

Emergency Medical Services Commission Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 23, 2004

LOCATION: Warren Township Government Center,
Indianapolis

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Timothy R. Sandy (Volunteer Fire)
Rodney Coats (General Public)
Carol Sublett (Volunteer EMS)
Melanie Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Tim Davie (Municipal Fire)
Michael Seaver (Emergency Nurses)
Bill Hufford (Paramedics)
Dennis Probasco (EMTs)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Doyle Yeager, MD (Emergency Physicians)
Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
Mike Sommerkamp, Agency Counsel
William Teegarden, Administrative Law Judge

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats. Mr. Coats expressed thanks to Warren Township for hosting the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Dennis Probasco offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Michael Seaver. The minutes were approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT

First Responders certified this date:.....7,333
Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.....133
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:.....14,348
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:.....153

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date: ... 23
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:.....1,286
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:.....51

Paramedics to be certified this date:..... 41
 Paramedics currently certified:..... 2,445
 Paramedics recertified this date:.....
 92

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:..... 5
 Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified:.....14
 Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date:..... 0

Temporary Certifications issued:

EMT-B:3
 Advanced EMT:..... 0
 Paramedic:..... 0

Drivers Certifications currently certified:..... 965

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport,
 EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization.....
 6

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
 BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization 3
 ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
 EMT Basic-Advanced Organization1
 ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Paramedic Organization15

ALS Non-Transport Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization15
 ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization..... 2
 ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Paramedic Organization.....2
 ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization.....1
 ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Rescue Squad Organization1
 ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization.....1
 ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization1
 ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization... 2
 ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization 4
 Ambulance Service Provider 112
 Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport27
 Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization.....3
 Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Paramedic Organization..... 4
 Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced
 Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue

Squad.....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization.....	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad.....	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization.....	27
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	64
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization.....	22
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad.....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotocraft Air Ambulance.....	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad.....	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	279
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad.....	93
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance, Rotocraft Air Ambulance	1
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	7
Rescue Squad Organization.....	7
Total Providers.....	721

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:.....	166
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:.....	78
EMS Provider Visits:.....	63
EMS Provider Audits:.....	08
Hospital Visits:.....	12
Hospital Audits:.....	02
EMT Tests Proctored.....	06

PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Agency Counsel Mike Sommerkamp presented the commission with a list of pending administrative cases

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that, to date, 599,220 runs have been processed. Approximately seventy percent of provider organizations are now in compliance of reporting requirements. Deputy Director Garvey reported that the agency is working with those provider organizations that are having software problems. He also stated that the next group action to be taken will be against those that have defined a collection

method but are not yet reporting.

Robert Zahnke and Jose' Tomaz, Purdue University Center for Automotive Transportation Safety (CATS) gave a report on the Indiana Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) Program. A National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) CODES grant has been received to link data regarding crash outcome. The project links Indiana State Police crash records, Indiana EMS runs, hospital records, and death certificates associated with human behavior characteristics to medical financial outcomes. The linkage is HIPAA approved.

Provider organizations are reminded to enter data carefully and accurately so that the EMS data can link with the other databases to provide useful results. The data will help EMS identify the geographic distribution of injuries and identify deficiencies and redundancies in coverage areas. CODES will also allow for a correlation between transport times, outcome, and costs.

2003-2004 PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REVISIONS

District Manager Robin Stump reported that the proposed rules are on the SEMA website. The public hearing will be February 4, at 10AM, at the Indiana Government Center. Written comments should be received prior to the hearing.

2004 LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Garvey reported that Senate Bill 0377, dealing with the transportation of patients to appropriate hospitals has been read. He stated that since Indiana has only one level 1 trauma center, perhaps the issue needs more comprehensive study. However, EMS organizations need to make themselves aware of the legislation.

Other issues that may be addressed through legislation are certification standards for county EMA directors, seatbelt requirements for trucks, levies for support of paramedic services, and passengers riding in the beds of pick-up trucks.

LEGAL MATTERS

EMERGENCY ORDERS of SUSPENSION

Information only, no action taken.

Order No. 06-2003, Elmo D. Molter, Certification No. 13417

An Emergency Suspension of Certification of Elmo D. Molter was issued December 8, 2003.

Order No. 07-2003, James Rosenau, Certification No.17785

An Emergency Suspension of Certification of James Rosenau was issued December 8, 2003.

Order No. 08-2003, Micky Wilkins, Certification No. 37366

An Emergency Suspension of Certification of Micky Wilkins was issued December 8, 2003.

Order No. 09-2003, Bruce A Decamp, Certification No. 46791

An Emergency Suspension of Certification of Bruce A. Decamp was issued on December 17, 2003.

