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Minutes – January 12, 2016 WebEx Emergency Care Council

The role of the ECC is to advise the EMSTS Section, DPHHS on issues related to:

- Development of a comprehensive, data-driven emergency care system
- Implementation of information systems which support system evaluation and quality improvement
- Development of emergency care standards, benchmarks and guidelines
- Strategies which enable the Department to meet emergency care system development needs & national standards

Present: Don Whalen, Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney, Charles Farmer, Carrie Wright, Roylene Gaul, Trent Biggers, Laura Erickson, Tim Thornton, Dick Sine, Randy Thompson

Guests:

Staff: Jim DeTienne, Shari Graham, Janet Trethewey, Robin Suzor, Carol Kussman, Alyssa Sexton

Introduction of returning and newly appointed ECC members

Dick Sine – Recently retired from Flathead County Sheriff Department, 10 years paramedic experience with the National Park Service and ALERT Air Ambulance. Currently working for Two Bear Air

Charles Farmer – ECC member for six years, DES coordinator for Glacier County, AEMT with Blackfeet Tribal EMS

Tim Thornton – PA St. Joseph Medical Center, Medical Director Polson/Ronan and Rollins EMS, 15 years Paramedic with ALERT Air Ambulance, 30 years EMS experience

Laura Erickson – Trauma Coordinator Pondera Medical Center

Randy Thompson, MD – Emergency Physician Billings Clinic, Medical Director Billings Clinic Medflight, previous experience at EMT and paramedic level

Trent Biggers – Active member Harrison QRU and Whitehall Ambulance, active on the trauma committee at St. James Hospital, Butte

Lauri Jackson – Trauma Coordinator Benefis Healthcare Great Falls

Roylene Gaul – Member Victor Volunteer Fire Department/QRU Ambulance, Paramedic USFA Logistics team

Jason Mahoney – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator St. Vincent Healthcare, paramedic AMR Billings, former Yellowstone County Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Coroner

Don Whalen – Paramedic/Service Manager Missoula Emergency Services

Carrie Wright, RN – Chest Pain Coordinator Billings Clinic, EMT since 2000

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Updates:

Mission:Lifeline Montana – AHA has distributed Lifepak 15 12-leads to many transporting services throughout the State of Montana. They have distributed some Zoll X-series 12-leads and are continued to look for funding for the remainder of the awarded Zoll and Phillips equipment.

12-lead education for EMS agencies and hospitals is ongoing. AHA has contracted with Duren Consulting to provide oversight for the 12-lead education.

The second AHA STEMI Conference will be held at the Baxter Commons in Bozeman on March 18. Tim Phalen will present 12-lead education on March 17 at the same location.

Lifenet is currently active in 16 facilities and AHA is continuing to work with others for implementation.

Cardiac Ready Communities – EMSTS is building a Cardiac System of Care that encompasses all phases emergency cardiac care. CRC grant to date has distributed 92 LUCAS devices in EMS regions 6, 2 and 4. 88 services and hospitals have received devices. As of Dec. 14 there have been 25 LUCAS device deployments reported with two confirmed, neurologically intact saves.

Three more LUCAS device roll-outs are planned over the next 5 months.

The University of North Dakota has an evaluation team evaluating the effectiveness of the Cardiac Ready Community program and community tool.

EMSTS is in the contracting phase for a new state EMS data system/ePCR and service licensing system.

EMSTS has 4 CPAR feedback manikins available for loan.

Gallatin Heart Rescue is transitioning to Montana Heart Rescue in the near future. We are just waiting for the website to be ready. CRC has distributed 50 CPR in a Box totes and plans to distribute another 50-100 totes to communities around the state.

A Montana Resuscitation Academy is scheduled for May 4 and 5, 2016 in Missoula.

Air Medical Workgroup – Interim committee is addressing issues surrounding air medical services in Montana after a study bill was authorized in the last legislative session. The next meeting of the interim committee is Feb. 4 & 5.

The air medical workgroup meets quarterly in Helena the day before STAC. The workgroup focuses on air medical safety and communication issues and will be discussing A.R.M. revisions pertaining to air medical services in future meetings.

Community Paramedic – There is discussion with the BOME regarding legal interpretation of the current statutes governing practice by ECPs outside of the “emergency” setting. The BOME is currently waiting on a new legal interpretation. There is also discussion within the BOME medical director committee regarding foundational education for CPs and the possibility of a CP endorsement. More education about what CP is and isn’t is needed for medical directors, physicians, nursing, home health, hospital, and hospice.

Simulation in Motion Montana Project – DPHHS EMSTS has received a grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to purchase three Freightliner trucks and simulation manikins for emergency medical services education. EMTS is currently developing a plan for management

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of the grant through a non-profit board. The grant proposes the hiring of a management team to provide education, marketing, and scheduling. The trucks have been ordered. It is estimated that they will be delivered in approximately one year. The first manikins will be ordered are in the ordering process now.

New ePCR/State Data System – Through the Cardiac Ready Community grant funds were obtained to replace the current antiquated state ePCR/Data system. The format will be NEMSIS 3.0 compliant. An RFP was let and two companies responded. ImageTrend was selected as the new system. ImageTrend currently has 33 other state data systems and boasts ePCR clients in all 50 states. The data will be hosted on an ImageTrend server. They estimated an approximately 90 day implementation period once the contract is signed. Within the contract Image Trend will provide 6 training the training sessions throughout the State of Montana for initial rollout. EMSTS also purchased the service licensing package.

Strategic Plan Review

The Emergency Care Council Strategic Plan was reviewed and will be updated and sent out to all ECC members prior to the April meeting.

Round Table

Lauri Jackson suggested that Injury Prevention and dissemination of information should be added to the strategic plan.

Jason Mahoney – The new State of Montana Assistant Medical Director is Dr. Rob Kurtzman. Dr. Kurtzman is interested in working on a mass fatality plan for the State of Montana.

Randy Thompson – There is a need for more information and local support of the Mission: Lifeline Lifenet program. Dr. Thompson emphasized the importance of exploring community paramedicine and how it relates to population health initiatives and Triple Aim.

Next meeting

Face-to-face in Helena on April 12

Meeting adjourned