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**Meeting Invitees:**

X	Jerry Biggart (Chair)	X	Steve Bane	X	Helen Pullen
X	Mark Fredrickson (Vice-Chair)	X	Craig Nelson	X	Sandy Ryce
	Timothy Weir	X	M. Riccardo Colella	X	Ray Lemke
X	Gregory West	X	Steven Zils	X	James Newlun
X	Gary Weiss		Carrie Meier	X	William Oemichen
X	Michael Clark	X	Michael Kim	X	Chuck Happel
		X	Suzanne Martens		

**Agenda:**

Time:	Topic:	Lead:	Follow-up Items:	Notes:
0900	Meeting Called to Order	Biggart		Meeting was called to order at 9:03am.
	Introductions	Biggart		
	Approval of Past Minutes	Biggart		<b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Mark Fredrickson to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2016 meeting. Motion Carried.</b>
	Public Comment	Biggart		None.



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	Supplemental Reimbursement for GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport)	Biggart / Sechler		<p>Dana gave a presentation on the gap between Medicaid transports and the actual costs involved in that transport. The gap difference can be reimbursed to the service from Federal funds. This is already in legislation at the Federal level. It is recommended to have this in the State legislature for clear records. There has not been an increase in Medicaid reimbursements since 2008. The service would still receive the amount paid by Medicaid. They would then take the actual cost of the run, subtract the amount reimbursed by Medicaid, split this amount in half (because the requirement is to have a 50% match or in-kind in funds by the service) and multiply that end amount by the number of Medicaid calls. This is the total amount that would be reimbursed to the service. This program has been available since at least 2009. California is the only state that has completed the process and is getting reimbursed with the gap reimbursements. Milwaukee Fire is getting information from a consultant on this process. Jerry will keep the Board informed.</p>
	Standing EMS Committee Report System Quality & Data *NEMSIS 2.2.1 Timeline *EMS Data & Public Information Initiatives	Meier		Carrie was not present.



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	<p>Standing EMS Committee Report Education &amp; Training *MIH Educational Requirements *Competency Document Update *Paramedic Curriculum Update *Training Permit Process *Distributive Hours for CE / Refreshers</p>	<p>West</p>	<p>Steven Zils will type up his question about the National Registry requirements and the state requirements to be sure that the distributive education aligns. He will email this to Helen to follow up with Jeremy at the National Registry for clarification.</p>	<p>The Training Centers are ok with any training that the state approves in regards to MIH. The implementation of the National Registry PPCP has required a change of structure within the state-aligned paramedic program. No additional hours have been added (and there should be no additional financial cost to the students, even though some training centers may see an increase in expenses as a result of the changes), but some of the courses have been modified or changed to accommodate the PPCP requirements within formalized in-class labs and simulations. The sequencing of courses, specifically as it related to student participation in clinical and field experiences, also needed to be updated given the application of the NREMT PPCP. <b>Motion by the Education and Training committee that the state adopts the NREMT PPCP and make that retroactive to the beginning of the school year. Motion Carried.</b> Greg would like to see the on communications from the state note the requirement for the student to have 10 patient contacts before training is completed. The state requires National Registry for an initial license. However, it is not required to maintain National Registry when a provider renews. The state created two options for the refresher requirements for online training. One is NCCP compliant. The other is not NCCP compliant but it is approved by the state. Once the forms are signed they can be submitted to the state. The NCCP form can be used for renewing National Registry. The other version can be used for renewing the state license. The state is hoping to send this information to providers by the end of next week. The DHS website has a complete list of the approved training centers.</p>
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				<p>The state is working toward aligning the requirements at all levels to the National Registry requirements.</p>
	<p>Standing EMS Committee Report            Management &amp; Development            *Pre-Arrival PSAP Instructions            *Pt. Tracking / WITrac            *Special Events            *EMR Staffing            *MCI / MUCC/SALT / Triage Updates            *Medicaid / Medicare Updates &amp; Compliance            *Communications / WISCOM            *Burn Plan</p>	<p>Clark</p>		<p>The podcast that Josh Finke had with PAAW is available on their website.            James is working on the special events memo. Once this has been approved through the state approval process, this will be sent out to services.            There are about 46 services utilizing EMR's.            Still working on the patient tracking triage tags. The carryover funding is less than expected so this needs more research.            WISCOM will assign a channel for air medical and the other channels can be used for talkgroups.            Made some updates to the dashboard for WITrac that is more user friendly.            Discussed the possibility of a large scale burn event and the planning needed to facilitate such an event.            The goal is to have 50 beds available per one million population, which would be 288 burn beds. The number of dedicated burn beds in the state of Wisconsin is 19. The trauma centers would likely need to treat a burn patient for up to 72 hours before getting transported to another state's burn center.</p>
	<p>Health Care Coalition Report</p>	<p>Clark</p>		<p>Bill Oemichen discussed the recent strategic planning meeting of the HCC's.            Discussed the need to increase communications between the 7 regions. This will help identify resources available in the event of an emergency situation or mass casualty event.            Discussed "branding" of the HCC's.            Discussed the need for assisted living centers to have a written emergency plan and to rehearse this at least once a year.</p>



