



EMS SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

MINUTES

April 16, 2019

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Committee Meeting Date and Location: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the ODPS Shipley Building, Conference Room 1102, 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223

Committee Members Present: Deanna Harris, Chair; Karen Beavers; Herb de la Porte; Vincent Gildone; Mary Ahlers; Joseph Natko; Karen Beavers

Committee Members Absent: Aaron Jennings, Vice Chair

Visitor: Clark Crago, TEMS Joint Ambulance District, Toronto Ohio and member of Ohio EMS Chief's Association

EMS Staff Members Present: Rob Wagoner; Ellen Owens; Sue Morris; Jodie Parker

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm. Ms. Harris welcomed everyone and then we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: *Motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting.*

Chief Natko – First. Mr. Gildone – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Old Business

Ms. Harris began the meeting by going over the information in the power point presentation that Sue Morris and Rob Wagoner prepared for the Board's February retreat, entitled "2016-2018 Public Safety Services Crash Involvement." Ms. Harris reported that there were a few more questions than we had answers to. One was trying to look for miles traveled, which we are not likely going to be able to do, for instance, whether EMS, fire or police are traveling more than the others. The Board was very grateful for the data; however, they did not come to any conclusions or call to action. Ms. Harris thought it was a good awareness for them to look where these crashes are occurring. Ms. Morris confirmed this and said it was good to take a comparative look at our brothers. OSP is currently not looking at whether intersections have pre-emptive signaling. A discussion then took place reviewing

the information and Mr. Wagoner pointed out that as far as the reported fatalities, EMS is at the top of the list (with 75%) and that most of the time the EMS operator was at fault. The feeling is that this information needs to be pushed out to raise awareness. As Mr. Wagoner put it: *it is not at night, it is not bad weather, and it is not Code 3 response.*

ACTION Item: Ms. Harris to hand out the 2016-2018 Public Safety Services Crash Involvement PowerPoint and the ambulance reports to the board tomorrow.

Ms. Harris said that she would like to put out a report at least by the end of the first quarter of 2020 that has data that we are sure of. Discussion followed about future reports. Mr. Wagoner reported that when the new EMSIRS goes live 1/1/2020, the agencies would be able to see real live data on their dashboards. 2017 and 2018 are the first two years to move over and we will need to confirm the accuracy – then we will have a good report to put out. It is a massive amount of data. Once we move 2017 and 2018 over, we will have over 3 million records.

Mr. Gildone reported that he has worked with a company called Ving, and that they put out very nice 7-10 minute training videos. We could take a line item from the crash data and have Ving produce a short training video and it could serve as an in-house training from our website. After watching the video, they would answer 3 to 5 questions. Some discussion followed regarding EVOC and what is required now. Unfortunately, right now EVOC is not required for EMS. Discussion followed regarding content of EVOC courses and when the rules will include mandatory EVOC training for an EMR and up. Ms. Owens stated that the motion was that it would be included in the next Rules revision as a certification requirement at the EMT level.

ACTION Item: Ms. Harris will propose Mr. Gildone's training video idea to the Board tomorrow, and will call him with the results.

ACTION: Ms. Morris will run a new report with a breakdown by county, if possible, and rural vs. urban.

ACTION: Ms. Morris will find out if the OHI can give us a breakdown on fatalities as far as whether the deceased was EMS staff or civilian.

Research and Analysis – Ms. Harris asked Ms. Morris if there is anything to add or anything we need to know on Research and Analysis. Ms. Morris stated that Mr. Wagoner had taken care of most of it, so just the forward motion on the new EMSIRS project. We are doing testing right now with vendors and it is going quite well. The new EMSIRS would roll out 1/1/20. Mr. Wagoner also reported that they have been working with the National CARES in Dallas and the Ohio CARES group here at OSU, to see if we can be the conduit to taking the EMSIRS data and feed it to CARES. That would eliminate that burden on the agencies. Ms. Harris brought up the possibility of incorporating CARES data with our reporting. Mr. Gildone brought up another possible training. Once we roll the data out, we could follow up and educate them about all the data we have just made available and how they can use it.

Topics for Medical Director's Conference – Wednesday, November 13th:

- EMSIRS
- Non-Transport Data
- Mobile Integrated Health
- Data: How to Find it, How to Use It

Discussion followed about a letter to be sent out to EMR vendors regarding opening up the non-transport fields for reporting. The Board felt the letter could come from Mr. Wagoner instead of them. Three exceptions for the state are Trauma Triage Criteria, Trauma Triage Exception and the Board asked for one more for Mutual Aid. Letter to go out as a follow up to the vendors from the data team. The fields are in the data dictionary. Mr. Wagoner thought it should be one letter going to the vendors and all agencies.

ACTION: Mr. Wagoner and his staff will draft a letter to Chiefs and vendors about non-transport data, why it is important, why we are looking for it and what they need to do. They will send a draft of the letter to the Committee Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

EMSIRS Data Dictionary: Discussion followed regarding EMSIRS and CARES. Ms. Morris reported that right now we are still using EMSIRS 3.4. When we decide to move to 3.5, we will need to pull together users. It will be a while before we go to 3.5 and 3.5 collects a ton of information.

EMFTS Strategic Plan: Surveillance for high-risk conditions; nothing added, we are working on it.
EMS Funding for non-emergent funding: Decision from the Board is that fees cannot be added to certifications and that legislative changes are needed to raise a dollar on tax returns. Ms. Harris said she would bring that up again because that is part of our plan. Mr. Gildone stated that it would only take one legislator.

Mr. de la Porte asked about ET3 and what it is. Mr. Wagoner explained that Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport model is a proposal in a pilot program from CMS to see if there is a better way to spend health care dollars and reimburse services to provide care to certain patients that, through either phone triage or EMS, to identify better ways to care for the patient. They are looking for 40 sites (across the nation) to reimburse for transport to non-traditional destinations, i.e. clinics and other places, or no transport at all.

ACTION Item: Ms. Morris will run the Ambulance Crash report by counties, and if possible, zip codes to determine if the fatalities were from a single area or occurring randomly throughout the state.

Adjourn

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 2:55 pm. Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Gildone – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Next meeting: June 18, 2019 @ 1:00 pm.