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Minutes – June 2, 2015
Face to Face Helena, 1400 Broadway C207
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

In Attendance: Ed Amberg, Jason Mahoney, Joe Hansen, Brian Gootkin, Laura Erickson, Trent Biggers, T.C. Coble, Don Whalen
Conference line: Nick Nudell, Roylene Gaul

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

Subject	Discussion
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order and the minutes of the March 3 meeting were approved after amending the round table information from Charles Farmer. Charles stated that Browning is not looking for a new EMS director but instead are looking for a new director for the hospital.
Updates	<p>Mission Lifeline Montana update: Funding for 12-lead acquisition is on-going. They are now looking at funding for 2nd units and prioritization of hospital.</p> <p>Air Medical Committee brief describing the dangers of helicopter shopping was completed and sent to all EMS agencies, hospitals and 911 centers in the State of Montana. The brief describes the importance of sharing information with other flight services about why a flight was turned down. The committee continues to address communication issues and is working to develop a standard communications policy for all Montana Air Medical agencies. The emphasis of this committee is safety.</p> <p>There was discussion of the need for an air medical rules update. NASEMSO is currently working on model state air medical rules. This project should be complete in the fall of 2015. States can regulate medical aspects but cannot regulate routes, rates or services.</p> <p>Trent Biggers requested that he be added to the air medical workgroup. Legislative Study Bill HJ29 will look at member-based air and ground ambulance programs.</p> <p>http://leg.mt.gov/css/Committees/Interim/2015-2016/Education-and-Local-Government/default.asp</p> <p>SJ21 is a joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study of local fire protection and emergency service entities and firefighter and emergency medical technician benefits.</p> <p>Cardiac Ready Communities: Janet Trethewey has been hired as the program manager for Cardiac Ready Communities. Janet is originally from Hingham, MT. She worked for Hall Ambulance in Bozeman while attending Montana State University. Janet recently retired from Northern after 25 years of teaching. Janet is currently working on a CRC community assessment tool.</p>



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Updates cont.	<p>NEMSIS: Jim is working on the RFP for the new ePCR/data system. The RFP will go out to the workgroup in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Medicare will most likely be moving to a pay for performance model for reimbursement in the future for ambulances rather than pay for transport. We will need a comprehensive data system to support this reimbursement model.</p> <p>Don Whalen expressed interest in the OPHI-Licensing system staying the same.</p>
Workgroups	<p>LUCAS GRANT “Cardiac Ready Community” Workgroup: This workgroup has been actively assisting Janet in the development of a community assessment tool. Workgroup members: Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney, Sean Grabbe, Cindee McKee, Seana Borscheim, Kevin Lauer, Don Whalen, Roylene Gaul, Charles Farmer and Eileen Jenson.</p> <p>NEMSIS 3.0 Workgroup: The RFP for the new data system will be sent out to the workgroup in the next few weeks for comment. Workgroup members: Keith Raymond, Ed Amburg, Mel Holtz, William Farhat, Trent Biggers, Kris Long, Don Whalen, Elija Hansen.</p>
Survey	<p>Nick Nudell of PrioriHealth gave an update on the EMS Survey that was conducted this spring. There were 539 responses. Nick gave a brief overview of the results. A more complete analysis of the results will follow by the end of July.</p>
EMS Week Awards	<p>2015 EMS Awards were given on May 21 at the Capitol Rotunda in Helena. The EMS Service of the Year Award was given to Glacier County Ambulance, Volunteer EMS Provider of the Year was given to Drew Hendrickson of Arlee, and the Career EMS Provider of the Year was given to Nick Jacobs of Columbus. The award ceremony was very well attended. There was news coverage at the event.</p>
SIM MT	<p>Discussion is continuing regarding the SIM MT project. Discussion has begun regarding a public/private partnership. Possible sustainable funding was discussed. Some ideas shared for sustainability were licensing fees going to and education fund, hospitals, ATLS, conference fees.</p>
Strategic Plan	<p>Areas of the strategic plan were reviewed.</p> <p>Focus Area 1: System Development and Implementation Meridith Cox has resigned. She held the Citizen-at-large position. We need assess all of the disaster trailers. This will be done during the 2015 service inspections. Trailers need to be checked for contents, expiration dates, and general condition. There should be a plan for deployment of trailer at each location.</p> <p>Focus Area 2: System Surveillance and Evaluation EMSTS has Block Grant funding for a ¼ time epidemiologist.</p> <p>Focus Area 3: Workforce Development Our Survey has been completed by Priorihealth. We will have a complete report by the end of July 2015.</p> <p>There was discussion on leadership training. Joe Hansen suggested we revisit the EMS Management Association material “Voluntary Leadership Program”. There was also discussion of the need for clear expectations of service leadership. Medicare may set expectation in the future.</p>

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Round Table	<p>Jim DeTienne – Mary Hill has resigned her position. EMSTS is currently advertising to fill that position.</p> <p>Jason Mahoney – Reported that St. Vincent Healthcare has purchased “Everbridge”, a mass notification system that works through text message, cell phone, fax and email.</p> <p>Robin Suzor – EPC and ENPC courses are currently being funded by EMS-C. Contact Robin if for more information. The pediatric disaster course is scheduled for June 18 & 19 in Billings. There are still seats available in this class. St. Vincents Healthcare and Stillwater Billings Clinic have both received Pediatric Ready status.</p> <p>Jim DeTienne will represent Montana on a national air medical pediatric panel. Montana State Libraries are rolling out a summer reading program called “Heros in your Community” featuring fire and EMS.</p> <p>The OB Stat training that was offered in Billings was well received. There were 26 air medical and ground critical care providers from across the state in attendance.</p> <p>Alyssa Sexton – Trauma designation visits continue.</p> <p>Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Conference is Sept. 24 & 25 in Billings. There will be a session on Infectious Disease control focusing on donning and doffing of PPE. There will be a cadaver lab offered Sept. 23 during the Trauma Systems Conference. RTACs will have funding available for scholarships to RMRTS.</p> <p>T.C. Coble – Reach Air Medical Services purchased Summit Air Ambulance.</p> <p>Shari Graham – 2015 PHTLS courses have been completed in Colstrip, Havre, Red Lodge and Dillon. There is enough funding to do one more course. Instructor update access codes have been sent to 50 PHTLS instructors throughout the State of Montana.</p>
Next Meeting	September 1, 2015 WebEx