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	Standing EMS Committee Report Physician Advisory Committee	Andrews, Colella, Zils, Clark, Martens		Steve Andrews discussed the scope of practice and sample protocols getting posted each January. These need to be updated by October for distribution once a year in January. There are some discrepancies in the scope of practice. Calcium Chloride is listed as an agent in the scope of practice but is not listed as an agent in the paramedic curriculum medication list.
	State Medical Director Report	Martens		Dr. Martens reported about the outdated documents on the website. Working on updating those starting with the oldest ones.
	Pediatric DNR	Zils, Kim, Andrews		James talked to Jenny Ullsvik (DHS Attorney) about the possibility of DNR for children. DHS needs to remain neutral in position. The Office of Legal did state that the wording in state statute is that a Do Not Resuscitate order is available for a person that has obtained the age of 18 Wis. Stat.s. 154.17(4).  Dr. Kim spoke about the possibility of adding a pediatric component to state statute for DNR orders. Dr. Kim will give an update on his findings at the February meeting. Bill Oemichen mentioned a legal opinion about the subject would be helpful for DHS legal to make a decision.



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	<p>Legislative Updates *EMS Legislative Study Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ LRB-0246</li><li>➤ LRB-0247</li><li>➤ LRB-0567</li><li>➤ LRB-0589</li><li>➤ LRB-0590</li><li>➤ LRB-0595</li><li>➤ LRB-0596</li><li>➤ LRB-0683</li><li>➤ LRB-0683</li><li>➤ Seemeyer Letter</li></ul>	<p>Biggart, Newlun,</p>		<p>Bill Oemichen spoke with Secretary Seemeyer and Senator Nass yesterday about the proposed legislation. Bill mentioned that DHS did not want to give an opinion on these until speaking to the EMS Board first.</p> <p>The cost of putting all of this legislation forward the cost would be about 37 million dollars and a timeline of at least two years. While Bill and James will not be able to offer opinions on these, we would encourage the Board's opinion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0246-intravenous technician endorsement for EMT.</li></ul> <p>Discussion followed.</p> <p>Greg West spoke about this endorsement is basically an EMT with IV and medicated fluids which is essentially an AEMT. The educational requirement would be very close to the AEMT level.</p> <p>Jerry Biggart stated that he felt this was going back to the IV tech level.</p> <p>Michael Clark felt this would set us back by adding this endorsement.</p> <p><b>Motion by Steven Zils, second by Michael Clark to oppose LRB-0246. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0247- to extend the renewal requirements to four years instead of the current two.</li></ul> <p>Discussion followed.</p> <p>Greg West discussed the primary concern raised about the provider completing educational requirements where the education occurs with nearly 8 years between renewals.</p> <p>Steven Zils asked if this could be revised to have half</p>
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				<p>of the education be completed in the first two years and the other half in the last two years. Jerry Biggart mentioned that very few states have a four year renewal. 39 states require the two year renewal. Four states have a four year renewal. Steve Bane mentioned that this was brought up to the Board years ago and the response was to create the flexible content. Greg West brought up the fact that if the EMS office is not doing background checks for four years that a provider can potentially be working with something on their record. Mark Fredrickson spoke in support of four year requirements because of the difficulty for providers to complete the renewal requirements. Steven Zils stated that this may help save money in the long term by only having the EMS office doing the renewals every four years. Also if this changes in 256 then administrative rule 110 would also need to be changed for the requirements. Craig Nelson brought up the point that this could cause a lot of providers to drop their National Registry. <b>Motion by Greg West, second by Craig Nelson that the Board does not oppose the four year renewal but would like to see the inclusion of periodic education requirements. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0567- authorizing a fire service district to levy a property tax and to impose special charges and issue debt. The Board has no action on this.</li><li>• LRB-0589- to expand the FAP funding to include EMR services</li></ul>
