

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Brown Building
Dorothea Dix Campus
801 Biggs Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

May 21, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Members Present

Dr. Kim Askew
Mr. Robert Poe
Mr. Donnie Loftis
Dr. R. Darrell Nelson
Dr. Jeff Williams
Mrs. Carolyn Creech
Mr. Jim Albright
Dr. L. Lee Isley
Mr. Todd Baker
Mr. David Garrison
Mr. Matt Peeler
Mr. Jim Gusler
Mr. Kevin Staley
Dr. Roberto Portela
Dr. Kim McDonald

Members Absent

Mr. John Grindstaff
Mr. Graham Pervier
Dr. Bryant Murphy
Mr. Edward Wilson
Ms. Viola Harris
Dr. Edward St. Bernard
Dr. Bill Atkinson
Dr. Jay Wyatt
Dr. Douglas Swanson
Mr. Chuck Elledge

Staff Members Present

Mr. Tom Mitchell
Ms. Susan Rogers
Dr. James “Tripp” Winslow
Mr. Brad Thompson
Ms. Amy Douglas
Mr. Chuck Lewis
Ms. Toshiba Oates
Mr. Wally Ainsworth
Mr. Todd Messer
Ms. Kimberly Clement
Ms. Beth Blaise
Mr. Mike Prevatte
Mr. Dale Sutphin

Others Present

Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing
Ms. Ashley Fox, Wake Forest EMS
Mr. Stephen Taylor, ECU
Mr. Andrew Baird, Vector Aeromedical
Mr. Andrew Godfrey, Mecklenburg Co EMS
Mr. Mike Price, Central Piedmont Community College
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NCAREMS
Mr. Greg??? Check recording

- (1) Purpose of the Meeting: The NC EMS Advisory Council met to hear reports from the Compliance and Education Committee and receive updates from the Healthcare Preparedness Response & Recovery program. In addition, the Council met to hear the EMS Rules Taskforce update.

- (2) Actions of the Council:

Dr. Askew, co-chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

- a) Motion was made by Mr. Poe, seconded by Mr. Albright, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes from the February 12, 2019 meeting be approved as submitted

- (3) Other Actions of the Council:

- (a) In the Chairman’s absence, Dr. Askew, co-Chair, acknowledged EMS Week by reading the Governor’s Proclamation and, on behalf of the Council, thanked all

EMS personnel for their dedication. EMS week began in 1974 and was proclaimed by President Gerald Ford. Through the week there are daily themes, and they are:

- Monday - Education
- Tuesday – Safety
- Wednesday – EMS for Children
- Thursday – Stop the Bleed
- Friday – Recognition

(b) Dr. Askew welcomed and introduced new appointees to the Council Dr. Roberto Portela, who will fulfill the unexpired term of Dr. Theodore Delbridge. Dr. Portela is from Winterville and is the County EMS medical direction for Pitt County. The second appointee to the Council is Dr. Kimberly McDonald from Raleigh. Dr. McDonald represents the North Carolina Medical Society and is Wake County Human Services' Medical Director and Deputy for Public Health Services.

(c) On behalf of the Compliance and Education Committee, Mr. Robert Poe report the following:

Compliance Update

- Data from February, March and April 2019:
 - ✓ 63 cases heard by Case Review Panel, 30% violence and DWI, 40% mixture of other offenses. Average 7% of cases reviewed were due to patient care issues
 - ✓ 47 cases heard by the NC EMS Disciplinary Committee, 27% due to violent offenses and DWI, 5% of the cases reviewed were due to patient care issues/offenses
 - ✓ The disciplinary training that was held at the spring Administrators conference was well attended; the office will be repeating the training at the summer symposium

Education Update

- NC EMS Expo presenters have been notified
- Registration is open for preliminary Paramedic Competition
- Conference registration will open on June 3, 2019
- May 14th marked the one year anniversary of computer based testing. To date, there have been 5411 registrations; of those:
 - ✓ EMR – 183
 - ✓ EMT – 4085
 - ✓ AEMT – 326
 - ✓ EMTP – 817
- Transition – 37,664 have transitions; there's approximation 989 remaining
- The Education Task Force met at five locations across the state; Bladen County, Pitt County, Durham County, Iredell County and Haywood County. This was mapped out so that no one had to drive longer than one hour one way to attend

