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Statewide EMS Advisory Meeting
Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid, Albuquerque, NM
July 27, 2016

Committee Attendees:

Pete Bellows, NM EMT Association, Chair
Gregg Kotila, EMS Region 1
Chad Hamill, NM Fire Chiefs, Vice-Chair
Joaquin Graham, Region 2
Mick Leo, MD, ACEP, Medical Society
James Williams, EMS Region 3
Kathie Schaffer, EMSC
Brent Hamilton, NMAMTAC

Absent:

BJ Brunt-Palmer, NM Nurses Association
Nate Lay, Emergency Services Council/SAR
Marc Nason, NM Firefighters Association
Kurt Krumperman, NM Ambulance Association
Vacant, UNM Health Sciences
Vacant, NENA
Vacant, Consumer Advocate
Vacant, NM Public Safety Representative
Vacant, NM Hospital Association

Pete Bellows called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and introductions were made.
There was a quorum of filled positions in attendance.

Additions to Agenda:

A review of the bylaws will be added to Other Business.

Proxies:

Nate Lay gave his proxy to Pete Bellows.
Marc Nason gave his proxy to Chad Hamill.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 27, 2016 meeting were approved, as moved by Chad Hamill and seconded by James Williams. Clarifications were addressed for Pete Bellows.

Committee Reports:

Air Medical Transport Advisory Committee:

Brent Hamilton reported that Lifeguard Air Ambulance has added a rotor wing to their operations in Albuquerque, and that the Air Medical Advisory has been informing that all agencies should be adding their operations to EM Systems.

Medical Direction Committee (MDC):

Kyle Thornton stated that during the last meeting of June 24, 2016 the Committee worked on Special Skills reviews and approvals. Changes to the Scope of Practice will be sent out to the EMS community. Dr. Brian Moore has resigned as the State EMS Medical Director and Dr. Joy Crook will be taking on the responsibility of State EMS Medical Director upon execution of the UNM contract.

Joint Organization on Education (JOE) Committee Report:

Jessica Medrano has made a request to see the Educational Institution updates in order to see how their data has been prepared. All schools are sending information related to student enrolled, dropped, NREMT data and licenses issued. The report on this data should be completed after March, to be submitted to the Statewide EMS Advisory by the end of August.

There was a request that a member from the Statewide EMS Advisory attend the next JOE retreat. During the last retreat, the JOE is also identifying one main point; that being “What is the JOE responsible for?” There is information regarding the JOE on the EMS Bureau website. The JOE has updated their bylaws and the definition of what constitutes a quorum will be voted on at their next meeting. A sub-committee is working on a “re-entry” process for the Instructor Coordinator.

Pete Bellows stated that the Permian Basin Regional Training Center (PBRTC) is teaching EMT-Basic courses. Any training facility that is teaching a full EMT course needs to be tied to an approved program. Sahaj Khalsa stated that the SFCC has affiliated with the PBRTC and is teaching the SFCC curriculum.

Joaquin Graham asked if the curriculum for EMT courses was reviewed every two years and the question was answered in the affirmative. The JOE has approved a broad curriculum to reflect changes in the Scopes of Practice and state and national review.

Mike Ristom stated that the EMT program in Carlsbad has taken a dive because they could not find qualified instructors; the PBRTC has been a big help to Carlsbad.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Report:

Kathie Schafer stated that the EMSC is pursuing a facility recognition program for agencies, facilities and in communities. The EMSC is partnering with the EMS Bureau and the Bureau of Health Emergency Management and by 2017 hopes to approach smaller hospitals or clinics with their Child Ready Program. The EMSC is still attempting to bring telehealth services to smaller communities.

Trauma Advisory Systems Stakeholder Committee (Trauma Advisory Committee):

Liana Lujan reported that Dale Kester is the Chair of the Committee. The next meeting will be held on August 17; this meeting will be held as a remote meeting in order to decrease the costs of travel. A lot of turnover of Trauma Managers, will be reviewing the membership list for the committee.

Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee:

Joaquin Graham reported that the Annual Service Report Data was reviewed is on track to move forward with ideas to accomplish by November. Focusing on Recruitment:

1. Emphasize becoming an EMT – encouragement begins in High School

2. Focus on Statewide Advertisements – Partner with Ad Councils, Social Media, Print media, Billboards
3. EMS Patches – First licenses get a card and a patch; or perhaps create a different patch level, based on length of service get a silver or gold patch at renewal.
4. Overarching “in-house” program for “Ambulance Drivers” or “First Aid Responder Technician”

Funding could be done through the Statewide EMS Improvement Fund or the Trauma Fund. If anyone has additional ideas, contact a member of the Statewide EMS Advisory Committee.

