

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisor Council																
EMS Sub-Committee																
ATTENDANCE																
August 15, 2012																
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Dudley Wait	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lucille Maes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kevin Deramus		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Eddie Martin		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike Farris	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X			
Brian McNevin (Off in 2012)	X		X	X		X		X	X	X		X				
Brian Petrilla		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Rascon (2010 Appt)			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lon Squyres	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Justin Boyd (2011 Appt)									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Anthony Gilchrest (2011 Appt)									X	X	X	X	X		X	
Tami Kayea (2012 Appt)													X	X	X	

1. The meeting was called to order at 1430 by Chair Dudley Wait.
2. **EMS for Children (EMSC) Update** – Anthony Gilchrest gave an update on the report that was generated from the survey feedback and other research. The draft is still being looked at and hopes to be out by the end of the year. Will be presenting the evidence based resource information and Medical Directors/Providers survey at the Pediatric GETAC meeting tomorrow.
3. **25 TAC 157 Update of Revisions:** DSHS hopes to be ready for review in the Fall of 2012. There will probably be some further recommendations at that time.
4. **Work Group report on patient care issues occurring between air and ground providers when both are present:** Some specific concerns on Air Providers, especially fixed wing agencies coming from out of State and differences in medical certification. Workgroup is moving forward and hopes to have a list of questions for DSHS input for approval of the EMS Committee in November.
5. **Suggestions on rule changes to address issues surrounding the increasing numbers of ground providers in metropolitan areas:** The meeting scheduled for August 13, 2012 regarding issues in the increase of the number of ground EMS providers in metropolitan areas had to be cancelled. The date currently proposed as a reschedule is October 12.

Brian Petrilla recommended having several meetings in different parts of the State. Lon Squyres stated it seems to be a hotbed in the more urban areas. The recommendation was made to meet in Dallas on October 12 and based upon the interest at that meeting and the work we were able to get accomplished, then to schedule more working meetings in other areas. Tami Kayea stated she would secure a location.

6. **Update on Pharmaceutical Shortage and sharing of best practices:**
The compounding pharmacy used in the San Antonio area was visited by DEA and told they needed to become licensed to manufacture controlled substances. They had to stop compounding them by 07:00 the next morning but are in the process of getting licensed. A question was asked regarding how to document in protocol and equipment lists the different drugs agencies are using in an effort to mitigate the shortage issue. Per Maxie Bishop, if you put on the equipment list that you are going to use this drug OR this drug (have to list quantities) that would be acceptable. However, the specific drug(s) has to be listed.
7. **HHSC Policy Change regarding options for reimbursement through Medicaid and Medicare equalization (coordination of Medicaid with Medicare Parts A, B, and C for dual-eligible recipients) for governmental EMS providers:** Governmental ambulance providers can submit a cost report if reimbursement amount does not match actual cost. It is only open to government agencies. HHSC has realized the impact of not paying the Medicare and Medicaid crossover was higher than they expected. Starting September 1, 2012 will begin paying dual eligible crossovers on “Emergency” and Hospital-to-Hospital transfer” calls.
8. **Medicare Revalidation (process for healthcare providers to revalidate their Medicare enrollment):** Under the Affordable Care Act every provider has to get revalidated over the next 5 years. They will pull Medicare Ticket – need to ensure all information is updated and you are looking for the letter from HHSC that you need to revalidate. This is an effort to weed out the fraudulent entities. The contracted provider for Texas is changing; should be receiving a letter with the new payer information.
9. **General Public Comments:**
 - a. Justin Boyd – Medical Directors Committee looking at a position statement regarding the free standing ER clinics. Also during that meeting new rules were presented for Medical Directors for comment. NFA has put out a Medical Directors handbook.
 - b. Brock – Air Medical; golf tournament right before EMS Conference to benefit EMS Hall of Honor.

- c. Maxie Bishop – There are scholarships for EMS Conference.
Priority to rural and frontier agencies.

10. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1540.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dudley Wait". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'W'.

Dudley Wait, EMT-P
EMS Committee Chair