

MINUTES

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, July 26, 2002

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High St

Davenport

Meeting called by:

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Type of meeting:

Regular Monthly Meeting

Attendees:

Decker Ploehn, Denny Coon, Pam Gealy, Ray Wierson, Scott Roenfeldt, Larry Barker, Dana Sechler, Mark Postma, Linda Frederiksen, Colleen Mulholland, Les Norin, Brian Jacobsen, Orville Randolph, Gerry Voelliger.

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Decker Ploehn at 8:34 AM

Introductions

None given.

Minutes of the 6-28-02 TAC Meeting

Minutes from June 28, 2002, meeting were approved as written.

CDC and HRSA Terrorism Grants

Larry Barker reported on two state grants. One is the CDC Grant, which looks at improving the public health structure. The second grant is the HRSA (Health Resources Services Administration), which looks at how hospital and EMS systems integrate with systems in the area. More information will follow after Larry attends both meetings next month.

Terrorism Response Committee

Gerry Voelliger reported that as of last week the 18 Hazmat Teams in Iowa have started receiving equipment. Both Davenport and Bettendorf have received a Scott Thermal Imager, an RF Radio Frequency Transmitter, and a RAE Detector. The rest of the equipment should be distributed soon. Ross Bergen will attend a meeting this month in Tipton for information on the EMA process. A Justice Department representative will be meeting with all Hazmat teams to assess their capabilities relating to the response for weapons of mass destruction. Davenport's assessment will be Monday, July 29, 2002 with Ed Grothus. Bettendorf's assessment will be Tuesday, July 30, 2002 with Gerry. The assessor will be checking equipment and talking to shift members. The outcome of these assessments will determine what equipment can be purchased in the future.

Denny reported on the Nuclear Disaster Drill that was held last week. The drill included evacuation of an area that involves closing part of I80 by LeClaire. The DOT (Dept. of Transportation), didn't cooperate with the closing. Denny stated that the Incident Management Plan includes the re-routing of traffic and this situation needs to be discussed at the next CARS (Citizen Awareness on Roadway Safety) meeting for possible clarification on the state level.

System Development Committees-Update

Physicians Advisory Board: Decker reported that all is going well.

Implementation of priority dispatch: Denny will bring the PSAP members together for a meeting with Mark Postma, Gerry Voelliger, Scott Roenfeldt, Marke Frese, and Dr. Vermeer.

Inter-governmental agreement: Denny will email to everyone for review and will be signed at the Fire Chiefs meeting in Long Grove on 08/29/02.

Promote EMT-B/FR for High School: Dana reported working with Durant High School for scheduling their first class, and also made contact with the Maquoketa area. There is a possibility of one of them coming to Scott County to teach a class. Within the next couple of months, Dana hopes to approach our area school superintendents with these classes.

HIPAA Privacy Standards

Changes being made to the ambulance portion. Take off the agenda until receiving the official ruling.

Ambulance Directors Meeting

Denny reported that contingency agreements and cost sharing for tiering calls were discussed at the last meeting.

Fire Chiefs Meeting

Scott reported on the meeting held last night in Long Grove. There is a letter being sent out to vendors for pricing of the new radios. Plans will be discussed at the Chiefs meeting next month on August 29, 2002, 7:00 PM, @ Davenport Central Fire Station. After the meeting the new dispatch center will be toured.

Quality Management Report

Linda reported that QM had a meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 7, 2002, 5:00 PM @ Medic EMS lower level conference room. All Transport and Non Transport agencies are to bring a floppy disc to the meeting and try to map out individual quality plans for each agency. Every agency is required to have a quality printout on file by September '02. The Pre Hospital Trauma Alert Care form has been implemented. Denny will try to collect some data and report at the October QM meeting. Need more of the individual feed back forms copied on blue paper. Print the Trauma Alert on a different color.

SCEMSA Report

Brian was on vacation and didn't attend the last meeting. Denny reported discussing dates for the next quality workshop. The Safety Trailer will be out at the Mississippi Fair next week. Sarah Padavich and Amy Thoreson are working on the staff schedule details.

Finalization of the grant was completed. Still waiting on a defibrillator to be shipped. Decker suggested using a system approach to future grant needs and keep communication open between Fire and EMS departments.

Hospital Report

Colleen reported that in June Genesis E Hospital received their re-verification as a Trauma Center. Bix report-East had 9 patients, West had 8, with 5 being transported and approximately 4 were admitted. Trinity had 7 patients; their meeting is later today for more information. FYI, Emergency room physicians have hired nurse practitioners. They started on the W campus 07/01/02, working 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM shifts. E campus will start as soon as nurses are hired.

Denny reported that the new Medical Director for Trinity N is Dr. Bay. He also will be the representative for the Physicians Advisory Board.

EICCD Report

Dana reported basic 4 classes in Scott County, a High School class, 2 intermediate, 2 outside the district, and a total of 4 across the district. Permanent class in Durant with another to start this fall. 1 class in Clinton. All class information has been sent out to each service area. A permanent Specialist Bridge class is being setup to run 3 times a week instead of 2. The overall time frame recommendation for National Paramedic is between 600 to 660 hours. The Paramedic course will be 220 hours, then the Bridge course will be 400 hours. Steve Mercer is with the National Board of Registry for EMT's. He wrote CQI's across the state of Iowa to compare the 21 training centers to the rest of the nations training centers. Iowa rated first in the nation based on the outcome from the practical and written exams. Eastern Iowa Community College rated 3rd highest in Iowa. 3 laptops and 3 LCD projectors have been purchased. This equipment can be checked out through the college at no charge. 2 MPL mannequins are missing. Please turn them into any fire or medic station as soon as possible. No fire training classes will be held until the Fire Marshall's office completes their budget.

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Denny reported that the EMS logo is to be put on all computer generated letterhead. If you have information to go on the web site, contact Dana for training and Denny for events. No information back from Lisa Miller yet on what Bi State is doing with their pages.

Other Items of Interest

Linda reported attending a meeting yesterday with Doug West, who is the St Ambrose University Athletic Trainer. Athletic trainers have come out with new standards for care of spine injured athletics-copies are available through Linda. At Brady St Stadium on 08/08/02, 1:30 PM, the trainers would like to hold an inservice on actual scenarios. Backboards have been provided to all Scott County trainers. One goal is to provide an AED at all football games.

The state EMT Initiative will have their first meeting on 08/27/02 @ the Stark Armory in Johnson. Discussion will be about the technical search and rescue capabilities in Iowa.

The International Fire Buffs Assoc. Conference will be held at the Mark, 08/21-25/02. Approximately 20,000 expected to attend.

Denny, Dana, and Brian attended a meeting for the new GIS System. Many applications will be compatible with this system.

08/30/02 TAC Meeting has been cancelled due to the golf outing.

Next Meeting Date 8-30-02

Next meeting is 09/27/02.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM