

**South Carolina Medical Control Committee
Columbia Mills Building
301 Gervias Street, Columbia
Conference Room 2407
May 12, 2016
10:00 am**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	DHEC STAFF
Ed DesChamps, MD	Eric Ossman, MD	Rob Wronski
William Gerard, MD	Ron Fuerst, MD	Arnold Alier
Peter Hyman, MD		Mary Neely
John Sorrell, MD		Karen Moore
Martin Lutz, MD		Julie McCabe
Garrett Clanton, MD		
Doug Norcross, MD (phone)		
VISITORS: Chris Cothran, Doug Warren, Tim Miller, Charles Reeves, Kent Whitten, Bill Shivar, Roshan Mathew, Jason Walchok, Wendy Lee, Glenn Cook, Daniel White, Yarley Steedly, John Dobson, Jeff Hartberger, Mac Nowell, Matt Morris		

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. DesChamps called the meeting to order.
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	Ms. Neely read the Freedom of Information Act.
ROLL CALL	Ms. Neely called the roll.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	<i>Dr. Lutz made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Sorrell seconded and the motion passed.</i>
DHEC STAFF REPORTS	
State Stroke Protocol	Mr. Wronski reported that the State Stroke Protocol, including the RACE Tool, was approved at the first meeting of the Stroke Advisory Council on April 27 th . He added that the RACE Tool will become mandatory. Discussion followed.
Medical Control Physician Workshops	Mr. Wronski announced that Medical Control Physician workshops are scheduled for July and October. He reminded the Committee if they have not attended a workshop in the past year, they need to attend one of the upcoming ones.
Narcan	Mr. Wronski stated that the Narcan Pilot has expanded and will not be a pilot much longer.
EMS Evaluation	Mr. Wronski said there will be a Statewide EMS Evaluation taking place the first week of November. It will be similar to the Trauma systems' ACS review.

<p>Personal Carbon Monoxide Detectors</p> <p>EpiPen Bill</p> <p>Bill 4525/Funding EMS Training</p> <p>Triage Tags</p>	<p>Mr. Wronski reported the Bureau received a grant from the Jeffrey Williams Foundation to purchase 300 personal carbon monoxide detectors and distribute them to EMS agencies across the state. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski said the EpiPen Bill had passed into Law on April 21st. The Bureau has been tasked with developing or approving training for lay people. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski announced that Bill 4525 was amended to require one quarter of one percent of premium taxes will go to aid EMS Regional Councils for EMT and Paramedic Training. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski said the Triage Tags have not been delivered yet. He added that the Trauma Division will coordinate receiving the tags, setting training dates, and distributing the tags.</p>
<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <p>Stroke Advisory Council</p> <p>Trauma Advisory Council</p> <p>EMS for Children EMS Week/EMSC Day</p> <p>Pediatric Hospital Recognition</p> <p>Pediatric Disaster Preparedness</p>	<p>Dr. Clanton reported the EMS Stroke Advisory Council held its inaugural meeting on April 27th. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore stated that Palmetto Health had an ACS visit to renew their Level I status and to become a Level II Children's Trauma Center. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore reminded the Committee that EMS Week is May 15-21. There will be a parade ending at the State House on Tuesday and Wednesday is National EMS for Children Day.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore said that the EMSC Committee is working on a Pediatric Hospital Recognition System for hospitals in the state. Mrs. Moore added that she had joined a national collaborative that is focused on creating criteria for this system.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore announced the newly-formed SC Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition is</p>

<p>Data Oversight Committee</p>	<p>meeting on May 9th. She added that she and Mr. Wisniewski had been working towards this for several years due to the lack of plans in place for the pediatric population. Anyone is welcome to attend. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Hartberger stated the Committee would meet and review the final draft of the Data Manual before submission to the Advisory Council. He added the Data Committee had gone through the security rights in CIS for all the different positions. Dr. DesChamps stressed what a wonderful job the Data Committee had done rewriting the Data Manual. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>EMS Training Committee National Registry Changes (NR)</p>	<p>Ms. McCabe reported the Training Committee has been discussing the National Registry's changes in their National Core Competency Program. These changes go into effect on August 1st; any Paramedic classes that start after that date will be required to keep a portfolio on each student. She continued saying, on January 1, 2017 the NR will start scenario-based testing. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>National Registry Visit</p>	<p>Ms. McCabe announced the Bureau is trying to schedule a NR visit to South Carolina in conjunction with an advanced exam so that Bureau personnel and others from each region can be trained as NR reps.</p>
<p>Narcan Concerns</p>	<p>Ms. McCabe reminded the Committee that because of the new Narcan Law, agencies need to change their Protocols and allow EMTs to administer Narcan. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>Instructor Methodology Courses</p>	<p>Ms. McCabe said the Training Committee was reviewing the Instructor Methodology course and trying to define the curriculum. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>Ventilator Training Protocol</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps inquired about the Ventilator Training Protocol Module. Ms. McCabe responded while there had been no presentation yet, but the slides of the power point presentation and a copy of the protocol</p>

