

Eastern Shore Emergency Medical Service Council
A sub-area council of the Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting held at Eastern Shore 911 Center
April 21, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Representatives	Guests
Christina Justice, Station 2	John Hilton (Station 8)
Kevin Holloway, Station 3	Steve Wilson (Station 15)
Tonya Beasley, Station 5	Terri Bochman (Station 19)
James Bagwell, Station 6	Steve Niblett (Station 20)
Willie Kirkpatrick, Station 7 (alt)	
Shannon Lewis, Station 8	
Troy Justis, Station 10	OEMS
Sharone Johnson, Station 18	Amanda Davis
Cathy Ulrich, Station 19	Wayne Berry
Woody Gaskins, ACDPS	
Maryann Fitchett, NCEMS	TEMS
Bonnie Enoch, SMH	Hollye Carpenter
Jennifer Barnes, SMH At-Large	David Coulling
Jeff Flournoy, At Large – Public (ESVA 911)	

Minutes prepared by Hollye Carpenter

The meeting was called to order @ 1900 hours by President, J. Barnes.

The minutes of February 17th, 2009 were distributed. A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by J. Bagwell to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

H. Carpenter provided the treasurer's report. A motion was made by T. Justis, seconded by C. Justice to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. President Barnes requested an itemized report for the next meeting.

Amanda Davis, RSAF Coordinator for the Office of EMS and Wayne Berry, Program Representative for the Office of EMS were introduced.

ALS Training

- H. Carpenter reported the Intermediate class is continuing with an adequate number.
 - ❖ There is a need for more local instructors. Discussion revolved around this topic with the following conclusions: one instructor did not wish to commit to 36 hours per semester; application perceived as too complicated; process found cumbersome by those who submitted applications.
 - ❖ There are four local instructors ready to teach, however no one has been contacted.
 - ❖ S. Niblett reported the following:
 - Enhanced providers had to teach skills to EMTs because there were not enough instructors at the practical sessions;
 - Students only got one opportunity to go completely through practicals prior to testing;
 - One student had computer issues, hindering him from completing online tests, which "unfairly" eliminated him from class;
 - Varying/conflicting information has been given to students;

- Concern for agencies bearing the burden of costs for these issues.
- ❖ All agreed a letter needs to be written requesting a meeting or phone conference with Lorna to discuss these issues. D. Coulling requested J. Chandler be sent a copy of such letter.
- ❖ J. Barnes will provide clinical orientation Sunday morning.
- ❖ SMH is requiring drug testing, for which the EMS Council will pay \$14 per student.

BLS TRAINING

- K. Holloway reported no basic classes are currently in progress.
- The process for EMT practical testing will change September 1, 2009. It will go to a National Registry style testing to include Trauma Assessment, Medical Assessment and a Random Skill Station of 7 possible scenarios. Team testing will be no more.
- Chincoteague will offer an EMT-Basic in the Fall.
- There are new EMT Instructors in the works: Vicky Bagwell (complete), Ray Miles (needs to attend the Instructor Institute), TJ Castaglia (complete) and Troy Justis (going to practicals soon).
- The BLS Continuing Education program has not been as well attended at the ALS program. The current program, which started in January 2008, includes a 4 hour session each month, a 7 hour Saturday session each quarter and rotating locations. 4 out of the last 5 sessions only had one provider seeking CE. The lack of attendance was attributed to Train VA and successful "Power Hour" programs offered at Melfa & Parksley. T. Justis stated the last class offered at Melfa netted 15 – 25 providers, mostly BLS.
- K. Holloway offered 4 options for the BLS CE program:
 1. Continue current program
 2. Discontinue program all together
 3. Offer the 3 topic areas missing from Train VA quarterly (skills – 8 hours)
 4. Offer 8 hour classes quarterly, with rotating locations
 5. Offer 2 "Power Hour" programs with confirmed advance registration, requiring a minimum number of students and consideration of charging a refundable deposit fee. This option would support bringing in outside instructors.
- J. Barnes requested a survey by sent out to BLS provider to determine appropriate direction, to include a question regarding an appropriate day of the week.
- J. Barnes reported she discussed drug testing of EMT-Basics by the EMS Council with M. Berg (OEMS, Regulation & Compliance). He stated this was a slippery slope and should be an agency specific issue.

