

EMS Committee
3760 South Highland Office, 3rd Floor Auditorium
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Mike Mathieu, Lynn Yeates, Ray Price M.D., Michael Moffitt, Kris Kemp M.D., Kevin Johnson, Bob Grow M.D., Margy Baker, Jay Downs, Jeri Johnson, Jason Nicholl, Breck Rushton, and Marjean Hansen.
Excused:	Steve Pehrson, and Mario Sanchez.
Guests:	Lauara Snyder, Wes Robinson, Ricky Evans, Rick Howard, Marty Wilson, Eric Grange, Tracy Schaffer, Chad Tucker, KD Simpson, Tim Norris, Russell Bradley M.D., Mark Martin, Tammy Barton, Kenny Johnson, Shelley Peterson, Kassidee Brown, Kathy Quarnberg, Alecia Gleave, and Jess L. Campbell.
Staff:	Paul Patrick, Jolene Whitney, Allan Liu, Jenny Allred, Joshua Legler, Guy Dansie, Raul Garcia, Jim Hansen, Tami Goodin, Dan Camp, Bob Jex, Peter Taillac, Tia Dalrymple, Dennis Bang, Chuck Cruz, Cindy Huish, Irene Petrogeorge, and Annalyn Beers.
Presiding:	Mike Mathieu

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
	<u>Welcome</u>	
Introduction of Committee Members and Bureau Staff	<p>Mike Mathieu welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present committee members introduced themselves, as well as all present Bureau of EMS and Preparedness staff introduced themselves.</p> <p>Paul Patrick announced the EMS Committee members who have served an eight year term and also the positions which will be open to appoint as of June 2012.</p> <p>The positions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer (Mario Sanchez) • Practicing Emergency Room Doctor (Steve Pehrson) • Registered Nurse (Breck Rushton) • Hospital Administrator (Kevin Johnson) <p>Individuals interested in applying for these open positions can submit a resume by visiting www.utah.gov under Commissions and Boards-Health-State Emergency Medical Services Committee. New members will begin their positions July 2012.</p> <p>The individuals eligible for reappointment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Downs • Mike Mathieu • Lynn Yeates <p>Breck Rushton, currently over Subcommittee Replacements with Jeri Johnson, explained the duties of the position since it will be vacant upon the end of his term. Margy Baker volunteered for the position and the Committee approved. Margy and Jeri will oversee Subcommittee appointments.</p>	<p>Margy Baker made the motion of filling the responsibility of Subcommittee Appointments with Jeri Johnson. Jeri seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
	<u>Action Items:</u>	
Approval of Minutes	EMS Committee reviewed the minutes from the October meeting.	<p>Lynn Yeates made the motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Jeri Johnson seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>

<p>Subcommittee Replacements</p>	<p>Breck Rushton announced the open position of Industrial Corporate EMS Representative on the Professional Development Subcommittee. Chris Ellis, RN was recommended to fill the position.</p>	<p>Breck Rushton made the motion for Chris Ellis to represent the Industrial Corporate position on the Professional Development Subcommittee. Jay Downs seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
<p>Elections for Chair and Vice Chair</p>	<p>The floor was opened for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. Jason Nicholl nominated Kris Kemp as Chair, and Breck Rushton nominated Jay Downs as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Acknowledgement and appreciation were expressed to Mike Mathieu and Kevin Johnson for serving as Chair and Vice Chair to the committee.</p>	<p>Jason Nicholl nominated Kris Kemp, M.D. as EMS Committee Chair. Breck Rushton seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p> <p>Breck Rushton nominated Jay Downs as EMS Committee Vice Chair. Jason Nicholl seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
<p>R426-1 General Definitions Proposed Rule Consolidation</p>	<p>Mike Moffitt gave an update on the Rule Review Task Force. The Task Force has met several times and is currently working on R426-3-400; Licensing. The Task Force anticipates the revised set of rules will be presented to the EMS Committee at the April meeting.</p> <p>Paul Patrick reminded the group of the purpose for the revision of rules is to consolidate according to the Governor’s goal. After revision there will be nine rules. Paul stated it would be nice to have the rules complete for public comment in time for the rate change to become effective in July.</p>	
<p>Paramedic Staffing Waiver (Mountain West Medical)</p>	<p>Tami Goodin introduced Tracy Schaffer, Director of Mountain West Ambulance, and also Dr. Bradley, their Medical Director.</p> <p>Tracy stated the proposal for Mountain West Ambulance is to obtain a paramedic ambulance staffing waiver to provide more efficient service to the county. The proposal is to allow all ambulances to be staffed with a minimum of one paramedic and one advanced EMT.</p> <p>The EMS Committee reviewed the proposal submitted and asked questions regarding operations, staffing, and costs. In conclusion, the EMS Committee requested Mountain View submits further supporting documentation from local government agencies. At that time, the waiver proposal can be brought to the committee.</p>	<p>Mike Moffitt made the motion that Mountain West Ambulance submits further documentation from local government agencies to support the waiver request. Once obtained, the topic can be placed on the EMS Committee meeting agenda once again. Jay Downs seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
<p>Paramedic Staffing Waiver (North Fork Fire District)</p>	<p>Tami Goodin introduced Kenny Johnson with North Fork Fire District. Kenny went over facts about the agency, community, and volume of trauma calls. The Committee reviewed the letters that were submitted as well as attached data.</p> <p>North Fork Fire District is currently an intermediate level ambulance transport service. They are requesting a single paramedic staffing waiver for four years; with the first two years coverage will be from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm for the first two years.</p>	<p>Bob Grow, M.D. made the motion to approve North Fork Fire District the Paramedic Staffing Waiver as requested in writing. A single paramedic, four-year staffing waiver; the first two years will be between 0900 and 2100 hours. The</p>

