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

August 9, 2011
11:00 A.M.

Members Present

Mr. Graham Pervier, Presiding
Mr. F. Wayne Ashworth
Dr. William K. Atkinson
Mr. Bob Bailey
Mr. Terry Barber
Dr. Nicholas Benson
Ms. Kathy Dutton
Dr. Michael Ghim
Ms. Carolyn Hughes
Dr. Elizabeth Kanof
Dr. Steven E. Landau
Mr. R. Keith Lovin
Mr. Carl McKnight
Dr. Donna Moro-Sutherland
Dr. Brent Myers
Mr. Robert Poe
Mr. Tony Seamon, Jr.
Dr. Douglas Swanson
Dr. Dennis A. Taylor
Mr. Stephen E. Taylor
Dr. James Winslow, III

Members Absent

Dr. Michael Chang
Dr. Herbert Garrison
Ms. Susan M. Safran
The Honorable William Wainwright

Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Allen
Dr. Roy Alson
Ms. Ann Marie Brown
Mr. Ed Browning
Mr. Doug Calhoun
Ms. Shelley Carraway
Ms. Diane Gervais
Ms. Regina Godette-Crawford
Mr. Allen Johnson
Mr. Tom Mitchell
Ms. Nadine Pfeiffer
Ms. Mary Beth Skarote
Mr. Carl Van Cott
Ms. Julie Williams
Dr. Tripp Winslow

Others Present

Mr. James L. Albright, Guilford County EMS
Ms. Shannon Barkwell, UNC
Ms. Renee Godwin Batts, NC Community College System
Mr. Robert Bednar, UNC Air Care/NC Academy of Physicians Assistants
Dr. Brendan Berry, Wake Med Mobile
Mr. Greg Chapman, Center for Prehospital Medicine/Carolinas Medical Center
Mr. Daniel Cheek, UNC Carolina AirCare
Mr. Bradley Dean, Rowan County EMS
Mr. Joel Faircloth, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Tony Fernandez, EMSPIC
Mr. Sean Gibson, Wake Med Mobile
Mr. Eric Hawkins, MEDIC/Carolinas Medical Center
Mr. Dale Hill, Capital RAC/WakeMed Health & Hospitals
Mr. Josh Holloman, Johnston County EMS
Ms. Sarah Houston, Durham Technical Community College
Dr. Rashid Janjua, Wake Forest University
Mr. Shorty Jones, Johnston Ambulance Service
Mr. Gordon Joyner, NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Ms. Gail E. Kluttz, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center/ Triad RAC
Dr. Hervy Kornegay, Jr., NC Association of Rescue and EMS
Mr. Barry Lynch, Caswell County EMS
Dr. Greg Mears, UNC/EMSPIC
Ms. Lora L. Nock, Dare County Sheriff Office/EMD
Mr. Chuck Owens, Greenville Fire-Rescue
Mr. Chris Parker, Wilson County EMS
Mr. Drexdal Pratt, Director, Division of Health Service Regulation
Mr. John D. Sharp, Rowan County EMS
Mr. Michael W. Smith, Durham County EMS
Mr. Kent Spitler, Gaston College/NC Association of EMS Educators
Ms. Brenda Taylor, Lexington, NC

Dr. Michael Thomason, Carolinas Medical Center/OEMS – Trauma Advisor
Ms. Rebecca Troutman, NC Association of County Commissioners
Ms. Candi VanVleet, Duke RAC
Mr. Danny West, NC Association of Paramedics/Charlotte Fire Department
Ms. Joyce Winstead, NC Board of Nursing

(1) Purpose of the Meeting: The NC EMS Advisory Council met to hear reports from the Compliance and Education Committee, the Injury Committee and to hear a Hospital Preparedness update. In addition, the Council heard from the Education Task Force and elected a chairman and vice chairman.

(2) Actions of the Council:

Mr. Pervier, chairman of the Council, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

(a) Motion was made by Dr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Bailey and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The EMS Advisory Council minutes of the May 10, 2011, meeting be approved as submitted.

