

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WI EMS Board			Attending: See below
Date: 12/02/2020	Time Started: 9:02 AM	Time Ended: 11:20 AM	
Location: On-Line - Zoom			Presiding Officer: Jerry Biggert

Minutes

09:02 AM Meeting called to order

- Welcome and EMS Board Member rollcall – All present
- Introduction of newly appointed EMS Board Members - N/A
- Approval of previous EMS Board meeting minutes

Motion to Accept Minutes – Dustin Ridings

Second – Greg West

Discussion - None

Approved – Unanimously

- Public comment opportunity regarding Board agenda or special announcements - None
- Report from EMS Section

COVID-19

- Section working with response.
- Trying to find way to disperse some funding to EMS - \$100,000.
- Expanding ventilator distribution
- Vaccine distribution to EMS – Reach out to your local public health office

DHS 110 Status

- Draft completed final review being completed by legal

Community Paramedic Educational Curriculum and Credentialing

- WTCS & DHS working on curriculum development
- Application process is being drafted
- Investigating e-licensing integration

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- **System Quality & Data - (Dr. Eberlein/Chair)**
 - Reviewed COVID data over months – mental health related deaths have doubled
 - Mandatory Narcan administration tracking in WARDS to include “prior to arrival”
 - Board discussion on police use of Narcan and BVM use
 - Workforce health survey
 - Opiate, Narcan, Trauma, Stroke and STEMI data. Mental health transports. COVID19 updates on Dashboard discussion. Will continue with no changes.
 - Data Collection and Sharing:
 - Interoperability Solutions
 - Update on legal framework and HIPPA laws.
 - Presentation on ESO data exchange.
 - WARDS - Reviewed validation rules as a committee. Reviewed 8 validation rules of the 160+.
 - Education and Training module to include data quality and QA.
 - Discussion on adding pre-selected reports allowing for easy comparison between agencies and State-wide data.
 - CARES WISCONSIN
 - Increase in EMS participants from 41 to 76, Hospitals 21-94, Population 26%-49%.
 - Increase in mortality and at home arrests since pandemic.
 - CQI project update
 - Benchmarks to regional data to national data.

- CQI project moving forward with bio spatial integration.
 - CQI templates (diabetes, pediatrics, stroke, trauma, cardiac arrest) workgroup to establish templates and benchmarks.
 - Combine with bio spatial update.
 - Data improvement on entry and ease of reporting in WARDS is a top priority.
- **EMS for Children - (Dr. Kim/Dr. Browne/Chair)**
 - Discussed pediatric MISC document
 - Grant application status – letter of intent submitted
 - Received DHS 30k grant for pediatric readiness
 - Educational outreach – Trach 101 is near completion (March of 2021 target)
 - Pediatric PNB guidelines
 - Partnering with WESMA for quarterly articles
 - Pediatric emergency care coordinators – 29 new PECS (now =30%)
 - Jan 2020 peds surveys going out
 - Pilot on special needs tracking starting January 2021
 - \$50k grant for telehealth
 - Ped safe transport
 - Trans 309 updated –
 - Sent survey - poor response rate from providers 32% service directors
 - Developing safe transport curriculum
 - DNR POLST update discussion – Laudenback office to address
 - Looking at newborn safe transport
- **Education & Training - (Brian Litza/Chair)**
 - WTCS
 - Continuing NREMT psychomotor exam transition
 - Documentation of the process in DHS approval process
 - Full implementation for Fall 2022
 - EMS Training Center Advisory
 - EMS Curriculum continue to be revised
 - Training center medical directors met. Will be used as needed for guidance on issues
 - EMS Office
 - Training center directors continue to have high turnover. DHS & WTCS planning virtual training for new directors
 - Issue with some training centers not having student apply for training permits. Being addressed by DHS
 - Connectivity development between E-Licensing, the NREMT, and CAPCE continues.
 - ATT now required for attendance at the new OOHS exam.
 - TRAIN-WI opportunities for CE
 - EMR refresher training on TRAIN-WI available sometime late January 2021
 - 2023-2026 renewal forms have been returned and should be available soon to providers
 - NREMT Exam Changes
 - Now have questions with several right answers (“of the following six items which three are correct”) and integrated multimedia.
 - Robust discussion on NREMT pass/fail rates and its multifaceted issues.
- **Physician’s Advisory Committee (PAC) - (Dr. Steven Zils/Chair)**
 - Finalized 2021 scope of practice and clarified some questions
 - Discussed state protocol status and including 2020 AHA guidelines
- **State Medical Director Report to the Board**
 - Scope of care document
 - Model guideline update
 - Vaccine distribution update
 - COVID strain on people and systems