	<p>Kenny described the future goals of North Fork Fire District, which result in obtaining a twenty-four hour, seven days a week paramedic staffing license. By the year 2013, the North Fork Fire Station will have added dormitories for expansion. By the year 2014, North Fork will be adding 24 hour staffing to the paramedic program.</p> <p>The EMS Committee granted the waiver to North Fork Fire District will the regard of the stipulations requested. North Fork Fire is required to return in four years and report to the committee.</p>	<p>waiver is temporary as it requires North Fork to return in four years with supporting evidence in order to maintain the variance granted. Jason Nicholl seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
<p>Subcommittee Assignments</p>	<p>The Operations Subcommittee was tasked with the following topics to discuss and bring back at future EMS Committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze psych patient transports with Joshua Legler (modifying protocols, delay and defer, hospital communication, inclement weather transports). Analyze with Air Ambulance representatives, a statewide “No-Go” policy for ground ambulance which providers can adopt. Condition and criticality will need to be addressed independently. Compare differences between NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and Star of Life Ambulance (KKK-A-1822F) standards. Review subcommittee members list. <p>The Professional Development Subcommittee was tasked with the following topics to discuss and bring back at future EMS Committee meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Report on AEMT Transition (issues and solutions). Review subcommittee members list. 	
	<p><u>Informational Items:</u></p>	
<p>Subcommittee Reports</p>	<p>Marty Wilson gave the Professional Development Subcommittee report. The subcommittee was tasked with defining the equivalent of PHTLS. Classes are funded by grants resulting in high costs for agencies. Comparable classes had different hours allocated; therefore, the bureau will need to further determine the equivalent for PHTLS. Jolene Whitney recommended the Department take the issue to the Trauma System Advisory Committee where training programs could be recommended. The topic will be placed on the March meeting agenda in order to be presented to the subcommittee in May. The Professional Development Subcommittee would then bring the topic back to the EMS Committee at the July meeting.</p> <p>Allan Liu gave the Grants Subcommittee Report. Allan introduced a new member on the subcommittee, Mark Curtis, as the Law Enforcement Representative.</p> <p>Allan announced applications for per-capita and competitive grants were due on January 18, 2012. Applications will be reviewed in March and recommendations will be brought to the EMS Committee in April.</p>	
<p>Psych Patients Data Report</p>	<p>Joshua Legler provided a data report which compared the number of psychiatric transports EMS completed versus Law Enforcement. Three reports were generated which compared overall treatment and transportation, incident location type, and incident county. The outcome showed that although Law Enforcement was three</p>	

	times as likely to transport psych patients for a psych call versus other calls; overall, it is a low percentage. Law Enforcement is very rarely used for inter-facility transports. An additional finding is that the volume widely varies depending on incident county location.	
Hospital Designations	<p>Bob Jex reported on the hospital designations referring to the handout that was distributed. Upon reviewing American Fork Hospital and Mountain West Hospital as Level IV Trauma Centers and Fillmore Community as a Level V; there will be 19 total designated trauma center facilities in the state.</p> <p>There are currently 19 Stroke Receiving Facilities in Utah and 5 joint-commission designated primary stroke centers. This equals a total of 24 out of 43 hospitals in the state which are designated to treat stroke patients.</p> <p>Applications have been sent out to 15 qualified hospitals for STEMI designation. The deadline for applications is Jan 30, 2012.</p>	
End of Meeting	Next Meeting is April 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the 3 rd floor auditorium located at: 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.	Mike Mathieu made the motion to adjourn. Ray Price, M.D. seconded. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.