(b) Motion was made by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Dr. Myers, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Mr. Graham Pervier be reelected chairman of the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council.

Explanation: Mr. Pervier opened the floor for nominations for the office of chairman of the EMS Advisory Council. No other names were submitted.

(c) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: Dr. Benson be reelected as vice chairman of the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council.

Explanation: Mr. Pervier opened the floor for nominations for the office of vice chairman of the EMS Advisory Council. No other names were submitted.

(d) Motion was made by Dr. Taylor on behalf of the Education Task Force and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: The Education Task Force recommendations be accepted as presented from the Committee.

Explanation: At the November, 2009 meeting of the EMS Advisory Council, the Council formed the Education Task Force to review current national, regional and state documents to bring forth recommendations for the Advisory Council on those items, rules and regulations that might need to be reviewed to ensure that current evidenced-based care is provided to the citizens and guests of North

Carolina. Six public meetings were held across the state to gather feedback. Dr. Dennis Taylor, chair of the Task Force presented a PowerPoint presentation with these recommendations.

(e) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth on behalf of the Injury Committee and unanimously approved that:

RESOLVED: A subcommittee be named to further explore EMS reporting responsibilities and requirements on the suspicion of child abuse and neglect to DSS.

Explanation: One significant finding from the State Child Fatality Prevention Team's report on EMS responses to child emergencies with fatal outcomes is the lack of documentation which suggests that EMS providers are not reporting these suspicions of child abuse and neglect to DSS. Mr. Pervier appointed Dr. Myers to chair and obtain members to serve on a subcommittee to look into the reporting of suspicious child abuse and neglect to the Department of Social Services.

(f) Motion was made by Mr. Ashworth on behalf of the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Award Committee that:

RESOLVED: The Council accept the recommendation of the Dr. George Johnson, Jr. Awards Committee that the 2011 recipient be awarded to Mr. Bob Bailey.

Explanation: In 2000, the Council elected to establish an award named in honor of the Council's longtime chairman, Dr. George Johnson, Jr. The award, given in the name of the council and staff, would be given to individuals who have made outstanding and long lasting contributions to the development and improvement of Emergency Medical Services in North Carolina. The requirements seek those individuals whose efforts have been felt statewide and not just in a local community or area.

This year brought the largest number of nominations of any year since the award was established. There were a number of nominees who had done great work in local communities across the state, but did not meet the "statewide guideline."

Mr. Bailey has given the better part of his working life improving EMS services in the state.

(3) Other Actions of the Council:

(a) Mr. Pervier welcomed guests to the Council meeting and extended a special welcome to Dr. Michael Ghim who recently was appointed to the Council and also recognized Dr. Tripp Winslow in his new capacity now serving as NC EMS Medical Director.

(b) On behalf of Governor Perdue, the Long Leaf Pine award was presented to Mr. Tony Seamon for his love and dedication to emergency medical services. Mr. Seamon has served on the EMS Advisory Council since its inception.

(c) Mr. Pervier reappointed Ms. Susan Safran as chair of the Compliance and Education Committee and Mr. Wayne Ashworth as chair of the Injury Committee.

(d) Dr. Taylor, in the absence of Ms. Safran, reported on the following items from the Compliance and Education Committee:

- Dr. Winslow provided the Committee with grant updates regarding the EMSC Program, Triage and Destination Plans and the way the data is being utilized in terms of looking at a national assessment of these issues;
- Ms. Kimberly Sides provided the Committee with an update on EM Today and the Disaster Medical Preparedness Conference scheduled for October 1 -5, 2011. Online registration opened on August 1 and can be accessed at www.regonline.com/emtoday2011;
- Educational reports for educational institutions were released on July 15, 2011. These reports will give institutions more information about the success of their students and various topics on the exams in a format that allows them to evaluate individual courses within that institution. The reports include interim and final grade reports, interim and final course summary reports and the institutional exam reports. In addition, an education workgroup has started working with EMS educators and stakeholders across the state to discuss incorporating the DOT EMS Agenda for the Future curriculum guidelines which easily goes into the some of the recommendations from the Education Task Force;
- OEMS has recently restructured the investigation process to include a case review panel to look at particular issues in hopes to improve due process;
- A chemical dependency brochure is being created and should be available soon; and
- Mr. Donnie Sides provided the Committee with a rules update.

