

**PRE-HOSPITAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

13 March 2014

1000 hours

The Conference Center at

Central Penn College

**Attendance**

**Pre-hospital** Amy Reynold Adams County EMS Council

**Operations** Duane Nieves Cumberland County EMS Council

**Committee** Brad DeLancey Dauphin County EMS Council

**Present:** Ryan Elborne Franklin County EMS Council

Kevin Dalpiaz Perry County EMS Council

Doug Bitner West Shore EMS

John Brindle Community Life Team

Scott Buchle Life Lion Emergency Medical Services

Paul Christophel West Shore EMS

Jeff Coombe Fayetteville VFD

Tony Deaven First Aid & Safety Patrol of Lebanon

Nathan Harig Cumberland Goodwill EMS

Dave Hayes East Pennsboro Ambulance

Kyle Hitz Lawn Fire Company EMS

Suzette Kreider Northwest EMS

John Logan Community Life Team

Veronica Miller Ephrata Hospital ALS

Tim Moench A Vital Response/Duncannon EMS

Steve Mrozowski Lawn EMS

Barb Parks Ephrata Hospital ALS

Robert Patterson Lancaster EMS Association

Dennis Shelly WellSpan EMS

Charles Stevens WellSpan EMS

Bryan Wheeler Hanover Hospital Medic 46

Christopher Yohn Lower Allen Township EMS

**Education** Robert Bernini Chair

**Committee** Diane Garber Lancaster County Career and Technology Center

**Present:** Steve Henry York Career Institute

David Kirchner Eastern Lebanon County High School

Vickie Martin Lancaster EMS Association

Loren Miller Eastern Lebanon County High School

Patrick Osborne Lancaster EMS

Randy Spies Blue Ridge Community & Technical College

Bob Stakem Harrisburg Area Community College

Andrew Welk Lancaster EMS

Merv Wertz Reading Hospital

**Staff:** Megan A. Hollinger, Project Manager

Michael J. Guerra, Resource Coordinator

Ann Marie Christie, Program Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Hollinger called the Pre-hospital Operations Committee and Education Committee meeting to order at 1000 hours. Ms. Hollinger asked those present to introduce themselves.

Following introductions Ms. Hollinger asked the members to keep the family of Paramedic Bruce Bowen in their thoughts. Paramedic Bowen was a line of duty death while working for St. Louis Children’s Hospital as a flight medic. Mr. Bowen was a seasoned provided in the York County for several years before relocating.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*ALS Annual Review*

Ms. Hollinger announced with the upcoming Rules and Regulations there will be a requirement for EMS agency medical directors to complete an annual skills assessment for ALS providers. Previously a working group was formed to create a checklist of core skills for EMS agency medical directors to use as a guideline. Mr. Harig presented a draft form, which was reviewed by those in attendance. Mr. Logan questioned the need for a column to document proficiency with each skill. Ms. Hollinger will e-mail the form to allow additional feedback. This form will be presented at the Medical Advisory Committee in May.

*National Registry Testing Voucher*

Ms. Hollinger announced EHSF may have some funding to provide vouchers to waive the cost of the National Registry exam. These vouchers would be limited to high school students participating in a program through a high school training institute.

*PA EMS Instructor Association*

Mr. Henry provided information from the first meeting of this new association. The intention for this association is to provide a voice for the EMS instructors across Pennsylvania. The next meeting is scheduled for 26 May 2014. Those interested should contact Mr. Henry.

*EMS Instructor Modules 2 & 3*

Ms. Hollinger reported EHSF has received request to host modules 2 and 3 for EMS instructors. At this time the Department of Health Bureau of EMS (DOH BEMS) has not updated the materials to compile with the upcoming Rules and Regulations. Once BEMS releases the materials, EHSF will schedule additional modules.

*Open House for Evaluators*

Ms. Christie announced the upcoming open house on 18 March 2014 at EHSF from 1500-1900 hours. This open house provides an invitation for interested individuals to learn more about becoming an evaluator for the test team. Ms. Hollinger will forward the flyer to the county council presidents to disseminate throughout their county.

*Pilot Programs*

Ms. Hollinger announced two upcoming pilot projects within the region. The first involves alternate airway device. The planning for this pilot is underway with additional details released in the near future. The second project involves the use of ketamine for excited delirium patients. This will be a partnership with other regional councils. EHSF will provide additional information in the near future.