- Each location had two meetings, one in the afternoon and one in the evening
- Approximately 280 people attended and approximately 60 spoke.
- Task Force will be meeting this afternoon to review comments and prepare report that will be given at the August Advisory Council Meeting

(d) Kimberly Clement presented the following HPP program update:

- In the process of closing out the FY2018-19 fiscal year. Healthcare coalition mission ready packages, build out of information systems and maintaining State Medical Response System
- Ongoing projects are Healthcare Emergency Management training, all hazards Medic curriculum is 75% done and high consequence pathogens exercise series
- Performed a capability assessment by importance based on objectives to help determine what our status is from the federal grant perspective and what needs to be built on for next year. Scores were very good across the state in many areas
- Performance measures on how the HealthCare Coalitions are doing were put together to identify areas that need attention
- Examined HCC stakeholder engagement; very good engagement with the exception of EMS. The reason the percentage is low for EMS is because the federal government looks at every EMS entity from fire departments that might have EMS certifications and the likes. Our focus has been very strongly on County EMS agencies, and not inclusive of all. Next year we are hoping to clean up the data list so we can truly see what our involvement is
- New grant cycle begins July 1, 2019. Received a \$25,000 funding cut, but no cuts were made to the Healthcare Coalitions. Focus is on project management this year
- Program priorities that must be put into place before the grant cycle:
 - ✓ Improved healthcare system response coordination across the state for a variety of specialty surge situations inclusive of Pediatrics, Trauma, Burns Infectious Disease, Radiation and Chemical
 - ✓ Increased Healthcare Coalition awareness and involvement from the entire healthcare system continuum within the state
 - ✓ Improved healthcare regional response strategies for prevention and risk mitigation
 - ✓ Improved situational awareness and information sharing before, during and after an incident/event to all NC HPP Partners and HCC stakeholders
 - ✓ Improved healthcare supply chain awareness and facilitation before, during and after an incident/event
 - ✓ Established and implemented crisis standards of care for the North Carolina healthcare system
 - ✓ Maintain response ready Healthcare Coalitions as part of our State Medical Response System

- ✓ Improved collaboration with partners across the state through the formation of a statewide Senior Advisory Committee to decrease duplication of efforts and improve the coordination of federal grant fund.
 - HPP staff update: Mike Prevatte-Training and Exercise Coordinator
 - Hurricane season preparedness. There is much focus on the Saffir-Simpson wind scale that measures wind damage; however, we need to focus on other than that because the major damage done in North Carolina by storms has been through flooding, storm surge, tornadoes, etc.
 - HPP program is working on Hurricane Flo AAR projects:
 - ✓ State Medical support shelter plan update
 - ✓ Patient movement workgroup
 - ✓ empower Pilot Project
 - ✓ Information management project
 - ✓ Mobile Disaster Hospital updates
 - Upgraded ICU unit was picked up in Florida last week
 - Upgraded lab and x-ray
- (e) Medical Director update
- Many counties participating in the Ketamine pilot project.
 - Continuing to address the opioid epidemic. Many counties are doing new and innovative things above and beyond Naloxone, ie. Following reversals to find mortality rates
 - Dr. Nelson reported on some protocol updates being worked on that were necessary due to the transition from EMSPIC. Being sure all protocols on the website are correct
- (f) Mr. Tom Mitchell gave the following agency update
- Staff updates: McKenzie Beamer has transitioned to a new position; from EMS-C to EMS Project Specialist. She will focus on updating our website and will be moving the office into the social media arena. There is an opening for a Central Regional Specialist that was vacated by Vince Jordan, who retired
 - OEMS will be focusing on provider suicides; how can the office assist in trying to prevent these suicides. According to the CDC, approximately 37% of EMS providers suffer from PTSD and have contemplated suicide. 6.6% have actually attempted suicide. Will be working with stakeholders to address this issue
 - ESO transition began 4/6. We are in a 90 day black out period. We can still see our system, but a lot of the data requests and data feeds are blacked out until a final agreement is reached

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by Susan Rogers