

South Carolina EMS Advisory Council
February 25, 2016
EMS Symposium, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach
10:00 am

<i>MEMBERS PRESENT</i>	<i>MEMBERS ABSENT</i>	<i>DHEC STAFF</i>
Ed DesChamps, MD	Ryan Barnett	Rob Wronski
Kelley Carlton	Charles Dixon	Arnold Alier, EdD
Jeff Carroll	Ron Fuerst, MD	Mary Neely
Garret Clanton, MD	William Howiler, MD	Ryan Nix
Phil Clarke	Julie Jones	
David French, MD	John Lawson	
Debbie Hession	Hope Rivers, PhD.	
Brett McGary, MD	Doug Warren	
Richard Mann		
Mark Self		
Scott Stoller		
Ryon Watkins		
Crystal Youmans		
Proxy: Jimmy Walker for Chris Cothran		
<i>MEMBERS:</i> unable to connect by phone: Chris Bowers, Matt Morris		
<i>VISITORS:</i> Jennifer Thackston, William Shivar, Jeffrey Hartberger, Daniel White, Dean Hatchell, Greig Samuelson, William Barnes, John Dobson, Marty Eells, Matt Tumbleson, Marty Lutz, MD, Kate Smith, Brian Hood		

<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION/ACTION</i>
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 MINUTES	<i>Mr. Mann made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Clanton seconded and the motion passed.</i>
DHEC Staff Reports	
<p>Trauma</p> <p>Regional Trauma Advisory Councils (RTAC)</p> <p>Regulation 61-116</p>	<p>Mr. Wisniewski reported the RTACs were very busy and needed more representation from EMS, firefighters, law enforcement and non-designated facilities. He encouraged everyone present to participate in their local RTAC.</p> <p>Mr. Wisniewski said that the Trauma Regulation, 61-116, is in the General Assembly and is expected to time out by May 11th. He anticipates no problems at this point.</p>

Triage Tags	Mr. Wisniewski stated that a section of Regulation of 61-116 requires all EMS providers to use the same Triage Tags. These tags will be provided by the Trauma Division, which is working with the Office of Public Health Preparedness. The tags were purchased with grant money. North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia already use these tags.
Trauma Grant Distribution	Mr. Wisniewski clarified that there will be no changes to the distribution of the Trauma funds to the Counties. He stated that there was discussion at the January TAC meeting regarding how the hospital funds were to be distributed, but that no changes were being made to the Counties' funds.
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Regulation 61-7	Dr. Alier reported that Regulation 61-7 is before the General Assembly, is expected to time out on May 20 th .
RACE Stroke Tool	Dr. Alier stated he developed the RACE Stoke Tool for pre-hospital use. There are copies available at the DHEC booth in the Vendor's Hall.
Coordinator Position	Dr. Alier announced the Trauma Division would be adding a Stroke/Stemi/Sepsis Coordinator position. This position is included in the new budget.
Community Paramedic Update	Dr. Alier said there are twelve Community Paramedic Programs in the State. He added there will be a meeting during the Symposium to finalize the data set.
Narcan Training	Dr. Alier reported the SC Overdose Prevention Act passed in May 2015 and went into effect earlier this year. This Act allows all First Responders-Fire Fighters and Police-to administer Narcan (nalozone) without having full EMS training. Pilot programs were started with police departments in areas where the opioid and heroin overdoses were a problem.

<p>New Lowcountry Inspector</p> <p>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Assessment</p> <p>Margy's Law</p> <p>EMS for Children</p> <p>Pediatric Disaster Preparedness</p> <p>Handtevy Bags</p>	<p>DHEC was asked to assist with the training. <i>Dr. Alier demonstrated the Narcan self-injector.</i> Discussion followed.</p> <p>Dr. Alier reminded the Committee there is already a law that allows BLS services to administer Narcan by injection or nasally, if the Medical Control Physician approves. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Dr. Alier introduced Willie Brown, the Bureau's new Lowcountry Inspector.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps announced a state-wide EMS assessment by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will take place during the first week of November. This assessment is much like the American College of Surgeons Survey done for the Trauma System in SC. The last assessment was done in 1996.</p> <p>Dr. Alier stated the Legislature recently passed House Bill 4773, which made a change to the Do Not Resuscitate Law (DNR). It is called Margy's Law and it allows for DHEC to design a DNR bracelet that an individual may wear, instead of carrying a paper DNR. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore reported that EMSC held a FEMA Pediatric Disaster Preparedness course earlier in the week. The course helped identify some issues SC has regarding pediatric disaster preparation. She added the division is planning to start a Pediatric Disaster Preparedness coalition to create guidelines for the state.</p> <p>Mrs. Moore stated EMSC was able to fully stock 3 EMS agencies with the pediatric Hantevy Bags.</p>
<p>Committee Reports Training Committee</p>	<p>Ms. Hession said the Committee will discuss ventilator management at the April meeting.</p>