*Licensure Update*

Ms. Hollinger reported with the upcoming Rules and Regulations will follow changes to licensure. At this time EHSF has not received direction from BEMS regarding specific processes for these changes. EHSF will promptly disseminate information as it is received.

*AEMT Update*

Mr. Stakem announced the scope of practice for the AEMT has been submitted to the DOH for review. Mr. Stakem provided an overview of the requested skill set for an AEMT. At this time a course for the AEMT has not been held within the region. Mr. Wertz announced a class is currently offered through Good Fellowship.

Mr. Buchle questioned if the process for dispatching a service with an AEMT provider has been discussed. Mr. Guerra announced the Regional Communications Committee discussed the topic at their previous meeting.

*ePCR Project Status*

Ms. Hollinger reported the regional ePCR system project is moving forward. The request for proposal (RFP) has been drafted through legal counsel. The requirements for the RFP were determined by the working group through the Prehospital Operations and Quality Improvement Committees. The next step involves further review of the drafted RFP by Executive Director Steve Lyle and the EMS leadership group composed of the agency directors from EMS agencies with an annual call volume exceeding 10,000 incidents. The RFP will then be forwarded to selected vendors. EHSF anticipates train-the-trainer sessions after July 2014 with implementation of the program in October 2014. Ms. Garber asked if the training institutes could receive a demo version of the program to train students in current certification classes. Members present discussed this function. Ms. Hollinger will forward the request to Mr. Lyle.

*Heart Rescue: Hands-Only CPR*

Ms. Hollinger reported the Hands-Only CPR campaign has ended. Agencies providing training in their community have until 15 March 2014 to enter data for the contest. Ms. Hollinger will forward details for the event announcing the winning regions and agencies once provided by Heart Rescue.

*Heart Rescue: Video Contest*

Ms. Hollinger announced the high performance CPR video contest. The deadline for EMS agencies wishing to submit a video of a team performing high performance CPR is 30 March 2014.

*Heart Rescue: On the Horizon*

Ms. Hollinger discussed upcoming possibilities with Heart Rescue. Heart Rescue is currently evaluating their next step in cardiac survival. The next phase may focus on hospital understanding and acceptance, fire and police on-scene coordinator, or dispatch-assisted CPR. Information will be disseminated as more information becomes available. Mr. DeLancey reported their success in Dauphin County through the creation of a condensed training for non-EMS affiliated fire departments and police departments.

*EHSF Disptach*

Ms. Hollinger asked those interested in providing an article for the EHSF Dispatch must provide the article and respective photos by 15 April 2014. Articles should be e-mailed to Ms. Hollinger.

*Child Death Review Teams*

Ms. Hollinger provided information about the Child Death Review Teams (CDRT) across the Commonwealth and encourages EMS agencies to participate. Anyone interested in joining their county team can contact Ms. Hollinger or Ms. Vick Zittle through the Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics. Ms. Hollinger also provided information on the upcoming CDRT training for reviewing Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) cases. This free training is located in Pocono Manor, PA on 13-14 May 2014.

*Brochures*

Ms. Hollinger announced several brochures have been printed and are available for EMS agencies. The brochure seasons includes: More than just a Ride in the Ambulance, Seasonal Risks, Infant and Small Children Safety Tips, Teen and Adolescent Awareness, Adults, and Older Adults. These brochures are available free of charge for EMS agencies to use at upcoming community events or trainings.

*EMS Week Activities*

Ms. Hollinger highlighted upcoming EMS Week events.

*Community Paramedicine*

Ms. Hollinger provided updates on community paramedicine with EHSF. EMS agencies or hospital interested in learning more about community paramedicine should contact Ms. Hollinger. There will also be a health summit on 01 May 2014 to provide additional information. Hospital administrators, EMS agency leadership, and medical directors are welcome to attend. More information will be forwarded in the near future.

*EHSF Staffing*

Ms. Hollinger announced staffing changes at EHSF. Ms. Heckman is no longer employed with EHSF. Any correspondence regarding preparedness should now be forwarded to Mr. Lyle. Ms. Mackey intends to retire on 14 March 2014. Any correspondence typically sent to Ms. Mackey may be forwarded to Ms. Christie or Ms. Fraticelli.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 08 May 2014 at

1000 hours.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 June 2014 at 1000 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hollinger adjourned the meeting at 1130 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan A. Hollinger

Project Manager