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COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

June 26, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bobby Wartgow, Chairman
Mike Williams, Vice-Chair
Mike Heidemann
Richard Schwall

Rory Chetelat
Fergus Laughridge
Stephanie McCarty

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dave MacIntyre
Kelly Dory
Richard Rand
John Fildes, MD

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

John Lambert, EMS Representative II
Richard Fenlason, EMS Representative II
Connie McFadden, Administrative Asst. III

OTHERS PRESENT

Pat Songer
Chris Graves
Patty Winters
Lauara Snyder

CALL TO ORDER

Bobby Wartgow called the meeting to order at 10:06 am. The committee members were advised that since a quorum was not present no voting could take place on action items. All action items will be carried forward to the next meeting. Chairman Wartgow spoke to the members about the need to make attendance at committee meetings a priority. He stated that as terms expire and new members are recruited that dedication to meeting attendance and participation be a contributing factor is selection of new members. Chairman Wartgow asked for comments and/or corrections to the minutes of the March 26, 2007 meeting. No comments from committee members so minutes will be approved at the next meeting where a quorum is present.

EMS PROGRAM REPORT

Fergus Laughridge advised the committee that his office is currently working to revise regulations within 450B with regard to trauma center designation. He is working closely with Southern Nevada Health District.

Fergus Laughridge stated that following Dr. Lee's retirement in early June, the Health Division has been conducting a recruitment for a new State Health Officer.

Mr. Laughridge advised the members that the EMS program has been working closely with Public Health Preparedness.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Fergus Laughridge provided members with a handout outlining the outcome of legislative bills that involved EMS. (A copy of the handout is attached.)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMTS (NREMT)

Mike Williams stated that he had contacted Bill Brown, Executive Director, NREMT. Mr. Brown stated that NREMT is working toward a solution for all rural areas. This is a national issue. NREMT is working with Fergus Laughridge to resolve issues in Nevada. Chairman Wartgow stated that while it is important to work to insure that access to testing is available in all areas of the state, it is also important that the standard not be lowered. Fergus Laughridge stated that his office has been working with the community college in Elko to make the computer based testing available. Public comments received expressed a need to have the computer based testing more readily available in rural areas. Mike Williams stated that he felt that the Committee or the Health Division should generate a letter stating that the Health Division is aware of the issues with the computer based testing and that they are working with NREMT to find workable solutions for Nevada.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVED COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Wartgow asked members to start thinking about committee positions that will soon be empty. The committee needs to have committed individuals fill these positions.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING NEVADA STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM PLAN

Mike Williams stated that the Committee should develop a letter to the Health Division endorsing the plan and recommending that it be considered by the legislature in the next session.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROTOCOL REVISIONS

Fergus Laughridge stated that the committee should form a sub-committee to review the current protocols and work on revising and updating. Sub-committee should include service medical directors.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STANDARDS FOR EMS TRAINING CENTERS

Fergus Laughridge advised the members that a target date of 2013 has been released by the National Association of EMS Educators for training standards for paramedics. These standards will correspond with the new model scope of practice. As a part of these new standards, training centers providing paramedic training will need to be nationally accredited to be recognized by NREMT. The EMS community in Nevada needs to look at the standard of EMS training in the state.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND GRANT PROGRAM

Mike Williams stated that REMSA has equipment that is still serviceable that they had traded-in in the past, but would be willing to grant to other services. He hopes that the Committee could set up a grant process to help REMSA and other services in the same situation make this

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equipment available. Mr. Williams stated that he felt there should be a sub-committee formed to work on this granting process. He stated that this sub-committee could also work on the granting process necessary for implementing the provisions of AB629. Chairman Wartgow stated that the sub-committee should include committee members and the State EMS Regional Representatives who work closely with service in the state.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TYPING OF RESOURCES

Chairman Wartgow stated that each agency should be familiar with their resources and those of their neighboring services. Fergus Laughridge stated that there is a need to have a state mutual aid plan. The first step in creating such a plan is to type the resources available in the state. It is important that standard terminology be used. Mike Williams suggested that at the next meeting a recommendation be made that the State EMS Office begin surveying services on available resources.

NEXT MEETING – AGENDA

Next meeting will be September 18, 2007 at 10:00 am at the State Health Division Offices at 4150 Technology Way, Carson City.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Stephanie McCarty stated that she would like patient dispersion to be included on a future agenda.

Fergus Laughridge stated that he would like to see the committee form an EMS-C sub-committee at a future meeting.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.