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				<p>The fund would remain the same at the current 1.96 million dollars but it would be spread across all services.</p> <p>One of the requirements of FAP is to be a transporting service. This may end up removing that requirement.</p> <p><b>Motion by Steve Bane, second by Gary Weiss to support this legislation and to amend it to have FAP include training at all levels. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0590- to remove the requirement to do two refreshers for reinstatement process.</li></ul> <p><b>Motion by Greg West, second by Craig Nelson to support this legislation pending the approval of LRB-0247 with the periodic continuing education requirement. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0595-makes a number of changes to the Dept. of Administrations length of service awards program for volunteer EMT's, firefighters and first responders- the state match of political subdivision payments from such award increases from 50% to twice the amount contributed by a political subdivision and the maximum amount of base payment increases from \$250 to \$500 per each volunteer each year. Reduces full vesting from 20 years of service to 15 years and reduces the vesting age from 60 to 53.</li></ul> <p><b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Steven Zils to support LRB-0595. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0596- prohibiting local units of</li></ul>
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				<p>government from prohibiting their employees to emergency responder from volunteering to serve in that same capacity in a different jurisdiction.</p> <p>Discussion followed. Jerry Biggart spoke about his opposition to this because of Wisconsin being a home rule state.</p> <p><b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Jerry Biggart to oppose LRB-0596. Gary Weiss withdrew his motion.</b></p> <p>Steven Zils spoke in support of this legislation.</p> <p>Jerry spoke about the possibility of contracting an illness from a full time job and expecting that employer being responsible for causing that illness. This new legislation would cause employees to not be prepared for their full time jobs, etc.</p> <p><b>Motion by Michael Clark, second by Jerry Biggart to have the Board remain neutral on this. Michael withdrew his motion. Jerry withdrew his second.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB-0683-creating a refundable individual income tax credit for volunteer first responders for training and responding. The claimant may claim \$20 per hour for these hours with a max of \$1000.</li></ul> <p><b>Motion by Riccardo Colella, second by Craig Nelson to support LRB-0683. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LRB- 0685-creating an individual income tax credit for certain expenses incurred by</li></ul>
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				<p>emergency responder. The maximum credit is \$400 including mileage costs for responding and training.</p> <p><b>Motion by Riccardo Colella, second by Michael Clark to support LRT-0685. Motion Carried.</b></p> <p>Letter to Secretary Seemeyer from the Legislative Council- paraphrased that the letter states that the level of care for a service can be at a higher level, based on a higher level provider being on the service. The level of care on an ambulance would fluctuate based on the level of the provider.</p> <p>Discussion followed. Concerns were raised about the scope of practice, equipment, medications, etc.</p> <p><b>Motion by Steven Zils, second by Greg West to not support this. Steven Zils withdrew his motion. Greg West withdrew his motion.</b></p> <p>Craig Nelson discussed that other states do this and the rule written the way it is it would not work based on Wisconsin rules. This will be tabled to discuss further at the February meeting. Jerry asked the committee to get all of their statements on this issue sent to him so he can present to the Board.</p>
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	<p>WI EMS Office Report          *Update regarding Protocols, SOPs, &amp; Operational Plans          *Licensing Updates          *Renewal Updates          *Regional EMS Coordinator Hiring Update</p>	<p>James Newlun &amp;          EMS Office Staff</p>	<p>James gave an update on the protocols, SOP's and operational plans. There has been some headway on completing the RN-PA equivalency applications. Discussed the approval of having medical advisors review up to five sets of protocols per year. If there is a significant issue, James would contact Dr. Martens about it.</p> <p>James asked the Board if they would approve adding Calcium Gluconate added to the approved meds list.</p> <p><b>Motion by Gary Weiss, second by Craig Nelson to remove Calcium Chloride and just have it listed as Calcium on the approved meds list at the Paramedic level. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b></p> <p>The licensing queues are currently empty. Staff has been putting in extra time to get these cleared up.</p> <p>The position for the Regional Coordinator (6 &amp; 7) has been filled by Mark Mandler. He will be starting January 9, 2017.</p> <p>The Regional Coordinator (4 &amp; 5) has not been filled yet and this is in process.</p>
	<p>Interoperability Council          911 Subcommittee</p>	<p>EMS Office Staff</p>	<p>Paul will be getting input from the Board on the State Communications plan before sending this out. Mark Fredrickson will work with Paul on the Interoperability Council.</p>



