



PREHOSPITAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
07 January 2016
1000 hours
EHSF Conference Room

Attendance

Present:	Scott Buchle	Chair
	Amy Lebo	Adams County EMS Council
	Duane Nieves	Cumberland County EMS Council
	Brad DeLancey	Dauphin County EMS Council
	Ryan Elborne	Franklin County EMS Council
	Doug Bitner	Franklin County EMS Council
	Robert Patterson	Lancaster County EMS Council
	Kraig Nace	Perry County EMS Council
	Mark Berry	JeffStat
	Kevin Dalpiaz	Community Life Team
	Nathan Harig	Cumberland Goodwill Fire EMS
	Herbert Ingram	WellSpan Ephrata Hospital ALS
	Suzette Kreider	Northwest EMS
	Vickie Martin	Lancaster General Hospital
	Rick Pearson	Lancaster EMS
	Denny Shelly	WellSpan
	Andrew Snively	Holy Spirit Hospital
	Eric Zaney	Adams Regional EMS
Staff:	Megan A. Ruby	Director of System Operations
	Ann Marie Christie	Program Coordinator
	Michael J. Guerra	Resource Coordinator
	Timothy S. Melton	System Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Buchle called the meeting to order at 1000 hours and asked for introductions.

OLD BUSINESS

ePCR Project Update

Ms. Ruby reported EMS agencies still continue through implementation. The county council presidents will be meeting with the EHSF staff following this meeting to discuss the future use of EMSOF toward this initiative.

Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare (CP/MIH)

Ms. Ruby discussed the status of CP/MIH in our region. Ms. Ruby reported on a recent meeting with the Perry County Health Coalition.

PA Scope of Practice: Critical Care Transport

Ms. Ruby acknowledged concerns regarding the critical care transport (CCT) level of licensure not yet having a process. She reported the Bureau of EMS began communicating information about the requirements. The EHSF is waiting on official correspondence regarding the process to apply for the level of licensure. EMS agencies desiring to be a CCT agency will need to satisfy the minimum equipment requirements, have approval from the EMS agency medical director, and provide staffing with providers who completed the approved critical care education program. The EHSF will share more information as it is received.

Bariatric Resources

Ms. Ruby announced the EHSF will begin surveying agencies for bariatric equipment. The survey will be generated through Survey Monkey and ask for a list of resources and quantity. Mr. Melton will be the point of contact in the office for this project.

Commendation Program Update

Ms. Ruby reported there is an increase in requests for recognition of a clinical life save not involving a cardiac arrest. The EHSF discussed the criteria for the clinical save award and proposed expanding the criteria beyond cardiac arrest. This past discussion resulted in the creation of a work group to evaluate the commendation award guidelines. The work group met and would like to ask the Prehospital Operations Committee to add a commendation to the list: Meritorious Service Award. This award would recognize providers who provided patient care to a critical or seriously injured patient and whose patient care was a direct result of their survival. The submission of this award would require the PCR for review. The committee members asked the award verbiage be added to the commendation program document for review and approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

EMD v.13

Ms. Ruby announced the upcoming version update for the PSAPs to use for emergency medical dispatching. Version 13 was approved by Dr. Reihart. The PSAPs will be live by 01 July 2016 with the updates. Updates involved in version 13 were discussed. The committee asked for a listing of determinant levels and the class response to be provided to the group.

DOH Staffing Update

Ms. Ruby announced Vito Lanzillo resigned from his position at the Bureau of EMS. Mr. Lanzillo processes the criminal histories and investigations.

State Districts

Ms. Ruby announced Director Gibbons divided the state into three districts. Each of the 14 regional EMS councils will remain to provide the same level of service as before. However, the three district coordinators will work together to enhance communication between the Bureau of EMS and the regional offices. The district coordinators will also be looking at changing processes to enhance efficiency. Mr. Steve Lyle is the district coordinator for the central part of Pennsylvania.

Hands Only CPR

Ms. Ruby reported the Bureau of EMS will be teaching Hands Only CPR at the Farm Show this year. Any providers interested in volunteering should contact Ms. Ruby.

ALS Skills Verification

Ms. Ruby questioned how the ALS skills verification process is received as the new calendar year approached. Most EMS agencies find the regional form helpful.

Mr. Buchle announced Life Lion will be requiring BLS providers to complete the skills verification in the summer.

Mr. Nieves reported Holy Spirit EMS worked with Harrisburg Area Community College for the course they provided. Any EMS agency interested in learning more should contact Bob Stakem.

Certification Reminders EMSIB 2015-014

Ms. Ruby reported the EHSF postponed sending of the certification reminder postcards. The office is waiting on the Bureau of EMS to verify the required wording.

The Bureau of EMS sent a certification reminder via e-mail in early January. This e-mail was sent to all providers regardless of their expiration date rather than the providers expiring at the next certification quarter of 01 April 2016.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

State Budget

Ms. Hollinger reported to date there is still not an approved state budget. However, EMSOF was released. The EHSF continues to function as usual. If any changes to the EHSF's operations occur, notification will be provided to the EMS agencies.

Mr. Buchle adjourned the meeting at 1105 hours.

The next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 March 2016 at 1000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan A. Ruby
Director of System Operations