Public Regulation Commission:

Amanda Grey gave an update on the statewide tariff; the Commission hearing will be on August 24, 2016 at 1:30pm. Please be on hand to make supportive comments. Ms. Grey will mail out the proposed Statewide EMS Tariff. The staff is asking EMS Agencies for letters of support.

EMS Bureau Updates:

Licensing Report:

Martin Moulton provided licensing results:

The National Registry test results for 2nd Quarter of 2016, (Initial Attempt Only):

First Responder applicants testing - 5

Initial Attempt Pass - 100%

EMT-Basic applicants testing - 191

Initial Attempt Pass - 75 %

EMT-I applicants testing - 57

Initial Attempt Pass - 63 %

EMT-Paramedic applicants testing - 45

Initial Attempt Pass Rate - 73%

Initial Licenses Issued 1st Quarter 2016:

Disp	2016	25
Disp-I	2016	0
EMT-B	2016	183
EMT-I	2016	58
EMT-P	2016	20
FR	2016	20

Charles Schroeder, EMS Program Manager presented the Bureau Operations report:

From the Licensing Commission Meeting of May 10, 2016:

Impaired Practitioner Program; 3 participants

Investigations; 0, 5 in process

Background Check Violations; 1

Suspensions; 3

Revocations; 2

Letter of Censure: 1
Denial of Licensure; 0
No Action: 0
Hearings: 1 and 1 pending

Parental Responsibility Act:

Suspension; 0
Denial; 0
Warned; 2
Reinstated; 1

1 applications for licensure approval
0 applications denied
4 waiver request approved
0 waiver request denied

The next EMS Licensing Commission meeting will be held on August 30, 2016 in Albuquerque.

EMS Program:

1. The EMS Epidemiology position was placed on hold by our Division, due to budget constraints.
2. The DOT Licensing Project contract extension was signed off by DOH and DOT, the Bureau is anticipating that an RFP will be published in the next few months.
3. The Trauma Fund and the EMS Fund Act have been cut for FY 17 (250K EMS and 500K Trauma).

Important meeting dates:

Air Ambulance, Atlantic Aviation: 9/6/2016
Medical Direction Committee, CNM/Abq: 9/30/2016 at 0930
Joint Organization on Education, CNM/Abq: 9/30/2016 at 1330
NM Fire & EMS Expo, Socorro: 9/7-14/2016
SWAC, Las Cruces Convention Center: 11/2/2016
Region II EMS Conference: 11/2-4/2016

EMS Statistics as of 07/25/2016:

Dispatcher 515
Dispatch Instructor 18
EMT-Basic 3092
EMT-Intermediate 1727
EMT-Paramedic 1756
EMS First Responder 428
Total: 7536

Trauma Program:

Liana Lujan provided the following information for Trauma:
Eastern New Mexico Medical Center (ENMMC) had their verification lapse in November 2015, they are now back to a Level 3 Trauma Center. Miners Colfax is participating as a pediatric

Child Ready Program with Kathie Schaffer leading them through the process. Sierra Vista Medical Center is designated as a Level 4 Trauma Center.

The Trauma Registry is currently going through the RFP process; they have had 3 respondents in the process.

The Trauma Systems Fund Authority (TSFA) met on April 4 and distributed \$2.4M. On August 10, 2016 they will look at the FY16 Fund Balance, if the hospitals did not meet their deliverables, the funding will go back to the Trauma Fund for redistribution. The TSFA will meet again on August 10 from 1pm to 4pm at the NM Hospital Association.

Additional Trauma meetings will be held on August 16 and 17.

EMS Communications:

Shannon Talent, EMS Communications Coordinator reported that the new Air to Ground frequencies have been approved. Beginning on July 11, 2016 all communication from air to ground should occur on the following frequencies:

VHF

VMED28 155.340 (primary)

VMED29 155.3475 (secondary)

UHF

UTAC 43D 453.8625

800mhz

8TAC93D 852.5125

PL Tone 156.7

Stroke/STEMI Programs:

Alyssa Patterson reported that the free education event on July 15th covering Stroke and STEMI topics was hosted by AHA at Presbyterian, Dr. Raymond Fowler, MD from the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center gave the keynote.

