

## AGENDA

### Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Advisory Council

Metro Technology Center  
Alpine Room – Calypso Room  
1900 Springlake Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73111  
August 20, 2009  
1:00 pm.

Call to Order - Roll Call Chairman Greene

Approval of minutes. Chairman Greene

Introductions and Announcements. Chairman Greene

#### IV. Emergency Systems Update: Patrice Greenawalt

EMS – Trauma Merger  
Statewide System Update  
Trauma Fund

#### V. EMS Division Update: Shawn Rogers

- a. OKEMSIS update
- b. Legislative needs  
Review and Possible Approval of Draft Legislative Language Request
- c. Interim Study
- d. NHTSA Review
- e. OERSSIRF
- f. Preparedness grants  
NW Regional Medical Response System  
REMSS
- g. State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)  
  
EMSC Update- Paul Marmen

#### VII. Discussion and Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates – Sharon DellaVecchio

#### VIII. Sub-committee reports:

- a. Medical Direction- Dr. Cathey / Shawn Rogers  
Approval of Specialty Care License for Eaglemed and Criticare  
Presentation of the Medical Directors Course – Dr. Goodloe
- b. Training & Licensure – Ron Feller

c. Operational Protocol - Chairman Greene  
Discussion of draft rule changes.

IX. New Business Chairman Greene

Public Comment Chairman Greene

Adjournment

**Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems  
Development Advisory Council**  
August 20, 2009

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:**

Mike Greene, Jimmy Johnson, James Blocker, Phil Reid, Clarence Fortney, Rebecca Smith, Greg Reid, Ron Feller, Gary Ligon, and Steve Williamson

**Members Not Present:**

Kellie Swim, Susan Harper, Ernie Moore, Dr. Gerald Doeksen, Lester Branch, Dr. Robert Salinas, Betty Roan, Rick Bronson, and Jo Ann Cobble

**OSDH Staff Present:**

Sharon DellaVecchio, Shawn Rogers, Dr. Hank Hartsell, Mark Newman, Patrice Greenawalt, Dr. Tim Cathey, Lee Martin, and Eddie Manley.

**Guest Present:**

Sean Lauderdale, Klayn Hitt, Rodney Johnson, Stacey Morton, Patrick Cody, and Leaugeay Barnes

Mike Greene called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Jimmy Johnson made a motion to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes as presented. Steve Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Hank Hartsell, Deputy Commissioner for Protective Health Services, introduced Patrice Greenawalt as the new Assistant Chief for Emergency Systems effective August 1, 2009.

Dr. Hank Hartsell also introduced Mark Newman the new Legislative Liaison for the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Mark comes from the House staff.

**Emergency Systems Update - Patrice Greenawalt**

Patrice stated that things are going very well with the reorganization. The staff is working together to evaluate the way we do our current business and how we can do them more effectively. One of the things that we are trying to do is consolidate our stakeholder meetings especially with our trauma advisory boards which will eventually be changed to emergency systems advisory boards. We are looking forward to a statewide plan to ensure not only trauma services but all types of medical emergencies are addressed for all patients in Oklahoma. Included in that system we have communications, data, research and funding.

The trauma fund and the EMS fund continue to grow. Trauma is still receiving about 2 million a month into the fund and EMS is just a little over 1 million in their fund. Shawn Rogers is working diligently to move forward with the rules to get the dollars out in the ways the rules define. Trauma continues to look at more efficient and easier ways to submit claims for the

trauma fund. We will have two proposals to present at the next trauma advisory board meeting for the council to look and determine a direction for us to go.

### **EMS Division Update - Shawn Rogers**

#### **OKEMSIS update:**

We currently have around 200,000 run in the OKEMSIS database. All the agencies are now currently reporting to OKEMSIS and the quality of data is steadily improving. We have several large players come on board recently in terms of getting their submission formats completed and started putting quantities of data in OKEMSIS. The database is already available to EMS agencies to look at their own data and look at information relevant to their daily operations. We are uploading quarterly to the National EMS Information Database.

#### **Legislative needs:**

Shawn handed out a copy of the Oklahoma EMS Act. Tom Welin had asked Shawn to mark it up with proposed language for the changes that we need to make to be consistent with the new National EMS Education Standards.

63-1-2503 under definitions #3 that defines an ambulance patient as a patient who is transported in a reclining position in an ambulance, Shawn proposed to strike in an ambulance. This is pretty consistent with how other states define a patient.

63-1-2503 under #12 we renamed the levels of EMT as EMT, advanced EMT, and paramedic. We struck out intermediate and the old advanced cardiac. We haven't had any advanced cardiac in Oklahoma in about 5 years.

