

**State of Wisconsin
Emergency Medical Services Board
EMS Systems Management & Development Committee Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2015**

Pending approval by committee at December 2015 meeting.

Members in attendance: List with EMS Office.

Others attending: List with EMS Office.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Mindy Allen at 1:32 pm.

Introductions: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve June meeting minutes was made by Don Kimlicka, and 2nd by Dana Sechler. Approved

Action Items:

#	ITEM	DISCUSSION	DISPOSITION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	OTHER COMMITTEE IF CROSSCUTTING ISSUE
1	Trans 309 Update	Received update from Paul Shilling that Trans 309 is currently being reviewed by DOT's legal counsel. Once complete, public comment meetings will be scheduled. . This is informational only at this time and this item will not be on future agendas unless there is more activity. . No rough draft of proposed changes is available to share at this time.	Remove from agenda.		
2	FAP Disbursement Report	Total of 348 services replied and 48 opted out of receiving FAP funds. \$571,706.71 to be reimbursed for EMT-B training. Request for identifying the number of services that did not decline the funds that do not currently have EMT-B on their roster (thus escrowed the funds).	Mindy Allen to send James Newlun specific questions regarding FAP Disbursement and escrowing of funds.		

		<p>Concern these funds are being escrowed in services that cannot use the funds and they can only be spent for training EMT-B. Suggestion to look into audit process and checks and balances for escrowed funds.</p> <p>Reminder that services need to keep their email and contact information up-to date in e-Licensing to receive information on FAP disbursement.</p> <p>Potential legislative change coming that will allow using FAP funds for all levels of provider training.</p>	<p>Paul Wittkamp to provide update on FAP disbursement and auditing of escrow funds at the December meeting.</p> <p>James Newlun to investigate the origin of the decision that services can escrow FAP money instead of giving it back to other services that could use it.</p>		
3	Medicaid Reimbursement	<p>Results from an informal survey sent to surrounding states showed that Wisconsin receives less in Medicaid reimbursement compared to other states. Taking mileage out, Wisconsin receives about \$0.22/\$1.</p> <p>Mindy Allen sent out the Medicaid reimbursement report from Dana Sechler to the committee for review.</p> <p>Dana was able to talk with Charles Morgan from the legislative fiscal bureau about EMS transport reimbursement in Wisconsin. Both Medicaid and Medicare have a cap on the amount they will pay an ambulance service for mileage. MTM provides \$105 + mileage as their base rate for transport reimbursement from Medicaid. Government conducted a survey twice and acknowledged that Medicaid and Medicare are paying 3-6% less than the cost of transport.</p> <p>Dana and Larry Knuth are working on this. Original charge was to find out if Wisconsin is being paid lower than other states for Medicaid. Biggest issue is getting reimbursed for emergency calls; services can choose if they will accept MTM calls. Suggestion is for group to talk with Charles</p>	<p>Dana Sechler to verify the rates are correct for 2015 and send to James Newlun by Wednesday, 10/7. James will pass it to DHS legal for review.</p> <p>Dana Sechler. to arrange time for the subcommittee to speak with Charles Morgan and Kevin Moore (together or separately) before the December meeting to discuss Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement rates for transports by ambulance in WI. Suggestion to come prepared with a few case scenarios of average calls and P&B calls with cost break downs. Include cost of readiness and cost of human capital.</p>		

		<p>Morgan and Kevin Moore to better direct and find the right person about increasing EMS transport reimbursement for Wisconsin.</p> <p>Some areas in the state have over 60% Medicare/Medicaid patients in their jurisdiction.</p>			
4	Pre-arrival Instructions for PSAPs	<p>Pre-arrival instructions topic was previously on subcommittee agenda but removed. Josh Finke requested the topic be re-introduced to the subcommittee. Scope will be to put together a memo and two pre-arrival instructions for bleeding control and chest compression/hands only CPR.</p> <p>Discussion about liability and police/sheriff department buy-in. Medical Directors oversee PSAPs and training?</p> <p>Create memo on the roll out of two pre-arrival instructions in Milwaukee. Need to create something that would create pressure on the dispatch centers from their agencies wanting pre-arrival instructions.</p> <p>Presentation at September Healthcare Coalition meeting on involvement in priority dispatch – could use them as a resource. Another suggestion made to educate municipal and county administrators about the importance and lack of pre-arrival instructions from PSAPs for their community.</p>	<p>Carrie Meier to get more information for Dr. Steven Zils about Medical Directors not being about to get access to records from PSAPs. Attorney General’s office may be a route for learning more about open records laws. Mindy Allen will be in touch with Carrie Meier regarding Dane County’s process to obtain dispatch records for QI.</p> <p>Jerry Biggart, Dr. Steven Zils and Josh Finke to put together a guidance packet for PSAPs. Include free pre-arrival instructions for bleeding control and chest compression/hands only CPR and a memo highlighting the program implemented in Milwaukee County.</p>		
5	REPLICA	<p>Distributed the compact document and additional resources and links to committee for review. Concern with REPLICA is the use of day-to-day operations in compact states instead of it only being used when mutual aid is called for in larger emergencies. Also concerned that the document contains reference to a “commission” that is able to change the compact and make decisions</p>	<p>Motion made to by Mark Frederickson that the committee make a recommendation to the board that Wisconsin should not participate in REPLICA. 2nd by Craig Nelson. Approved.</p>		

		<p>without input from the State.</p> <p>Mutual Aid is defined in statute for emergency management but want to fill gap between use of mutual aid between governor declared state emergencies and large scale incidents.</p> <p>Suggestion to communicate with governor about the benefits of REPLICA but for him to provide pressure on REPLICA to change the line about use for day-to-day operations. As the document is a compact, minimal changes can be made by individual states.</p>			
6	Background Checks	<p>Identified an ad-hoc group to provide recommendations for the EMS Office by the December meeting. The document was forwarded by Mindy Allen to the committee for review. Ad-hoc group members include Don Kimlicka, and Brad Bowen.</p>	<p>Workgroup to research and come back with recommendation to require or not require background checks for Federal Initial, state & federal renewals. Consider funding source and unfunded mandates if requirement falls on volunteer services.</p>		
7	Sustainable Staffing	<p>Discuss at next meeting.</p>			

New Business:

Correspondence:

Agenda for Next Meeting: License Renewal Period. FAP Escrow Report update from state. Medicaid reimbursement, pre-arrival instructions, REPLICA, Background Checks, Sustainable staffing. Special Event Planning.

Next meeting date: December 1, 2015

Adjournment: Moved by Dana Sechler and 2nd by Don Kimlicka to adjourn carried. Adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy Thatcher