The next Stroke quarterly meeting will be on Sept 30, location TBA. The next stroke protocol subcommittee meeting will be held on September 29, 2016 at Presbyterian Hospital. The Stroke/STEMI budget was cut at beginning of the Fiscal Year; we are hoping to fund some hospitals interested in becoming Stroke and STEMI referring hospitals. Thus far, there are 6 primary stroke hospitals with 1 doing interventions (UNMH) and there is 1 STEMI certified hospital (Heart Hospital of NM).

EMS Fund Act report:

Ann Martinez reported that carry over requests for FY16 have already been encumbered, starting to get carry over requests. Local funding for FY17 has 273 applicants, of which 269 were funded. FY18 Special Project applications will be coming out on August 15, 2016, on the Bureau website.

NMEMSTARS Program:

The EMS Bureau is in the process of updating the NMEMSTARS System to the national NEMESIS3 level. We will be updating agencies as we get closer to the implementation and rollout dates. We are anticipating the go live date to be January 1, 2017 for full implementation. Agencies still need to input their data into NMEMSTARS. Please contact Charles Becvarik at the Bureau if you need help entering your data. Liana Lujan reported that they have been signing up trauma managers for Hospital Dashboard for them to aid us in getting run reports into the patient care reports.

General Program Information

- All hiring has been placed on hold due to budget constraints.
- The contract extension between DOH and DOT for the funding of the new License Management Program project was signed by DOH and DOT, the Bureau is anticipating the publishing of the Request for Proposals (RFP) in the next few months.
- The DOH has new leadership, Secretary designate Lynn Gallagher who served as Deputy Secretary of DOH since 2013. Prior to that, she served as the General Counsel for the Aging and Long-Term Services Department.
- Deputy Secretary for Operations is James Ross, formerly of the Governor's Office.
- Deputy Secretary for Administration is Gabrielle Sanchez-Sandoval formerly DOH General Counsel.
- Previous Deputy Secretary Brad McGrath has come back to DOH as the interim Director of ASD.

Legislative & National Updates:

The Bureau is still waiting to hear if the EMS Fund Act revision will be supported by the Governor's office. The revision will assist rural agencies that are participating in a regionalized system of care.

Legislative Bills that the EMS Bureau will put forth for the next Legislative session will be for REPLICA, which is an Interstate Compact that will allow for limited state to state movement for EMS professionals. The latest wrinkle is that our Office of General Council is review the language of the compact with respect to "contingent liability." The current language would allow for REPLICA to file suit against the state, which is in violation of the state constitution.

Five state rules are ready to forward up the chain for approval to go forward with the rule making process, they are the rules for Licensing, Licensing Supplemental (Scopes of Practice), Advanced Directives, Cardiac Arrest Targeted Response, Stroke/STEMI and DNR. The rule changes are drafted primarily for clean-up, but they will allow the Bureau to improve the licensing process; moving to a blueprinted base refresher course and allow for some reciprocity changes. The SOP changes were discussed briefly. Martin Moulton will work to get the rules on the Bureau website. The EMT Association would like to post the rules on their website once they have been approved.

Announcing the confirmations of Joaquin Gonzales as the EMT-P on the EMS Licensing Commission and Karen Burns, the EMT-P on the Medical Direction Committee.

The 7/26/2016 Albuquerque Journal reported that the state is \$159M in deficit for FY16, and that there is a \$300-500M revenue shortfall in FY17. For FY17, the EMS Fund Act would be cut by

\$250,000 and the Trauma Fund cut by \$500,000. FY18 seems to be looking worse for cuts in the future.

Kyle Thornton mentioned that the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) would be holding their annual meeting in Albuquerque in September 2016. There are various councils that will be meeting (Bureau Chiefs/Directors, Professional Standards, Medical Directors, EMSC, Data, and Trauma). He also thanked the generous sponsors to help with the NASEMSO meeting.

Regional Updates:

EMS Region 1:

Jerome Haskie welcomed everyone to the Region 1 EMS Conference. He also mentioned that their state contract will close out for 2016, and they are ramping up for 2017.

EMS Region 2:

Doug Campion reported that their conference will be held on November 2, 3, and 4, 2016. The business meetings will be held on November 2nd. Doug recognizes the SW Retrac stating that they are doing a great job; the next meeting will be held on September 15 at the AMR offices in Las Cruces. After a review of 911 data, “falls” are currently at 30% within Region 2’s catchment area. They are looking for funding sources to help reduce the number of falls in that region.

EMS Region 3:

Donnie Roberts reported that they are working with pilot agencies for the NMEMSTARS Elite program. Their target date for implementation of the Elite program is August 15, 2016. They are also working with 11 Critical Access Hospitals, with 25 bed or lower in rural areas to conduct a needs survey and identified hospital issues.

