

EMS Operations Subcommittee
3760 South Highland Office, 4th Floor Conference Room 425
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Eric Bauman, Chris DeLaMare, Lyndsie Hauck, Brent Mabey MD, Jason Nicholl, Andy Smith,
Phone:	Jeremiah Jones, Jack Meersman, and Laurilee Tarbet
Guests:	Von Johnson
Staff:	Dennis Bang, Gay Brogdon, Dan Camp, Guy Dansie, Tami Goodin, Jim Hansen, and Jenny Allred
Excused:	
Presiding:	Eric Bauman

Agenda Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
	<u>Welcome:</u>	
Introduction of Subcommittee Members and Bureau Staff	Eric Bauman, Operations Subcommittee Chair welcomed the committee members and everyone to the meeting. All present subcommittee members introduced themselves as well as all present Bureau of EMS and Preparedness staff.	
	<u>Action Items:</u>	
Approval of Minutes	The Operations Subcommittee members reviewed the February 10, 2016 meeting minutes. A motion made to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all present committee members agreeing to accept the February minutes as written.	Chris DeLaMare motioned to approve the February 10, 2016 minutes as written. Dr. Brent Mabey seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.
ESF-8 Earthquake Plan	<p>Eric Bauman stated Mindy Colling would be willing to present the ESF-8 Earthquake Plan at the next EMS Committee Meeting on July 13, 2016.</p> <p>Eric Bauman asked Dan Camp to contact Andria Baxter, Intern with Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness to send out a final copy of the ESF-8 Earthquake Plan.</p> <p>Chris DeLaMare clarified the sections of Treatment, Triage and Transport of the ESF-8 Earthquake Plan is complete. The plan was for Salt Lake County, the northern tip of Utah County and the southern tip of Davis County. Also included are the access areas coming from Summit and Tooele County. This is a broad plan we want to leave the major decision making to the locals responsibility. We did identify a few gaps through Ron Pinheiro.</p> <p>Eric Bauman acknowledged everyone for all the hard work that was done on the ESF-8 Earthquake Plan.</p>	

<p>New Ambulance Standards (CAAS, NFPA or both)</p>	<p>Guy Dansie provided a little history on ambulance standards. The KKK standard was established as a federal contract for spec'ing out ambulances years ago the states adopted to spec out state ambulances. However, there was not a lot of science that went into it mostly best practice or best specs. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) decided to develop a standard that was a little more up to date. The Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Service (CAAS) came out with a standard that is more cost cautious than the fire protection standard. As a result, the CAAS standard was more favorable. The NFPA 1917 standard was more excessive and more costly. The NFPA decided to revise their version to bring the cost back down. There are two standards now the NFPA 1917 and CASS that are very similar. It cost more to adopt one of these standards however, these standards are science-based standards.</p> <p>We are really in a bind right now the KKK standard is still there but is very soft and going away next year. The Bureau of EMS and Preparedness was advised to adopt both standards to give agencies flexibility and move away from KKK standard.</p> <p>The subcommittee agreed to recommend adopting both the NFPA 1917 and CAAS standards giving the provider a choice.</p>	<p>Jason Nicholl made a motion to recommend to the State EMS Committee to adopt both NFPA 1917 and CAAS standards any ambulance recommended ordered of June 30, 2017 have to meet either one of those standards. Andy Smith seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.</p>
<p>Disease Testing of Individuals Exposed to Blood Borne Pathogens</p>	<p>Dan Camp will setup a meeting up with someone in Epidemiology to discuss disease testing of individuals exposed to blood borne pathogens.</p> <p>Guy Dansie explained this issue was brought to the State EMS Committee from Intermountain Healthcare. IHC have developed a process and forms on disease testing of individuals exposed to blood borne pathogens. They are willing to share with the EMS Committee. They said the state forms are very outdated. One of the issues they have is if a patient does not want them to submit to a blood sample is there a legal way to expedite the process. There was a bill that signed into law this year that if someone does not give consent there is an expedited process to obtain a sample to test for blood borne pathogens. We have providers that do not know the new system. We want to develop new guidelines to implement the new law and a new state form to disseminate to the providers.</p> <p>Chris DeLaMare recommended for the next meeting bring a copy of the new law, the old form, and old guidelines.</p> <p>Eric Bauman stated he would bring in a copy of their form.</p> <p>Dan Camp will send out a copy of the law, contact someone from Epidemiology and someone from the Office of the Medical Examiner to present at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Dan Camp will send out a copy of the law and contact someone from Epidemiology and the Office of the Medical Examiner to present at the next meeting.</p>
	<p><u>Informational Items:</u></p>	
<p>Mobile Integrated Health System</p>	<p>Guy Dansie stated nationally they are working on initiatives. He distributed and discussed a copy of the <i>EMS 3.0 Realizing the Value of EMS in Our Nation's Health Care Transformation</i>. The directions on a national scale make EMS more efficient and offer more service lines particular in urban areas. The rural areas are about assessing</p>	

	<p>and utilizing EMT or paramedics to help the neighbor person as a regular part of their function to cut costs. They have found in the rural areas are benefiting from it. The urban areas there is cost savings measures. There has been resistance from home health care but it is actually providing coverage in that gap area. One of the issues we are currently having in our state is mental health transport. He suggested reading through the paper. There needs to be some kind of guidance in the state.</p> <p>Jason Nicholl recommended review the rules have the Rules Taskforce define the scope of practice language. Then form a taskforce for their responsibility would be to determine a suggested list of best practices.</p> <p>Andy Smith suggested having one of his friends from Colorado present to the subcommittee.</p>	
Other	<p>Von Johnson explained the Professional Development Subcommittee is working on developing questions for a Survey Monkey to send out to agencies on ventilators on interfacility transport and the training being done.</p> <p>Eric Bauman announced his term as chair is up in August. Andy Smith will be the new chair. The subcommittee will vote at the next meeting for a new vice-chair.</p>	Andy Smith is the new chair for the Operations Subcommittee.
End of Meeting	<p>The next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Building, 4th Floor, Conference Room 425 at 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT</p>	Jason Nicholl made the motion for the meeting to adjourn. Andy Smith seconded. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.