HOSPITAL ISSUES

- B. Enoch reported:
 - ❖ there were 10 incomplete IV box forms since the last meeting; a great improvement.
 - ❖ During the day IV boxes should be taken to Central Supply, not left in the dirty utility room.
 - ❖ Patients behind closed curtains need privacy.
 - ❖ Please get patient information to registration as soon as possible.
 - ❖ IVs for patients who may need a CT → above wrist, 18 preferred, large vessel.
 - ❖ Things are moving forward regarding the partnership with Riverside. All should be complete by September 2009.
- K. Holloway reported:

- ❖ PRMC is looking to stock CPAP Circuits, EZIO Needles. There will be a new supply system in the future, as a \$200,000 loss was reported in EMS. This will possibly involve PRMC billing the agency and the agency recovering the costs.
- J. Barnes reminded everyone of the PRMC Stroke Conference → May 30th, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

12 Lead

- The Chairman of this committee has resigned. J. Barnes stated she would work on the 12 lead and would have some additional info next meeting.
 - ❖ SMH needs to consider appropriate protocol with regards to transport to cardiac cath lab via ground or air.
 - ❖ PRMC is currently receiving 12 leads from Maryland units and frequently requests them from Virginia units.
 - ❖ D. Coulling stated Chesapeake and Virginia Beach are transmitting on a limited basis. The TEMS MOC has a sub-committee formed reviewing 12 lead protocol.
 - ❖ T. Justis suggested we seek a RSAF grant to purchase LifePak 15s for all ES ambulances.

BLS

- Needs new Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

- K. Holloway reported CPap, King Airways and EZIO have been well received and are being utilized in the field. He stated, after using a King Airway, he may never use an Intubation Tube again.

NEW BUSINESS

- In a previous QA/QI event, a question was raised regarding the need for ALS to transport a patient picked up from a medical center, who had received a nebulizer treatment. Dr. Hatch stated this would be case specific, however just because the patient had something at the center does not mean ALS is absolutely required.
- J. Porter requested we provide dates for an Instructor Update meeting. W. Berry suggested we wait till June, as the new materials for EMT testing would be out by then. The following dates were selected:
 - ❖ June 16th, 2009
 - ❖ June 9th, 2009
 - ❖ July 2nd, 2009
- W. Berry reminded everyone Accomack agency inspections would be done in October.
- A new rules & regulations presentation will be offered by M. Berg, June 11th, 2009, 1600 hours at the TEMS Office, and also at the Suffolk Mini-Symposium this coming weekend. H. Carpenter will check the availability of M. Berg to bring this presentation to the Shore in May.
- W. Berry also reminded each agency they were responsible for quarterly data submission to OEMS, even if they are relying on Diversified Ambulance Billing for such.
- A grant for Panasonic Toughbook Computers is available through OEMS. The locality must submit this grant, thus individual agencies are not eligible. Awards will be made July 1st, 2009. J. Bagwell motioned, S. Lewis seconded, to support each locality in submitting for these computers to outfit all ES ambulances. Motion carried.

- K. Holloway reminded everyone of EMS week in May. H. Carpenter was requested to petition both Boards of Supervisors with resolutions recognizing EMS week.

RSAF GRANT GRADING

- ES-C01 ~ ESVA 911 ~ (1) Med Channel Radio - Northampton
(2) Med Channel Radio - Accomack
(3) VHF Radio & Antenna System
- ES-C02 ~ Onancock VFD ~ (1) Motorola MotoTRBO XPR6300 Digi Portable Radio (10)
(2) Motorola Qa00506 Microphones (10)
(3) Motorola Minitor V Pagers (15)
(4) Laerdal Portable Suction Unit (2)
- ES-C03 ~ Cape Charles VFC (1) Hurst Electric Simo Pump
(2) Hurst Spreader

The meeting was adjourned @ 2045.

The next Eastern Shore EMS Council Meeting will be held June 23 rd , 2009 @ The Eastern Shore 911 Communications Center