EMS Training Schools:

UNM EMS Academy (EMSA)

Dr. Jan Veeshart is the new EMS Academy Director. She reports the following for 2016:
First Responder courses, 13 scheduled, 11 completed (outside of Albuquerque)
EMT-Basic, 34 scheduled, 17 completed (6 in Albuquerque)
EMT-Intermediate, 16 scheduled, 5 completed (4 in Albuquerque)
EMT-Paramedic, 2 scheduled, 1 AFD and 2 more starting up
EMT Refresher courses, 46 scheduled, 19 completed (17 in Albuquerque)
EMS Transition courses, 7 completed (1 in Albuquerque)
I/C courses, 1 completed and 2 scheduled for January 2017

Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)

Jessica Medrano stated that their current courses are:

- 6 EMT-Basic EMT classes
- 2 EMT-Intermediate courses
- 3 EMT-Paramedic courses
- Some contract courses
- I/C course will graduate 10 candidates
- Refresher classes

CNM is partnering with the Fitness Program, First Responder is now a requirement to graduate with the Fitness Program. They are changing the Paramedic program to a 4 term program, 72 credit hours down to 67 hours to obtain an Associates. CNM is providing credit for prior learning for any level of EMS, this credit can be applied to Fire Science or an EMS Associates Degree. There was some discussion regarding licensing numbers for the First Responder license, this will be the first year CNM will be running this program with the Fitness Program, so they will watch how the licensing numbers may fluctuate.

CNM has acquired a simulation equipment through the Sun Path Grant. The EMS Program has been working with the Criminal Justice Program to complete joint simulations (Scene Safety). They have added clinical sites for Paramedics with the Office of Medical Investigator, UNM Cath. Lab, Well Child School physicals, and Duke City Urgent Care.

Nursing CE's on the Bureau website are now outdated since the Nursing program is standardized statewide. Jessica is working with the CNM Nursing Program to review continuing education and will submit the information to Martin Moulton.

CNM is also hiring part-time faculty.

Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)

Sahaj Khalsa reported that they have finished a Paramedic cohort and have started another one. The first time pass rate has been 100% for both written and skills. Increased capacity in Paramedic Program from 16 to 18.

Their Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) site visit is scheduled for October 24 and 25; this is their initial accreditation site visit. SFCC will have an EMT-Basic cohort in the fall. Paramedic will be completing the 3rd semester in the spring.

SFCC is teaching an Instructor Coordinator course that is scheduled to finish in 2 weeks and they will hold an AHA BLS Instructor course beginning in August.

Have a new college wide credit for prior learning (CPL) policy, help students to move to a degree status. Goal of implementation by the end of this year.

Unknown to SFCC, an EMT course was being run in Carlsbad, however the course had to be terminated since they only had 7 to 8 students and did not meet various requirements for SFCC.

SFCC has also been working with the Sun Path Grant and has been attempting to standardize the curriculum throughout the state, especially at the Paramedic level. They are trying to mirror the work of standardized nursing programs in the state.

ENMU-Roswell

There was no report given.

San Juan Community College (SJCC)

There was no report given.

Dona Ana Branch Community College (DABCC)

There was no report given.

Other Business:

It was determined that 2 members of the Statewide EMS Advisory will switch off and attend Joint Organization on Education (JOE) meetings. Joaquin Graham and Chad Hamill will volunteer.

The Statewide EMS Advisory Committee will review their current bylaws, the Bureau will send out the bylaws and the Committee was asked to bring comments to the next meeting.

The awards subcommittee for this year's Statewide EMS Awards are:

James Williams
Pete Bellows
Joaquin Graham
Gregg Kotila
Kathie Schaffer

The award nominations will be for the following awards:

Dispatcher of the Year
EMS First Responder of the Year
EMT of the Year
Paramedic of the Year
Russ Richards Instructor Coordinator of the Year
Tim Fleming Medical Director Award
Robert Sabin Award
Jon Tibbett's Award for EMS Service Director Leadership
Governor's Award

An email blast should be send out to the EMS Community to communicate the award winners.

The Committee should consider awarding a Flight/Trauma Nurse as part of the EMS System next year. Liana Lujan will put together criteria for the award winners with input from Brent Hamilton and bring that criteria the Committee to consider for next year's awards.

The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2016 at 1:30pm at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm as moved by Gregg Kotila and seconded by Brent Hamilton. All approved.