Meeting break 10:24 AM to 10:30 AM

Committee motion forwarded – to accept scope and model guideline drafts

Second – not needed

Discussion - none

Approved - Unanimous

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

- COVID Surveys
 - PPE supplies still a challenge but seem to be steadily to improving; not at crisis levels
 - Training remains a challenge related to social distancing recommendations (more tele-training, minimal hands on) and additional challenges for clinical sites
 - Those reporting staff shortage reported less than 25% of staff out at a time, reasons for missing work evenly distributed among varies reasons
 - Minimal reported participation in specimen collection, Flu or COVID vaccination programs
- NHTSA EMS COVID Survey Report
 - Still working to get services to submit data on a weekly basis
 - Up to 20-25 services submitting data on good weeks
 - Regional coordinators are starting to follow up with services in their region that report PPE shortages to ensure that they know how to report this need locally in the manner that will funnel into the state requests if the need cannot be met locally.
- *Committee suggested EMS Office consider sending information about survey or other data items to additional leadership contacts within services (CQI Officer, Training Office, etc) to help increase response rates*
- EMS Diversion: Approved by Committee to present to EMS Board for approval to reach out to WI ACEP and WHA to work on statewide position statement

Motion from committee – to accept the diversion guideline

Second – Dustin Riddings

Discussion - none

Approved – Unanimously

Motion form Committee – to accept the guideline on onboarding

Second – Chris Eberlien

Discussion

Approved – Unanimously

- Pre-Arrival Instructions and PSAP's Project by WEMSA/MCW
 - Project initially on hold related to COVID
 - Virtual Training Program has been developed, plan for implementation when next round of funds is released
 - Working develop media to share success stories of program and trainings
 - Question to EMS Office: Initial legislation requires PSAP to have training/program in place by June 2021 but unlikely given pandemic
- HERC Update
 - Patient Tracking Workgroup continues to refine EMTrack and implementation plans
 - EMTrack to WARDS bridge will NOT be pursued at this time due to the minority of EMS runs entered into WARDS directly statewide
 - State/Regional Burn and Pediatric Surge plans are in-process
 - Ongoing discussions about EMS and COVID vaccination
 - Concerns raised about availability of EMS for inter-facility transports given the increase number and distance of transports
- Update or action regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates/ Ground Emergency Medical Transport reimbursement initiative - (Sechler)
 - No movement
- Discussion with Action specifications related to the Wisconsin EMS Board Human Relations Committee established at the July EMS Board Meeting - (Biggart)
 - Draft email to recruit members

- Co-chairs Eberlein & Albert
- 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) - (Biggart, Colella, Bates)
 - Narcan leave behind program started – progressing well – asked for restock already
- 2021 EMS Board Meeting Logistics
 - First TUE & WED in March
- Discuss and Develop Future New Business
 - Trans 309 issues? ... to systems?

Motion – Greg West - to adjourn

Second – Laura Albert

Discussion - none

Approved – Unanimously

11:20 AM Meeting Adjourned

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: Litza on 12/06/20

Minutes reviewed and approved with no additions and corrections by the governmental body on: 03/03/2021