

# Minutes

# EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, October 5, 2007

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High Street

Davenport

**Meeting called by:**

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

**Type of meeting:**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Note taker:**

Denny Coon/Amy Cannady

**Attendees:**

## Agenda topics

Call to Order

Introductions

Minutes of the September 7 Meeting

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Communications Study Report

Public Health Planning Report

Hospital Planning Report

SCEMSA/QM/PAB Report

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CISM Golf Outing 10-3-07

Other Items of Interest

Next Meeting Oct. 26 or Nov. 2?

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### Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

### Minutes of the September 7 Meeting

Discussion: Decker Ploehn

The minutes of the September 7 meeting were approved unanimously.

### Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Paul Andorf

Paul Andorf—Paul explained that the primary purpose of the MCI RV is to be the first responding vehicle to a mass casualty situation. The vehicle will be completed on schedule and will be operational in early to mid December. Only medical operations will be done out of the RV, and it's designed to work with the decon trailer from the Rock Island Arsenal. The Arsenal's vehicle has the capacity to treat 300 victims, while the MCI RV has capacity for about 50 victims. The current plan is to house this vehicle at MEDIC. The MCI RV costs \$150,000, but 99% of it was funded through the state, Homeland Security, Federal Homeland Security funds, and the rest through EMA.

### Communications Study Report

Discussion: Ray Wierson

Ray Wierson—The Consolidated Dispatch Study and Radio Study were completed in past few months. The 28E Agreement (5 member governance board to receive this budget annually) draft is about done. An open meeting for the presentation of the 28E Agreement will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Scott County Board Room. The agenda is to discuss and set up another meeting to approve the 2080 Agreement. It was suggested that the approval process of the entity should be done jointly in a community meeting and include the media. Ray suggested holding the meeting on December 12 at 7:00pm at the Genesis Adler Heart Center. A \$2.6M grant from the federal government for the equipment software for the new center, not including radios. Down the road Scott County will also have an opportunity for Homeland Security funds and Federal funds for ratings due to interoperability. There is a match of \$800,000 for this grant and the County will not have to go out to bond for this.

### Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon

Denny Coon—Denny stated that the Health Department is still waiting on a grant from the CDC for Public Health Preparedness. Denny explained that he is hoping that funding mechanisms are population-based and not equally distributed between all counties, which would mean Scott County should see an increase in funding this grant year. Denny stated that there will be a heavy influence on planning exercises, including HSEEP, which stands for Homeland Security Exercise and Education Planning. It is the NIMS compliance or incident command structure of exercise planning, and the first roll out of it was at the September Region 6 meeting. In addition, Denny stated that Bi-State and other local partners are beginning the process of developing an evacuation plan for Scott County. Part of this plan will deal with special populations. A group will be looking at the whole Scott County Emergency Transportation Plan that was developed a number of years ago by Ross Bergen. It was just created for the Iowa side, but with the I-74 project moving along, Illinois will be included in the plan as well. The goal is to have this plan available to all law enforcement agencies for other future interoperability issues.

## Hospital Planning Report

### Discussion: Tricia Steines & Travis Noyd

Tricia Steines—Tricia spoke on behalf of Genesis on the Iowa side, and explained that they do have a grant that will be officially rolled out to hospitals at the Region 6 meeting on October 11. The state has explained that the deliverables will be less, but hold more weight and more money for reimbursement. Tricia said that it sounds like all exercises will be full-scale or functional, and that tabletops will not longer count. The 13 county region is looking at doing one large exercise together. There is no grant in Illinois yet, but both the Iowa and Illinois side will work together to achieve their goals in completing their deliverables once received. The Joint Commission for emergency preparedness has rolled out 25 new and/or updated standards for emergency preparedness that have to be accomplished by January 2008. Tricia had a meeting yesterday with Genesis, and a plan to have done what's not currently done has been formulated moving forward.

Travis Noyd—The Illinois side is in the process of rewriting their EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) and doing their NIMS training.

Andrea Bladel—Andrea announced that the November trauma conference at Genesis will be about snow ski injuries.

SCEMSA/QM/PAB Report

Discussion: Paul Andorf/Brian Jacobsen

Paul Andorf—The last meeting was held on September 20 at the Adler Heart Center. The group talked about new protocol roll out for this year, a system development plan for Iowa was discussed, and the group’s comments were submitted to the state. Michelle Kelsey from the Iowa Donor Network gave a talk to the group explaining how the Donor Network works, how it affects first responders, and how first responders can identify possible donor patients.