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	EMSC Report	Kim	<p>There are three new performance measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of NEMSIS 3. Version to identify pediatric patient needs</li> <li>• Pediatric care coordination by each EMS agency</li> <li>• Process that requires demonstration of Pediatric specific equipment use</li> </ul> <p>Support letter to include pediatric standards in DHS 118 was sent to DHS with support from EMSC, wi ACEP, wi EMS, wi sap and CHA.</p> <p>Data management updates will include state wide NAT.</p> <p>Carry over funds 34K to be spent by 2/28/2017 on education, facility recognition, reference cards, and comfort kits. Asked the Board for suggestions for the carryover funds.</p> <p>Responding to Emergency And Disaster by Youth program Active Student Emergency Responsive Team conference \$5770 was funded.</p> <p>DHS Chapter 154 does not address the DNR process for anyone less than 18 years or younger. Many different forms of DNR /advanced directive forms and care plans have been developed and implemented despite lack of legal support. WI EMSC has been charged with investigation and to develop a process in which pediatric DNR can be recognized.</p>
	WTCS Report	Weir	Tim not present.
	STAC & RTAC Report	Fredrickson	Will have the joint meeting with STAC at 1:00 today.



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	Committee Appointments *Vacancies *Committee Leadership & Board Assignments	Biggart		Jerry said he is waiting to find out who Mindy's replacement is and the other vacancies that are open. Hoping to update the Board in February.
	EMS Board Meeting Structure & Schedule	Biggart		Discussed the possibility of having the meetings just have a Board meeting instead of the separate committees then reporting to the Board. This would mean less duplication and allow more time. <b>Motion by Steven Zils, second by Michael Clark to have the Board meetings start on Tuesday and finish on Wednesday starting with the February 2017 meeting. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b>  <b>Motion by Greg West, second by Riccardo Colella to change the meetings to quarterly beginning with the next fiscal year. Roll call vote. 3 years and 7 nays. <u>Motion Failed.</u></b>
	MIH / Community EMS Updates	Biggart		
	New Business	Biggart		James received the email from National Registry. National Registry will accept what Wisconsin will accept. 100% online education would be accepted if Wisconsin accepts it.
	December Meeting date/time/location	Biggart		
	Closed Session – Action on Licensure	Newlun		There is no need to go into closed session today.
	Transition to Open Session	Biggart		
	Adjourn	Biggart		<b>Motion by Riccardo Colella, second by Craig Nelson to adjourn. <u>Motion Carried.</u></b> Meeting was adjourned at 12:46.

"Parking Lot" Items: