

**COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
(Advisory Committee to State Health Division)  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.**

*Bureau of Licensure and Certification  
Conference Room  
1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158  
Carson City, NV*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Magruder, Chairman  
Fergus Laughridge  
Steve Tognoli  
Pat Irwin  
Herb Brady  
Stephanie Beck  
Vincent Pirozzi  
Rory Chetelat

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

John Fildes, MD  
Sarah Sisson  
Kathy Kopka  
Wayne Hardwick, MD

**HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Pam Graham, Chief, Bureau of Licensure and Certification  
Randy Munn, Deputy Attorney General  
Richard Swinney, EMS Education Coordinator  
Connie McFadden, Administrative Assistant II  
Cynthia Huth, Health Program Specialist II, Bureau of Family Health Services

1. Roll Call/Approval of minutes from April 17, 2003, meeting John Magruder

Meeting was called to order by John Magruder and roll was called at 10:20 am. Mr. Magruder advised the committee that no action could be taken at this meeting due to an error in posting meeting notices. All action items will be carried over to the next meeting. Vincent Pirozzi advised committee that he felt the meeting should have been postponed until action could be taken. Mr. Magruder asked the committee members for input on minutes from the April 17, 2003, meeting. No corrections or additions were noted. Approval of minutes was tabled until next meeting.

2. Health Division Report Alex Haartz, Deputy Administrator  
Health Division

Alex Haartz was not in attendance. Randy Munn, DAG, provided a brief report on the legal issues surround the passage of the state budget.

3. EMS Report Fergus Laughridge

State Health Division: Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that the Health Division had conducted interviews to fill the vacant EMS Representative position in the Tonopah Office. The position will be filled shortly. Mr. Laughridge provided an update on the activities of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) grant. The grant is currently focusing on disaster preparedness in pediatrics. Stephanie Beck requested a copy of the grant goals for the EMSC grant. Mr. Laughridge reported that Dick Swinney, Education Coordinator, is working with other state education coordinators in an effort to keep informed on current trends in EMS education and training. Dick Swinney spoke to the committee about the current trend nationally to move EMS education into the academic setting.

Clark County Health District: Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager, Clark County Health District, advised that Clark County has recently re-written a number of their EMS regulations in an effort to mirror National Registry in standards for certification and re-certification. Clark County has posted the EMS regulations and EMS Policy and Procedure manual on their web page, cchd.org. Clark County EMS is working with State EMS to develop standardized statewide EMS testing.

4. Sub-Committee Reports John Magruder  
Fergus Laughridge

Education: John Magruder stated that the education report will be included in discussion of agenda item 10.

Data: Fergus Laughridge advised that the NEEDS program is moving forward. More services are coming online. Steve Tognoli stated that MedMedia has provided an interfaced with Sweet Soft software and it is working well in Mason Valley. Dr.

John Fildes inquired about changes in data elements in the future. Mr. Laughridge stated that MedMedia will update to incorporate new data elements.

5. CDC Public Health Preparedness Grant Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that in Nevada, EMS is being included in the CDC Public Health Preparedness Grant. This will provide funding for the licensing costs for the NEEDS program. There is also a plan in the works for the Health Division to relocate key Health Division personnel to the BLC conference room to work in the event of an emergency. Funding from the grant would provide necessary computers and phone lines for such an event.

6. HRSA Hospital Preparedness Grant Fergus Laughridge  
for Christopher Lake

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that the HRSA Hospital Preparedness Grant will include an assessment of the needs for pediatric equipment in the pre-hospital setting.

7. Trauma/EMS Systems Grant Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge provided an overview of the Trauma/EMS Systems Grant. This is an on going grant. Provides \$40,000 per year for three years. Dr. Fildes is very active with this grant representing the Trauma Institute. Fergus Laughridge represents the Health Division. John Magruder represents this committee. Grant will address the system approach to trauma throughout the state.

8. Safe Haven Public and Emergency Services Educational Campaign Lynne Ann Biscay  
Junior League of Reno

Lynne Ann Biscay, Junior League of Reno, provided an overview of the Safe Haven Law. The law legalizes infant abandonment in an effort to reduce the number of infant deaths due to harmful abandonment. The law provides that a parent will not be criminally prosecuted if they surrender an infant who is 30 days old or less, has not been abused or neglected and is left at a 'safe haven'. A safe haven is defined in the law as a law enforcement agency, a public fire fighting agency, a hospital, an obstetric center or an independent licensed center for emergency medical care. The infant must either be handed to personnel of the safe haven or placed somewhere on the property in a manner that will not harm the child. They must either the safe haven location or 911 to notify someone of the infant's whereabouts. The parent is not required to provide any identifying information, may leave at any time, and may not be followed. The Junior League is working with the Health Division, the Office of the Attorney General, and DGI Marketing on development of a campaign to educate the public, as well of safe haven locations regarding the law. David Sanchez, DGI Marketing, spoke to the committee about the need for a public service campaign. Cynthia Huth, Bureau of Family Health Services, (BFHS) is working with the Junior League and DGI Marketing. It is hoped that the BFHS will take over the Safe Haven program in 2004. Rory Chetelat, Clark County Health District, and Dick Swinney, State EMS Office, will work on developing a training program to educate EMS providers about the Safe Haven law.

9. Endorsement by Committee to collaborate with Safe Haven Campaign John Magruder

Formal endorsement by Committee to collaborate with Safe Haven Campaign will be carried over to the next meeting.

10. Storey County Fire Dept. – Request for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Service John Magruder  
Provide recommendations to State Health Division regarding authorization for ACLS Service

John Magruder advised the committee that the sub-committee on education met to discuss the request by Story County Fire Dept. to become an ACLS service. The sub-committee felt that this could be accomplished by adapting the 1999 DOT Intermediate Curriculum. It is proposed that Storey County Fire Dept. conduct a pilot program, using the adapted 1999 DOT Intermediate Curriculum. Vincent Pirozzi inquired about the scope of practice for providers under the adapted 1999 curriculum. Mr. Magruder advised that the scope of practice would be very similar to that of an Advanced EMT. Chief Pirozzi expressed concern about the possibility of a program of this type doing away with the need for Advanced EMTs. Steve Tognoli stated that for rural services it would be an advantage to be able to provide care at a higher level.

Formal recommendations to State Health Division regarding authorization for ACLS Service will be carried over to the next meeting.

11. State Mass Casualty Incident Plan Fergus Laughridge  
Form sub-committee to develop a State Mass Casualty Incident Plan

Item will be carried over to the next meeting.

12. Discussion regarding term limits and nomination procedures for committee members                      Fergus Laughridge

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that the terms of all members but one will expire in October, 2003. He requested that all members provide recommendations for replacement candidates to the State EMS Office in the next 30 days. The Health Division will forward those candidates to the Office of the Governor for appointment.

13. Public Comments and Discussion - (Discussion only. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda at a later meeting for action).

14. Next Meeting – Agenda

Scheduled for October 23, 2003. The State EMS Office will look at the possibility of holding the next meeting in conjunction with FireTech Reno in October, 2003.

15. Adjournment