Medical Direction Committee (MDC)
Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2015 – CNM Workforce Training Center

Members Present: Brian Moore, Pete Bellows, Ben Diven, Eric Ketcham, Ed Horvat, Chelsea White, Kris Romero, Phil Froman
Via Teleconference: None
Members Absent: Robert Sapien, Darren Braude
Others Present: Charles Schroeder, Donnie Roberts, Brandon Lang, Joaquin Silva, Aaron Britnell, Jim Allday, Daniel Stites, Jenna White, Doug Campion, Nick Villalobos, Frank Soto, Mike Torres, Kevin Henson, Bobby Sanchez (phone), Dr. Hudson (phone)

I. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Brian Moore, M.D.

II. Welcome: Introductions of MDC members and others present were made.

III. Call for Proxy Votes: Chelsea White held Darren Braude’s and Robert Sapien’s proxy

IV. Quorum: A quorum was present.

V. Review of Minutes: The meeting minutes for September 26, 2014 were approved as written (as moved by Ed Horvat and seconded by Pete Bellows).

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<td>Changes to the agenda</td>
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<td>VII.</td>
<td>Old Business</td>
<td>A. Aerocare sent an email that they will continue to keep the age for a pediatric patient as 18 and younger. Aerocare’s medical directors wanted to keep the age written in the original application for pediatric intubation.</td>
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<td>IX.</td>
<td>Other Business</td>
<td>A. There was discussion about adding the drug Precedex as a special skill or a drug class during the next Scope of Practice review. B. Further discussion surrounded the ability for on-line medical direction from an MCEP to provide direction for an EMT to give medications that were not in the EMT’s scope of practice. Kevin Henson noted that years ago this used to happen a lot. The EMT would subsequently be brought before the EMS Licensing Commission, who would then call for “no action.” And legitimize the action using the “back door.” C. Regarding the Region 3 Medical Director vacancy; Dr. Chad Carver from Lovington may be interested in the position. It was also reported that there...</td>
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may have been a miscommunication with Dr. Wulff—he stated that he hasn’t
heard anything back and that he sent additional paperwork to the Governor’s
office.

D. It was noted that the use of Hydroxicobalamine for cyanide poisoning was not
in the treatment guidelines. If its use is effective the usage should be placed in
the guidelines.

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| A. | The EMS Bureau has hired Debbie McLaughlin for the EMS Licensing
Administer position. The EMS Licensing Manager position has been filled
by Martin Moulton who will begin work on March 28. Bryan Patterson and
Patty Anello have both separated from the EMS Bureau. |
| B. | Charles Schroeder noted that EMS Background Checks will begin in
earnest on April 1st, once information has been placed on the Bureau’s
website. |
| C. | A review of current legislation relating to EMS was given by Charles
Schroeder (SB81, SB199, SB362, SM53, HB244, and HB542). |
| D. | Pete Bellows mentioned that the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee
(SWAC) approved a $1500. Start-up funds for the UNM EMS Consortium
and that the EMS Fund Act Review Subcommittee has reviewed the Fund
Act Applications. Awards will be announced at the April SWAC meeting in
Ruidoso. |
| E. | Dr. Moore stated that there has been an issue with the Drug Enforcement
Agency (DEA) on a national basis. They are trying to figure out how to
regulate the use of narcotics with EMS. It appears that DEA rules are not
consistently enforced (different interpretations) from DEA offices from
state to state. |
| F. | Dr. Moore has been involved with a National Association of State EMS
Officials (NAEMSO) working group to produce National EMS Model
Guidelines. This document is published on the NAEMSO website and is
available as a tool for all EMS agencies to use as they see fit. |
| G. | Dr. Moore is involved in a NAEMSO working group discussing EMS
Performance Measures. This is tied to a $4 million dollar NHTSA grant. |
| H. | The September 11 MDC meeting date will be rescheduled to September
25, 2015 |
| I. | The NM EMT Conference will be held from September 9-16, 2015 |
| J. | The next MDC meeting will be held on June 12, 2015 at 0930 hrs at the
CNM Workforce Center. |

XI. Adjournment: Pete Bellows moved to adjourn the meeting at 1230 hrs. Seconded by Ed Horvat. All approved.

Charles Schroeder
Emergency Medical Systems Bureau