MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Raleigh, North Carolina

November 8, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Members Present
- Mr. Terry Barber
- Ms. Carolyn Hughes
- Mr. R. Keith Lovin
- Mr. Robert Poe
- Ms. Susan Safran, Chair
- Dr. Douglas Swanson

Members Absent
- Dr. Nicholas Benson
- Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
- Dr. Dennis Taylor
- Mr. Stephen Taylor
- The Honorable William Wainwright

Staff Members Present
- Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
- Ms. Alesia Hester
- Mr. Todd Messer
- Mr. Donnie Sides
- Ms. Kimberly Sides
- Ms. Jessica Trembly

Others Present
- Ms. Renee Godwin Batts
- Mr. Greg Chapman
- Mr. Joel Faircloth
- Mr. Eric Hawkins
- Mr. Chuck Owens
- Mr. Joe Penner
- Ms. Debbie Poe
- Mr. Kent Spitler
- Mr. Chris Thompson
- Mr. Danny West

(1) Purpose of the Meeting: The Committee met to receive updates on OEMS activities of the Education and Compliance Sections.

(2) Actions of the Committee:

Ms. Safran called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

(a) Motion was made by Ms. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Poe and approved that:

RESOLVED: The Compliance and Education Committee minutes of the August 9, 2011, meeting be approved.

(3) Other Actions of the Committee:

(a) Ms. Sides gave the OEMS Compliance Update. She provided statistics listed below:

January 2011 - October 2011:

- 48 individuals were interviewed by the NC EMS Disciplinary Committee
- 12 administrative actions were taken with 3 of them being Summary Suspensions
- 3 out of the 12 cased that resulted in administrative action being taken were able to settle via consent agreements

Ms. Sides also notified the Committee that the informational brochure on the NC Credentialed Personnel Chemical Dependency Recovery and Rehabilitation Program was distributed electronically to all Systems Contacts.

(b) Mr. Messer gave an update on OEMS Education. He stated that EM Today 2011 had a total of 825 participants and the Disaster Medical Preparedness Conference 2011 had 290 participants. Mr. Messer also informed the Committee that the credentialing exams are being updated as of November 17, 2011 to comply with the new American Heart Association standards. The Teaching Institution Application has been updated to a new format so that it is more user-friendly. Mr. Messer further informed the Committee that the Office is currently working on a plan to pilot three paramedic transition courses across the state. Lastly, Mr. Messer reported that the Education Guidelines have been re-written and will be posted online soon.

(c) Mr. Sides provided an update of EMS rules and policies.

- 10A NCAC 13P .0900 (Trauma) rules have been withdrawn and are being modified and include the issuance of a provisional license for initial trauma center designations. These rules should be effective within one year.
- 10A NCAC 13P .1500 (Enforcement) rules will go before the Medical Care Commission next week.

- The OEMS has withdrawn the new personnel enforcement rule .1508 from the Department in order to add a new paragraph addressing persons listed on the NC Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry.
- 10A NCAC 13P .0221 (Transport of patients between hospitals) rules will be published in the register on December 1, 2011 and a public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2012. Written and email comments should be sent to Megan Lamphere at Megan.Lamphere@dhhs.nc.gov.
- The Office is currently drafting changes to the education standards previously addressed by the EMS Advisory Council Education Task Force. These draft rules should be ready for review by the EMS Advisory Council at the February 2012 meeting.
- 10A NCAC 13P .0511 (Criminal Background History) was submitted as part of the trauma rules packet. This is also being withdrawn, separated with a new fiscal note, and re-submitted for adoption. This should be ready for publication by next spring and effective late next year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Trembly.