Order No. 01-2004, Emergency Response Enterprises d/b/a Medivac Ambulance Service, Provider No. 0760

An Emergency Suspension of Certification was issued to, Emergency Response Enterprises d/b/a Medivac Ambulance Service on January 9, 2004.

AGENCY ORDER and RESPONDENT'S PETITION for REVIEW and STAY of EFFECTIVENESS

Deputy Director Garvey reported that regarding *Cause No. 03-01, Scott Hicks* has appealed the Agency Order and the matter will probably go to a hearing.

AGREED ORDERS for COMMISSION AFFIRMATION

Cause No. 03-03, James Miller, Certification No. 19264

The Agreed Order states 1) suspension of certification for 90 days, 2) a 5-year probation period, 3) a civil penalty of \$1,500, and 4) additional training to include a Paramedic Refresher Course and research regarding the clinical presentation of obstetric emergencies.

Gary Miller offered a motion to accept the Agreed Order. Second by Mr. Probasco. The motion passed.

Cause No. 03-12, Micky Wilkins, Certification No. 37366

The Agreed Order requires the EMT-B Certification of Micky Wilkins to be reinstated upon the expiration of the Emergency Order of Suspension and the EMT-P Certification to be suspended for a period of three years. The respondent may then go through the National Registry process for reinstatement as a paramedic.

Discussion included a concern that the proposed suspension is too light considering the deficiencies in patient care. Agency Counsel Mike Sommerkamp responded that the respondent has participated in a great amount of remedial training and the reinstatement process through the National Registry would require even more training. William Hufford expressed a concern that the commission has ordered seven-year suspensions to individuals where the only victim was the respondent. But, here the victim's are patients and the recommendation is for only three years.

Mr. Probasco offered a motion to increase the suspension to seven years. Second by Tim Davie. Deputy Director Garvey offered that the proper procedure would be that the order be disapproved and send the issue back through the adjudication system. Mr. Probasco and Mr. Davie withdrew their motions.

Mr. Probasco offered a motion to disapprove the order. Second by Timothy Sandy. The motion passed.

Mr. Miller expressed concern that, around the state, similar patient care issues are handled differently. Some are resolved by audit and review, some are resolved by the

medical director, some are presented to the commission for resolution. Mr. Miller asked if it was possible to adopt a process by which cases can be reviewed equally. Deputy Director Garvey responded that staff would review the process and compare it to methods used by other health professionals.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS

Deputy Director Garvey presented a waiver request from Johnson County memorial Hospital to allow EMTs from the county's BLS Non-Transport organizations to monitor blood glucose levels on their patients.

Chairman Coats suggested the issue be tabled due to the absence of both physician commission members. Hearing no objection, the issue was tabled.

Mr. Seaver suggested that the commission seek input from the fellowship program offered by Dr. Bartkus at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

PROVIDERS:

Marion County Fire Departments (City of Lawrence, Warren, Lawrence, Franklin, and Washington Townships, Indianapolis Fire, and Indianapolis Airport Fire departments), 836 IAC 1-4-2, IHERN.

Requesting a renewal of waiver of requirement for IHERN radio on ambulances.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Probasco offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Second by Mr. Sandy. The motion passed. The request is approved.

Halter Smith Ambulance Service, 836 IAC 2-2-1(h), staffing on paramedic ambulances.

Requesting a renewal of a waiver to replace the EMT with a First Responder as the second crewmember on paramedic ambulances.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Hufford offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Second by Carol Sublett. The motion passed. The request is approved.

Riley Fire Department, Vigo County, 836 IAC 2-7.1-1, staffing.

Requesting a waiver of the staffing requirement for an EMT Basic Advanced Non-Transport Vehicle

Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Seaver offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. Second by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed. The request is approved.

Columbus Fire Department, 836 IAC 2-2-2, Staffing on ALS Non-Transport Vehicles.

Requesting approval of a waiver to allow non-paramedics to respond on fire engines that are certified as ALS Non-Transport units.

Mr. Miller asked Dan Lanham, Columbus Fire Department, if measures are taken to ensure security of medications stored on the unit. The response was “yes.”

Staff’s recommendation is to approve the waiver.

Mr. Sandy offered a motion to accept staff’s recommendation. Second by Mr. Davie. The motion passed. The request is approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Garvey reported that, at the Federal level, a movement exists to specify anti-terrorism funds specifically for EMS organizations. There is also a movement to create a Federal Office of Emergency Medical Services.

2004 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, March 26

Friday, May 21

Friday, July 23

Thursday, September 16 (annual conference)

Friday, November 19

Locations will be announced later.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.