The language throughout is modified to fit the current National standards descriptors. We talk about EMTs, advanced EMTs, paramedic and emergency medical responders rather than the first responders. At the federal level they wanted to change that because first responders refers to everyone that is first on the scene. A medical responder is a person who has passed a particular curriculum.

63-1-2508 Shawn is recommending striking this whole section on temporary licenses. We do not have any rules to administrate temporary licenses. Most states don't offer that and it's not helpful to us.

#### **Interim Study:**

We are looking at an interim study with the legislation as a result of HB1888 last session. There were a lot of unanswered questions and that still stands unresolved. Representative Cox, Representative Roan, and Representative Richardson have asked for a study. There has been no date set and it is made up of about 20 people.

#### **NHTSA Review:**

We are trying to set up a follow up to the 1992 NHTSA survey of Oklahoma EMS. In 1992 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's EMS branch came to

Oklahoma and a review of our EMS system. We are currently working with NHTSA to set up a time to meet with them.

## **OERSSIRF**

The rules are on the Health Department website and should go to the Board of Health in the November meeting. We may have to change some of the language to allow for people to apply for funds after they come out of the Board of Health.

## **Preparedness grants:**

**NW Regional Medical Response System** funds emergency medical dispatch and emergency medical direction for participating agencies in region 1 has been reauthorized through June 2010 after that funding is unclear. It is going to be important that we look at new funding sources to continue that program which is now providing medical direction to 17 agencies and emergency medical dispatch to 15 agencies.

## **REMSS:**

The REMSS teams are continuing to train and form. The REMSS teams are quick response teams pre-established in each region that is available to respond to disaster on short notice. They are trained to minimum standards for disaster response, including incident command training, basic disaster life support training, and the EMS task force training.

## **State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) – Eddie Manley:**

We have a communication subcommittee that we have currently put on hold until the State comes up with State Interoperability Plan. There is a page in your packet dealing with the SCIP rules. We have put together this structure. Eddie is the representative for EMS for the governing body along with all the other disciplines throughout the state that are involved in public safety. We hope a statewide plan finalized by the end of this year. Each one of us within the governing body is assigned to one of these outlined subcommittees. Eddie currently is part of the outreach committee. We are looking at the Standard Operational Procedures (SOP) committee, they are gathering in from all over the state. Homeland Security is underwriting this process and they have hired a consultant group to work with each county.

The FCC has mandated that the narrowband procedure for the whole United States, right now the UHF frequencies are on the 25 kHz spread and that has to be brought down to a 12 ½ kHz spread by the end of 2011, so everyone is going to have to be buying new radios if you don't already have it in your vehicles. Most of the radios that you buy currently have those capabilities within them, but the older radios are going to have to be replaced.

## **EMSC Update- Stacey Morton**

Have continued data collection from hospitals around the state and we have had difficulty collecting it. The federal government says that we have to have a response rating of 80% and as of today we are at 65%. That collection is over pediatric

preparedness, interfacility written agreements and transfer guidelines. Some of the barriers that we have identified in collecting an 80% response are that a lot of the Administrators and the ER Nurse Managers have changed a lot, so we don't have good contacts.

On the EMS side we distributed to those members that were present at the last meeting the fact sheet indicating the pediatric equipment on ambulances, we are looking at the barriers of why we don't have all the essential pediatric equipment. We are also working with field

administrators to create relationships with the rural services in an effort to help them get the pediatric equipment that they need.

EMSC is hosting a PALS instructor class on September 11, 2009. We are developing an online education learning management system with a partnership with the Oklahoma Career Tech. They have been working with EMSC to be able to offer pediatric content for everyone; prehospital, fire, educators, hospital personnel and it is moving along great.

The EMSC Advisory Council has been re-established and we have our first meeting Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The plan is help us move forward the federal mandates as well as identify what our pediatric needs in your community and create ways to benefit all communities not just Oklahoma City.

EMSC is currently working with Missouri to create a recognition sticker for our ambulance here in Oklahoma who do have all the essential pediatric equipment. We hope to begin partnership with EMSA and start rolling that out into all the areas across the state.

#### **Discussion and Approval of 2010 Meeting Dates – Sharon DellaVecchio**

Steve Williamson made a motion to approve the proposed meeting dates:

February 18, 2010;

May 20, 2010;

August 19, 2010; and

November 18, 2010.

Ron Feller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Sub-committee reports:**

##### **Medical Direction- Dr. Cathey / Shawn Rogers**

This committee met yesterday in Tulsa at the EMS Conference on Induced Hypothermia. Locations in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Enid in the near future those EMS services are going to be starting to use Induced Hypothermia for post cardiac arrest patients. This is a trend that is starting to spread around the nation. If you look at the numbers and the statistics it is very impressive about the number of people that are going home alive neurologically intact.