(e) Mr. Ashworth, chair of the Injury Committee, reported on the following:

- Carolinas Medical Center North East Trauma Level III renewal designation site visit was completed on July 29, 2011;
- Cleveland Regional Trauma Level III renewal designation site visit will take place on November 2, 2011;
- Gaston Memorial Hospital's Trauma Level III designation site visit is scheduled for December 8, 2011;
- Cape Fear Valley Medical Center continues the process towards becoming a practicing Level III Trauma Designation;
- EMSC has finished a comprehensive ED Preparedness for Pediatrics Survey; and
- OEMS along with Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and the office of Rural Health and Community Care is presently reviewing other states' methods of involving all their hospitals to report data that can be used to develop a system in which time sensitive/critically ill patients can

be moved from rural areas; the goal is to create an inclusive trauma system in North Carolina.

(f) Mr. Bailey provided the Council with the following Hospital Preparedness report:

- Year three of the three year grant cycle with ASPR to start July 1, 2011, had a total allocation to NC of $10,838,298 which represented a reduction in funding of close to $300,000. One week prior to the grant application deadline, ASPR sent notification of an additional reduction in funding. Our new funding allocation is for $9,910,111. OEMS determined that no reduction would be made to the regional allocations in consideration of the fact that the Regional Advisory Committee's (RACs) had been meeting with their Disaster Preparedness Committees and had finalized projects for submission. All budget reductions were assigned to state projects as well as statewide administration. The CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant was reduced by 13% for a total of $13,860,944. North Carolina handled these cuts very well and is a testament to the staff. The goal is to integrate the two grant initiatives to eventually have one set of criteria, goals and performance measures for health and medical initiatives.
- The ASPR site visit planned for July was canceled due to federal travel restrictions and hopefully will be rescheduled for sometime in November 2011;
- The SMRS Mobile Disaster Hospital (MDH) Rapid Response Unit was scheduled to participate in the National Level Exercise in Mississippi in May. Due to significant flooding, this has been canceled;
- Plans are in place to introduce the newly revised State Medical Response System (SMRS) Steering Committee sometime around October. Several action teams have been identified and have already begun meeting to set priorities;
- A statewide project was implemented to develop an updated training program for our State Medical Assistance Teams (SMAT II and SMAT III) to give all team members an exposure to virtually all aspects of the SMRS in order to provide statewide continuity. The training is designed in a flexible module format with several modules to be available online;
- The Disaster Medical Services (DMS) program established a Strategic Planning Action Team in March. A document has been developed containing the program's mission, vision, values, SWAT, goals, objectives and measures for six months, one, three and five years. The DMS program has also developed guidance for strategic planning for the RACs. A guidance document, planning templates, and other planning aids were provided to RERRCs on June 30th; and
- Revision of the North Carolina Burn Surge Plan and its one-page burn surge protocols for EMS, hospital, and trauma/burn centers has been completed and is ready for distribution. A standardized list of recommended equipment for burn surge caches for EMS agencies and hospitals statewide has been completed and distributed to RERRCs and posted on UNC's Burn Center web site.

Agency Update:

Ms. Crawford reported on the following:

- DHSR has incurred a reduction of $477,000 which will be spread throughout the division;
- Thanks to the hard work of several of the OEMS staff, today's Advisory Council meeting is our first attempt at a web conference for the convenience of those that cannot attend the meeting in person; and
- OEMS staff will be assisting with the North Carolina Rescue Association BLS competition to be held on August 16 and 17 with SMAT and SMRS training to be held also.

The next Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Brown Building, Dorothea Dix Campus, on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes submitted by Julie Williams