you include Medicaid HMOs, it's about 24 million dollars. DHS was asked to study the feasibility of paying for ambulance at 60-80% of Medicare rates, which DHS admitted is how other provider groups are paid. EMS representational groups (PFFW, PAAW, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs, etc.) should continue to communicate with legislators.
10. First Aid scope guidance by non-licensed personnel volunteering at a fair/camp etc., vs a crash or incident that is happened upon by a provider. Discussion regarding whether these groups can be regulated if they are not licensed. This is the biggest concern, as there is no oversight or quality control in these situations. Resolution may include a position statement by DHS to provide guidance in such situations.
11. Trauma / STEMI / Stroke Center for EMS: position statements completed by Dr. Clark and submitted to DHS for review. Also submitted to STAC for consideration at their next meeting.

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12. Discussion regarding Critical Care workgroup: discussion began in 2017, but was held until the new Section Chief was in place. The members of the workgroup are chosen. Each type of representational group will have two members assigned to the workgroup. Section Chief Lockhart is not opposed to the creation of the workgroup. Dr. Clark will contact all members and arrange a first meeting prior to the October EMS Board meeting.
 13. Health Care Coalition State Advisory Committee Update/Report by Dr. Clark. Wisconsin Emergency Management is sponsoring a public/private readiness seminar on September 13, 2018. Wisconsin Hospital Preparedness Conference will be October 23, 2018.
 14. EMS recruitment and retention: updates regarding reasons why potential volunteers may not choose to participate. Example, there are some people who may not be able to perform their full-time jobs if they have to run an ambulance call overnight, for example. Statutory protections and requirements for employers are larger issues which should be shared with representational groups and/or the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.
 15. EMS Board and EMS Section Chief Discussion: EMS Office is finalizing priorities for the remainder of 2018 and 2019. Recent legislative mandates are a priority for the EMS Office. Section Chief Lockhart is looking to assemble a stakeholder group to discuss Community EMS by the end of 2018. Initial CEMS goal is to begin determination of correct core curriculum. Awaiting response from DEA regarding controlled substance issue with flexible staffing. EMS Office is working to implement new staff to assist with dispatcher-assisted CPR and Community EMS programs.
 16. Discussion related to the structure of EMS Board and Committee meetings: Section Chief Lockhart indicated concern about the current meeting structure, specifically the difficulties involved in holding committee meetings within the board meeting itself. He suggests separating the committee meetings and holding them a day prior to the board meeting. Discussion on the best way to structure various committee meetings, including STAC, and the board meeting. Concerns about time and expense of travel were raised. Discussion was tabled until October meeting.
 17. Discussion of PAC approved medication list and paramedic scope of practice: Dr. Michael Clark made a motion to approve the PAC recommended changes (paramedic scope and medication list) and submit to the EMS Office, with the expectation that appropriate notice is given to all providers and a transition period is provided. All board members present voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries 8-0. [Can provide more detail if needed.]
 18. Discussion regarding the implementation of ACT 97: no new discussion at this time.
 19. Discussion regarding State Uniform Protocols Project: Dr. Zils suggested holding off on the project until perhaps 2019, given the number of initiatives currently being worked on, as well as the workload of the EMS Office. There are some concerns about creating statewide protocols that are too restrictive.
 20. Discussion regarding the status of the new EMS Operational Plan project: no major updates at this time. The EMS Office may present a session regarding operational plans at the Paramedic Systems of Wisconsin conference in September.
 21. Discussion regarding MCI triage and patient tracking: there is agreement among the board members that the SALT triage program is preferred for use in Wisconsin. It was suggested that language be added to operational plan requirements certifying that services have a MUCC-compliant triage/tracking program.
 22. Discussion regarding mandatory CQI document requirement: Board Chair Biggart believes momentum will continue, particularly with Dr. Colella being appointed as the State Medical Director.
 23. CEMS: no new discussion at this time (was covered earlier under item number 15).
 24. Discussion regarding opiate and overdose initiatives: Milwaukee County may begin using an app-based overdose reporting tool for real-time data. The board believes Community EMS can be a valuable resource going forward to help reduce opiate overdose situations.
 25. Discussion regarding behavioral health and wellness of EMS workers: EMS Office is working to make some online training available to increase awareness. Jerry Biggart will communicate some resources to Tim Weir.
 26. Discuss and develop future new business: agenda items for October board meeting must be submitted to Board Chair Biggart by September 17, 2018.
 27. No items for closed session.
 28. Motion by Dr. Steve Zils to adjourn meeting, motion carried 8-0.
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