New statewide protocols are under development. At the meeting yesterday we review the first section of the protocols. The process is that new statewide protocols will be updated on a regular basis and we expect more services to begin to adopt these because you are going to see a lot more new and better things within these protocols.

Presentation of the Medical Directors Course – Dr. Goodloe

Dr. Goodloe could not be here due to a prior commitment, his plan is to present the Medical Directors Course at the November meeting.

**Training & Licensure – Ron Feller**

This committee met this morning. We received an update on the National Educational Standards from the Oklahoma EMS Educators Consensus Group. They have started reviewing the new standards with our current requirement. They are starting on the Emergency Medical Responder first and their big issue is time constraints on how to develop how many hours into the program. They have put a request out asking people to get involved.

They had a long discussion about online courses. We received a report from OCCC on their current online course, which is actually doing quite well and is comparable to their traditional course. OCCC has requested another course and the training and licensure subcommittee felt they were doing well enough and should be able to continue on.

Paul put together a proposal for an online EMS instructor course, which is actually being held out of Tyler, Texas. We have reviewed the program and it more than meets our requirement and the program is willing to put Oklahoma specific information in it. They are required to do a test and a 15 minute presentation. The committee voted and approved for this program to be utilized.

We did discuss a rule change that would make it a requirement for an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) to take a refresher course every two years. The State staff is to draft this requirement in proposed rule and present to this committee for discussion and possible approval at the next meeting.

**Operational Protocol:**

Mike Greene stated that Betty Roan has stepped out and Mike recommended that Jimmy Johnson replace her as the chair for this committee.

**Public Comment**

Eddie Manley made the statement that there are currently only two members on the Training and Licensure and asked if the Council had anyone that might be interested in being a part of this committee? Phil Reid volunteered to be on the Training and Licensure subcommittee.

Sharon asked if we could go back up on the agenda under Medical Direction Subcommittee. The Medical Direction Subcommittee approved an application for a specialty care license for EagleMed to have a ground ambulance license. Ron Feller asked if the Medical Direction did approve it. Shawn Rogers stated that they did, but he didn't think that it had to be approved by this Council. Sharon stated that this is the way it has always been done in the past and she is just following that process as before.

Patrice Greenawalt stated that she didn't think that it was the rule for this Council to approve licensure issues. Ron Feller asked if the Medical Direction was still considered a subcommittee of ERSDAC or is it a separate committee. Shawn Rogers stated that in the statute it is referred to as a subcommittee.

Jimmy Johnson asked how that passes with a sole source. Sharon stated that Nathan Dille with EagleMed met with Glenn Leland and a couple of other individuals from EMSA about this. Sharon stated that she had informed Nathan that he had to go to EMSA because of the sole source. Sharon spoke with the representative at EMSA who stated they had talked to Steve Williamson and they approved for EagleMed to

ave specialty care ground unit in OKC. Steve Williamson stated there was a question as to if it was a continuous of the service from the helicopter to the ground transport to ER? Steve Williamson stated there was some legal question if it was an error of transport that it fell directly under federal regulations. Steve stated they were hoping that the State would check that out.

Jimmy Johnson stated that based on this information he would like to make the recommendation to table this item and have the Stte do a review of that information and bring it to the next meeting. Mike Greene agreed that it be tabled. Shawn stated that the state will go back and look at the sole source. He said they determined that the helipad at Baptist doesn't require a license to transport from because the street there is nt public property it is all Baptist campus. So for the helicopter to land there they can use a golf cart to move the patient from the helipad to the ER.

Leaugeay Barnes stated that when Ron Feller talked about the Training and Licensure Subcommittee he didn't bring up the licensue renewal fee increase issue. Ron stated the issue she is talking about is the concern of the licensure renewal fees. Ron was aware that they were going to go up for two years because of the death benefit and the new rule has changes which prety much bump it up \$20.00 instead of \$10.00. For an EMT-Basic it is \$20.00 plus \$10.00 death benefit. They believe that somewhere down the line it was misunderstood that it was actually an increase in fees. He understood it to be that the increase was just for the death benefit, not an actual increase plus the death benefit. He wanted to know where the increase came from because he doesn't remember any discussion. Shawn did say that it doesn't have to be brought to this council for approval. Mike Greene made the recommendation that this be added to the November agenda for discussion.

Rodney Johnson stated that the last discussion that he had with the authors on the interim study had requested that the public ealth committee be a committee for the interim study. They have requested a day in October which has not been approved yet.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.