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## Minutes – February 11, 2014 meeting Emergency Care Council

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

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

**Present:** Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney, Meridith Cox, Joe Hansen, T.C. Coble, Trent Biggers, Laura Erickson

**Guests:**

**Staff:** Jim DeTienne, Shari Graham, Robin Suzor, Alyssa Sexton, Mary Hill, Carol Kussman

Subject	Discussion
Attendance	All members need to be contacted to find out strategies for better attendance at meetings. It is important to have participation from all members whenever possible.
Strategic Plan Discussion	<p>Each of the eight focus areas of the strategic plan were discussed.</p> <p><b>SP1 – System Organization &amp; Policy:</b> Need to engage the ECC to guide development of an emergency care system.</p> <p><b>SP2 – Medical Oversight:</b> Need to engage service managers and medical directors. Need to conduct a survey to better understand the needs.</p> <p><b>SP3 – Workforce:</b> In the past we've used WebEx and preconference workshops for service manager training. There has been very little participation. Need to explore better ways to reach service managers and determine their needs. Need to explore legislative action for volunteer incentives.</p> <p>Jim is currently working on legislation to increase trauma program/trauma region funding. Third preventable mortality study continues to show improvement in numbers of preventable deaths since implementation of the statewide trauma system.</p> <p>Working to bring injury prevention funding back to previous levels. Need a sponsor for a bill that would allow PI protection for EMS services. Currently only trauma related PI is non-discoverable. Culture of Safety Agenda document will be forwarded to ECC members for review.</p> <p>Discussed the need for an organized EMS group to push legislative issues.</p> <p><b>SP4 – Response and Transportation:</b> Continue work on EMD program. Currently 39% of PSAPs are using some form of EMD. Currently working on a fact sheet for PSAP managers regarding EMD.</p> <p>Continue to work with Air Medical workgroup. Discussed the use of tan channel for all air-to-ground scene operations. Challenges with getting all agencies on board to include EMS, fire, law enforcement, air medical. How do we reach each of these groups? This is a priority safety concern with the increasing number of rotor wing services in</p>

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Strategic Plan Discussion Continued.....	the State of Montana and the increased incidence of multiple air medical units responding to the same incident. <b>SP 5 – Regionalized Systems of Care:</b> Upcoming project with AHA and Helmsley to develop a cardiac system of care. <b>SP 6 – Public Information, Education and Prevention</b> <b>SP 7 – Medical Response to Disaster:</b> The recent Medical Response to Disaster Plan is a tool developed for strategic planning in disaster response for EMS. Further ECC discussion in the future on implementation and use of this plan. <b>SP 8 – Data &amp; Evaluation:</b> Continue implementation of the data system. Currently sending data to NEMSIS. Should have a look at the data for the May ECC meeting.
EMD Update	One of the concerns that came out of the recent survey was dispatch centers with only one person on duty at a time. How can they be giving medical directions and answering calls. This and other questions are being addressed in a fact sheet that will be sent to dispatch centers. There was discussion on how best to communicate the need for EMD. Joe Hansen suggested talking with Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers group and the State of Montana APCO meeting.
Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedic program (MIH-CP)	Discussion of what MIH-CP is and how it is being implemented in other areas. Need further discussion with to include medical oversight, EMS, BOME/Montana Board of Nursing etc. It is important to educate stakeholders about how MIH-CP is part of a team approach to the challenges facing the healthcare continuum. Areas to be explored include education, funding, reimbursement, data and evaluation, possible statutory and legislative issues and scope of practice, licensing issues.
Data	Currently collecting data from EMS agencies both directly and through third party software. Files are being exported to NEMSIS. State level reports are currently available. Service lever reports will be available in the near future. More to come. A timeline will need to be developed for change from NEMSIS 2.2 to NEMSIS version 3.
Education	Need to look into the availability of ACLS and PALS Courses for paramedics not associated with a hospital based service. Both Billings and Great Falls make courses available to prehospital personnel. We are currently working with King County/Seattle Public Health to make available EMSONline continuing education program. There is funding for education of skills evaluators to evaluate the skills portion of the continuing education program.
Active Shooter	Discussion of EMS response to active shooter incidents. When is it appropriate for EMS to enter the scene. National level discussion and guidelines coming out soon emphasizing the need for early insertion of EMS. Tourniquets for everyone. Public education in the use of tourniquets

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	<p>for bleeding control prior to the arrival of law enforcement tactical teams or EMS. Need to organize a meeting of leaders from EMS/fire service/law enforcement about system issues.</p>
Roundtable	<p>Jason Mahoney – There is a great deal of confusion around the State of Montana regarding the new protocols and licensing levels. A lot of open areas to be filled in by local medical direction.</p> <p>T.C. Coble – Had a recent discussion with Wyoming Board of Health regarding dual licensure requirements and data requirements. Wyoming is currently requiring data submission on any patient transport in the State of Wyoming.</p> <p>Lauri Jackson – Restated the issue of confusion over the new EMS protocols.</p> <p>Mary Hill – Suggested EMD be discussed at PHTLS classes.</p> <p>Robin Suzor – There needs to be more communication with EMS providers statewide. We need to update the listserv.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>May 6 – this will be a face-to-face in Helena.</p>