<p>Medical Control Committee</p> <p>Toradol</p> <p>Pilot Project: Conscious Sedation</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps reported the Medical Control Committee had met just prior to this meeting. During that meeting, Mr. Reeves from Dorchester County EMS requested that Toradol, a non-narcotic pain reliever, be added to the formulary as an alternative to narcotic drugs. The request was tabled. More research will be done and Mr. Reeves will make a presentation at the May meeting.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps brought forward a proposal from the MCC for a drug facilitated Intubation option using Ketamine. It was presented to the MCC by Dr. Randy Reinhardt, Medical Control Physician for Laurens County EMS.</p> <p>*The dose recommended is 2mg per kg IV or 4mg LK IM.</p> <p>*Information for this pilot will be sent through CIS and services who wish to participate may apply. This opportunity will close 90 days after posting.</p> <p>*The MCC will review the data in 6 months.</p> <p>*An agency's Medical Control Physician must QA 100% for the first 6 months.</p> <p>*Agencies do not have to have an RSI program or service to use this drug assisted program.</p> <p>*Guideline will be put together as to where this protocol fits within the RSI protocol.</p> <p><i>Dr. DesChamps asked the Advisory Council to consider a pilot project to allow a non-RSI, drug facilitated intubation using Ketamine only and to allow services who wish to participate to apply to the State within the next 90 (or so) days.</i></p> <p>Discussion followed.</p> <p><i>Dr. French made the motion to approve the pilot program. Mr. Mann seconded and the motion passed.</i></p>
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<p>Data Oversight Committee</p> <p>EMSPIC</p> <p>Data Manual</p>	<p>Mr. Hartberger reported the Committee had a meeting in November and several working groups since then.</p> <p>Mr. Hartberger stated that NEMSIS v3 is in beta testing and the EMSPIC is continuing the process of coding their system to accept the NEMSIS v3 using PreMis.</p> <p>Mr. Hartberger said the working groups had continued to work on the Data Manual. Additionally, the Committee will work on the manual in the meeting following the Advisory Council meeting.</p>
<p>Regional Reports</p> <p>Midlands</p> <p>Pee Dee</p>	<p>Mr. Walker reported that there were ongoing Paramedic and EMT classes and an EMT class is scheduled to start in March. Additionally in March, an Instructor Methodology Class will start and that Ms. McCabe and Mr. Nix from the Bureau are planning to give the IST and EMT updates.</p> <p>Mr. Self stated that there were ongoing EMT classes as well as a Paramedic class. In March, Pee Dee is planning to offer a hybrid EMT.</p>
<p>Old Business</p> <p>Council Membership</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps asked for an update for the expiring Council positions. Ms. Neely stated letters asking to continue in present positions had been received from Ms. Jones-SC Emergency Nurses, Mr. Dixon-Private EMS, and Mr. Watkins-Public EMS. As none of the positions were contested, <i>Dr. DesChamps asked for a motion to accept the three representatives for 3 more years. Mr. Mann made the motion and Dr. McGary seconded. The motion passed, with one abstention.</i></p> <p>Dr. McGary stated he has asked for his letter and is waiting to receive it from MUSC. Ms. Neely added there are 4 members who have not notified the Council if they wish to</p>

	continue in their positions and 4 other vacant spots.
New Business	
National Competency Model	Mr. Nix explained the changes made by the National Registry. The new National Competency Model is replacing the IST program. Instead of the refresher course, all hours will be Continuing Education hours. Some hours will be NR's "core" hours and the rest of the hours are local options. This is set to begin April 1 st
CPR in Schools Bill	Mr. Watkins reported that House Bill H3265, the CPR in Schools Bill has passed to the full Senate and is likely to pass. This Bill requires passing a CPR training class in order to graduate from High School in South Carolina.
Center for Medicare/Medicaid and NASEMSO	Dr. DesChamps reported that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has opened a dialog with NASEMSO regarding broadening waived tests. CMS needs to know what EMS is doing in the field at present or what EMS foresees doing in the future. CMS would like each state to submit this information to NASEMSO so that these items can be waived.
Adjournment	