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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 24, 2012
10:00 A.M.

Division Staff Present:

Megan Lamphere, Rule-making Coordinator
Regina Godette-Crawford, OEMS Section Chief
Donnie Sides, OEMS Operations Manager

Others Present:

Cheryl Somers, CareLink
Barbara Willis, Life Flight Duke
Mark Young, CareLink Cone
Sean Gibson, WakeMed
Brendan Berry, WakeMed
Ed Wilson, WakeMed
Ed Woodard, WakeMed
Betsy Casanaw, WakeMed
Chris Williams, Carolina Air Care

1. Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing was to solicit verbal and/or written comments from the public on the proposed amendment to permanent rule 10A NCAC 13P .0221, as published in the NC Register, Volume 26, Issue 11, issued on December 1, 2011.

2. Hearing Summary

The public hearing was opened by Megan Lamphere at 10:00 a.m. Attending were representatives from CareLink, CareLink Cone, Life Flight Duke, WakeMed, Carolina Air Care, and DHSR Office of Emergency Medical Services staff. A total of two oral comments were recorded in support of the rule. A summary of these comments is as follows:



- Commenter: Sean Gibson representing WakeMed Health & Hospitals
“We greatly support this change in administrative code. The revision process included all stakeholders for their representative to ensure fairness and to do what is in the best interest of the patient. Further, this change in rule will continue to allow EMS systems to use other programs as a resource in order to not overburden the local 911 system should they elect to do so. We appreciate the efforts of the local EMS systems, SCT programs, the North Carolina Rescue Association, North Carolina EMS Administrators and the Offices of EMS for their hard work over the past three years to bring this revision before the Medical Care Commission.”

- Commenter: Chris Williams representing UNC Carolina Air Care
“We would like to acknowledge all the hard work that has gone into this project over the last three years and we are supportive of the change in administrative code. We feel that process ensures fairness for all parties involved and is in the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina.”

These comments will be taken into consideration by the Agency. No written public comments outside of the hearing were received.

The hearing was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Megan Lamphere, Rule-making Coordinator

Date: February 1, 2012