Brian Jacobsen—Brian explained that the state’s goal is to create EMS as a funded third leg of public safety in Iowa by setting up a standard in 99 counties on how EMS should be run in Iowa. He wasn’t aware that under Iowa Code you have to provide law enforcement and fire at the county level, but EMS may be provided but isn’t required. The state will now be looking for funding to support this goal. Next Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Advisory Committee will meet to determine approval of the plan. This is to be a long-term plan, possibly a 5-10 year implementation plan, to complete an entire rebuild of the EMS system for the state.

Two weeks ago the group was tasked with trying to take a look at if Iowa law would cover patient refusals for treatment. They discussed at what point the patient has the legal, mental, medical capacity to refuse EMS care. Brian has contacted some national EMS attorneys and has gotten some feedback, but explained that the group would have to sit down with the County Attorney to determine how refusals would be handled under Iowa law and create an approved Scott County policy and procedures. when they are out in the field.

Brian Jacobsen—Brian thought the other state model policies, possibly from California or Minnesota, should be looked at for guidance.

Decker Ploehn—Decker stated that a good place to further this discussion would be at the next PAB meeting or EMSA meeting to make sure several doctors are in the room with the city and county Attorneys in order for them to understand where the committee should go in regards to additional legislation.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Decker suggested that Brian try to convene a meeting between law enforcement chiefs, city and county attorneys, and members from the Physician Advisory Board (emergency room physicians) in the near future. It may be too late for this legislative session, but should plan for the next one. It might be a good idea to include Dr. Hartsuch since he is a legislator and emergency room physician.	Brian Jacobsen	

### Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt

Scott Roenfeldt—The last meeting was held on September 27 in Durrant. The group talked about the Riverboat Grant that was applied for in the amount of \$60,000-70,000 to the Scott County Regional Authority. Next, Scott asked that when any agency is called out to any other agency in the county, they should try to get on that first responder's radio frequency. This will help towards the move to consolidated dispatch, and with communicating any changes to the Incident Commander. Next month's meeting will be held on November 15 in Eldridge. It will be a combined EMS and Fire Chief's meeting.

### Education Report

Discussion: Jamie Temple/Steve Wearth

Jamie explained that on October 9, an EMS evaluator class will be held to train evaluators for national practical exams for colleges at the Kimberly Center in Davenport from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Paramedic classes are currently in session, and 65 basic students were released to the hospitals and field agencies. These students will be out in force and wearing tan polos. The National Paramedic refresher course is coming up in January 25-27, and then in February 29-March 2 at the Adler Center. These dates will be posted on the website as well.

Steve announced that the Incident Command class ICS 400 will be on October 8 and October 9 at Davenport Public Works. It will be the last of the series of the certification program.

### Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Phil Redington/Dennis Conard

No report for Bettendorf or Davenport

### CISM Golf Outing 10-3-07

Discussion: Jamie Temple

The CISM Golf Outing was held on October 3. Seventy-six players signed up, and 19 teams were formed. Everyone seemed to have had a good time, and all local agencies were well represented. The golf outing raised around \$1500 for the CISM Team.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion: Jeremiah Cowgill/Gerry Voelliger/Linda Frederiksen/Ray Wierson

Jeremiah Cowgill—Jeremiah explained that the Quad City Bomb Squad had their bomb drill. The display was equivalent to about 3 sticks of dynamite for the suicide bomb. The first responders did very well in the drill, detecting all that was needed to in the bus and called in the emergency.

Jeremiah Cowgill—Jeremiah explained that emergency support functions have been rearranged, and that individuals should take a look at them. In addition, ICS 700-800 curriculum has been updated, but it is not required to retake the classes.

Linda Frederiksen—Linda invited the committee to the EMS 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house being held on October 21 from 1:00pm-4:00pm. There will be tours, food, and car seat checks offered.

Ray Wierson—Ray announced that during the second week of November there will be grand opening jail events. The actual grand opening will be held on November 16 at 10:00am, with public tours being held on Saturday. However, on November 9 there will be the United Way “Sneak Peek” where hour tours will be given on the half hour, beginning at 5:30pm for a \$25 donation. T-shirts will be given out to all donators.

Denny Coon—Denny explained that last year an exercise planning committee was formed out of the TAC group that met afterwards. He asked if anyone was interested in helping out again once the grant activities have been released. Once information has been given to the county, Denny stated he would move forward on getting this committee back together.

Next Meeting October 26