<p>Sepsis Protocols</p>	<p>had been submitted Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski stated the Bureau had received many Sepsis protocols, however, some do not have the paramedic drawing the cultures in the field. He said that drawing cultures in the field must be included in the protocol. Discussion followed.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Etomidate</p> <p>Toradol Presentation</p> <p>Oconee Special Ops Team: Crycothyrotomy Devices</p>	<p>Dr. Lutz asked the MCC to consider adding Etomidate in pre-hospital drug assisted intubation. Discussion followed. Dr. Sorrell made a motion to allow Greenville County to pilot the use of Etomidate for Drug Assisted Intubation without the use of succinylcholine and codeine. Dr. Gerard seconded and the motion passes with 1 opposed.</p> <p>Mr. Reeves asked the MCC to consider allowing Toradol for pain relief as an alternative to narcotics. He showed his research in a power point presentation. Discussion followed. Dr. Lutz made a motion that the MCC allow Toradol, given IV or IM in doses determined by local medical control. It can be approved online or offline for 12 years and above. Dr. Sorrell seconded. Mr. Wronski added the Bureau may add mandatory training. The motion passes.</p> <p>Dr. Mathew, from Medical Control Physician for Oconee Medical Center EMS, presented a request for consideration of alternative emergent surgical airway technique training for tactical medics. Discussion followed. Dr. Clanton made a motion to approve open rapid technique for surgical airwaves for GHSEMS for Oconee Memorial Hospital Medics only when serving in tactical/SWAT operations. Need appropriate training 3 times a year, report back with data, and any use would be reported 100% to the State. Dr. Lutz seconded and the motion passes. It will move on to the EMS Advisory Council for their approval.</p>

<p>Pilot Project Spreadsheet</p> <p>EpiPen Cost</p>	<p>Dr. Norcross requested a once-a-year spreadsheet listing pilot projects as well as end of year reports Discussion followed.</p> <p>Dr. Clanton brought the issue of the current prohibitive price of EpiPens before the Committee. Additionally, he asked if there was an alternative way to administer the epinephrine. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski stated that allowing an EMT Basic to administer an injection is not in the National Scope of Practice, as per the NR, and that SC is an NR state. He continued, requesting the Committee decide the dosage and how to carry and pre-fill a syringe and the State will submit the Scope of Practice question to the Office of General Council for an opinion.</p> <p>Dr. Clanton made the motion to *Allow EMT Basics to administer an injection of epinephrine. *These EMT Basics are required to complete a training course with their service. *The training module will be provided by the service's Medical Control Physician. *The service will provide a kit labeled "Anaphylaxis" containing: 2 .5cc syringes, a vial of epinephrine, 2 needles and alcohol swabs/wipes. Dr. Lutz seconded and the motion passes.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS Tele-visits for EMS</p> <p>Insurance for Medical Control Physicians</p>	<p>Dr. Lutz asked the Committee for guidance in the issue concerning a private vendor, made up of 4 ER physicians, who have developed a system for "tele-visits". Individuals may contact them online, pay, and receive medical advice. Dr. Lutz continued, saying this group offered Greenville County EMS 4 weeks of service/150 visits giving GCEMS access to face-to-face consultations with a physician who would be able to call in prescriptions and give medical advice. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Dr. Lutz stated he would ask the group to come to the November MCC meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Sorrell initiated a discussion about kinds of insurance for Medical Control Physicians.</p>

<p>Topics for August MCC Meeting Norepinephrine</p> <p>Duty to Act</p>	<p>Discussion followed. Dr. DesChamps suggested researching what other states are doing.</p> <p>Dr. Clanton requested consideration that norepinephrine be added to the formulary.</p> <p>Mr. Wronski asked to discuss the Duty to Act. He stated that different agencies have different policies and he would like to get a consensus from the MCC.</p> <p><i>Dr. Clanton made a motion that the State put together representatives from MCC, private and public services, and the EMS Association to discuss this issue and bring recommendations to this Committee. The motion was seconded (I could not hear who) and the motion passed.</i></p>
<p><i>ADJOURNMENT</i></p>	