

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, March 31st, 2006

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High Street

Davenport

Meeting called by:

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Note Taker:

Linda Devlin

Attendees:

Nick Border, Mary Briones, Margaret Gray, Mark Hunt, Don Gano, Mike Brown, Mike Hayward, Denny Coon, Lenore Alonso, Gerry Voelliger, Brian Jacobsen, Ross Bergen, Andrea Bladel, Linda Frederiksen, Dave Kelly, Orville Randolph, Jamie Temple, Steve Wearth

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Decker Ploehn called the meeting to order at 8:32a.m.

Introductions

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes of the 2/24/06 Meeting

Approved unanimously

Homeland Security/EMS Report

Ross Bergen – Will be going to Train the Trainer for NIMS certification, all next week. The generators for the fire departments have arrived. Mike Hayward – First Watch is very near production. Hope to have it up and live next week. MCI RV's all specs are in, a cost has not been reached yet, Ross will follow up on this. The protocols for the Command Vehicle are on the EMS website to view.

Communications Study Update

Mark Hunt - The Draft will be out in 4 weeks for Administrators and Chief's to review and then for public review around the middle of May or June.

Pandemic Influenza Planning

Denny Coon – Reported the state has received 1.2 million dollars for Pandemic Flu Planning with 80% going out to the counties, Scott County has received \$42,000 for planning and this money must be spent by the end of August 2006. The state has a work plan; the local planning is being worked on by multiple local partners. June 20th, Scott County Health Department will be doing a set-up of a mass dispensing plan that has been in place but not actually been set-up, then August 1st there will be a full scale mass clinic exercise. There are three locations set to be used in a mass dispensation clinic they are, The River Center, Fair Grounds and John Deere in Mt. Joy. Sara Strell spoke on Location and staffing issues. A shortage of Nurses seems to be a problem. Nick Border spoke on a plan he is working on, it is a “Call Back Program” for all the student nurses and this drill would be a good way to exercise this program also. This could also include paramedic students. Nick will send a copy of his plan to Denny to review. Denny will check on the Scope of Practice to see who would be able to give injections in a mass clinic.

Hospital/Public Health Planning Report

Nick Border (Trinity) – TNCC will be held June 6th & 7th; ENPC will be held July 18th & 19th. The Midwest Spring Conference was a success. A drill is planed for June 1st, pre-hospital and hospital wide, all three command centers will be opened at one time with the new video conferencing system. Mass Decontamination will be set-up also. New equipment are on the rigs, CPaps with go all the way to BOS. Increase funding on Illinois side will allow the purchase of portable Surge Hospital, heated and cooled. During a pandemic situation triage can be done outside the hospital. Dave Kelly (Genesis) – JCHO has changed the regulations for Emergency Preparedness, drills, ect. will be more involved. Bioterrorism has given the materials to train all leaders for NIMS and HEICS. Nick spoke on the restructuring of the regions and the loss of funding. Andrea Bladel (Genesis) – Wednesday April 5th there is a Trauma Conference from 12:00 – 1:00pm, at the Adler Center, on Traumatic Brain injury new strategies for the 21st century, given by Dr. Burzynski from the University of Iowa. Fast Track location on the West Campus is scheduled to open the first week of April. Genesis is in 100% compliance for re-verification of state guidelines for having coverage for specialty physician groups and is a regional Trauma care facility in the Quad City Area. Nick announces that Walter Bradley is over EMS; Dr. Paul Bolger will be the permanent ER director.

SCEMSA Report

Brian Jacobsen – Met on the 16th of March with Quality Management, the EMS Association and the physician’s advisory board, Evelyn Wolf came in and gave an overview on the county inspections and listed any improvements. An overview of Medical Director expectations should be of individual organizations. Questions on an EMS picnic needing to be planned. A training grant request needs to be in to Denny by the April 30th. Next meeting is April 20th.

Quality Management/PAB Report

Jamie Temple – Attended same meeting with EMS, QM and Physician’s Advisory Board, with the presentation from Evelyn Wolf. Denny Coon mentioned Evelyn also did a presentation of the System Registry. This registry keeps track of employee’s information and certifications. Dr. Vermeer showed interest in getting linked to the registry for his services on view only basis. Denny and staff also worked with Dr. Vermeer on putting together a Continuous Quality Improvement Policy Manual to all the first response agencies, listing Dr. Vermeer’s expectations and providing copies of documents. A copy of Evelyn’s check list is also in the manual.

Scott County Fire Chief’s Report

Gerry Voelliger – Attended a meeting At Eastern Iowa Community College Tech. Center Steve Wearth gave an update on an upcoming training system. Talked about MABAS filling out response cards we are MABAS 301 in Iowa and a number of volunteer departments will be joining in also. \$70,000 received from Riverboat for equipment that information was given to the departments on what they were going to get from that grant and the EMS Grant was submitted today.

EICCD Report

May Briones – Luke Littrell has resigned and the position is open until April 28th and the position is posted on the Scott County website. On May 4th a conference will be held at the Isle of Capri on Children Exposed to Violence. The brochures and information is posted on the EMS calendar. Linda Frederiksen – An EMS refresher has been sponsored at Medic since 1994. The last weekend just finished up and there were 204 total registered. At the Adler. Steve Wearth – Fire School in May is ready to go. Steve talked to the Fire Chief’s about on-line training. Students would be able to sign on after registering, on their home computer and see screens with an instructor, slides and text box. You would be able to see not only power point presentations but also the white board illustrations done by the instructor. A different sight will be for quizzes. Linda Frederiksen asked about having this available on the Scott County EMS website.

Law Enforcement Report

Nick Border mentioned needing security during a pandemic or disaster situation, he will need 4 officers, paying them double time to work security at the hospitals. Rock Island Law Enforcement does not see the hospital as a community priority in a case of a disaster or pandemic. Don Gano mentioned that there are still questions on the consolidated dispatch and where they will go.

Other Items of Interest

Mark Hunt – The DOJ Interoperability Grant will be going out today for funding. It should be signed. Mark talked about the Rock Island County Resource directory. Sara Strell announced the Triva Night sponsored by the Health Department that will be held in celebration of Public Health Awareness month. It will be held at the Eagles Lodge on West Locust in Davenport, Friday April 28th at 7:00pm.

Next Meeting Date 4/28/06

Adjourn 8:35