

**PREHOSPITAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

09 January 2014

1000 hours

EHSF Conference Room

**Attendance**

**Present:** Bryan Smith Chair

Duane Nieves Cumberland County EMS Council

Doug Bitner Franklin County EMS Council

Kevin Dalpiaz Perry County EMS Council

Ralph Backenstoes Lebanon County EMS Council

Shannon Fouts York County EMS Council

Scott Buchle Life Lion Emergency Medical Services

Suzette Kreider Northwest EMS

Christopher Yohn Lower Allen Township EMS

Barbara Parks Ephrata Hospital ALS

Robert Patterson Lancaster EMS Association

Amy Reynolds Adams County EMS Council

Nathan Hartg Cumberland Goodwill EMS

Dennis Shelly Wellspan Hospital

Chuck Stevens Wellspan Hospital

**Staff:** Ernest S. Powell Director of System Operations

Megan A. Hollinger Project Manager

Michael J. Guerra Resource Coordinator

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Smith called the Prehospital Operations Committee meeting to order at 1003 hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Workgroup Reports**

*Recruitment and Retention*

Mr. Backenstoes reported EMS Week activities are moving forward. Mr. Backenstoes confirmed EMS Week will be May 18-24 2014.

Electronic PCRs – Regional Evaluation Update

Ms. Hollinger indicated the committee will be moving forward in creating a Request for Proposal.

Annual Advance Level Provider Competencies

Mr. Smith established a workgroup to create a standardized annual advance level competency course for all ALS providers to complete. The following will be a part of the workgroup:

Chuck Stevens, Robert Paterson, Shannon Fouts, and Celia Fraticelli

Community Health Care

Ms. Hollinger advised of several activities taking place including Community Health and Wellness Night at the Harrisburg Senators baseball game on Friday, April 11, 2014. This night will include several health partners presenting preventative health and wellness programs to educate and provide appropriate resources to the community on resources that are available to them.  Additionally, ticket sales for this event will support EHSF’s EMS Provider Recognition Night at the Harrisburg Senators during EMS Week.  Tickets can be purchased at a discounted price for this initiative.  EMS agencies interested in supporting this event by sponsoring a vendor booth to provide community education/outreach should contact Megan at [meganh@ehsf.org](mailto:meganh@ehsf.org).  Additional information will be provided to EMS agencies regarding advanced ticket/voucher sales for this event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Aspirin for BLS Pilot

Mr. Powell commented there is no need to move forward with a pilot, as this will be included in the next revision of the BLS scope of practice. A brief discussion on the draft scope of practice ensued. The Prehospital Operations Committee recommended the Advisory Council send a letter discouraging the Bureau of EMS to remove any skills that are currently practiced at the BLS level.

Rules and Regulations

Mr. Powell announced there are several sessions scheduled throughout the eight counties. Each session is being tailored to the respective audience. This information has been placed on the continuing education calendar on the EHSF website.

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**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Hospital Volumes

Mr. Smith inquired if there has been a noted issue with divert status or patient transfer in the Emergency Department. Over all there is not a noted concern. Many offered from time to time an issue is noted; however, divert has not been an issue.

York County ALS

Mr. Powell advised York County ALS has changed. The ALS Agencies present offered changes have been made by neighboring agencies, and there appears to be no gap.

Mr. Powell also offered Adams County was in the midst of considering changes.

Educational Institutes

Mr. Powell offered the office has experienced in increase number of calls regarding Educational Institutes. Mr. Powell encouraged the members to contact the Institute directly, as EHSF is not able to answer questions on their behalf. EHSF can simply advise if they are accredited.

An inquiry was made regarding the amount of nitro that can be given to a patient with chest pain on a single transport. After significant discussion, it was recommended the question be forwarded to the Medical Advisory Committee.

An anomaly was noted in the Cardiac Arrest and Termination of Resuscitation protocols.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 1115 hours.

The next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 09 January 2014 at 1000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernest S. Powell

Director of System Operations