

Northwest Association of Provider EMS Coordinators
MINUTES
March 22, 2012

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
Call to Order Previous Minutes Review of Agenda	Call to order at 09:08 by Pete Dyer Minutes approved; Lou Lettenmair – motion Scott Miller - second
Treasurer’s Report	None
Meeting Topics	<p><u>CARS Committee</u> Pete Dyer provided an update in Rick Nosek’s absence. The regional template approach has been well received by the CARS committee. Nosek has given approval for crews to begin using the new templates; the NWCEMSS - FIELD 6-1-2011 will remain available until sometime in early April, when a cut over to the new templates will take place. The CARS committee also discussed the impact of Field Bridge on unit turnaround time. Dyer added that this topic was also discussed at length during the Chief/Administrator meeting. Both CARS and the chiefs acknowledge that turnaround time is impacted by factors other than report generation. In the chief’s meeting Nosek produced data showing that report time does vary greatly, with some as low as 20 minutes, but averages approximately 45 minutes. Image Trend data also shows a large variation in the frequency of report generation by users, which likely indicates that a wide range of proficiency exists among users. An effective approach to keeping users proficient will minimize CARS impact on turnaround time. Lettenmair added, with general agreement from committee members, that report time is rightfully influenced by the nature of a particular call and our duty to provide quality medical reports.</p> <p><u>Web Site Development:</u> Dyer reported that Connie Mattera has been working with American Eagle to revise our tech support agreement. The website and attendant hosting functionality is widely viewed as not being very user friendly. The system is considering using a new vendor to address this. Adam Rothenberg is currently working on a business plan / position paper outlining the future development of this resource. Diana Neubecker commented that some of the present difficulties with the website may be due to the original design request that the site not require excessive navigation button clicks in order to access information, which can create an unwieldy “flat” filing system. Susan Wood added that the lack of consistent file naming conventions also contributed to the problem. The Cars committee also discussed the matter of exactly what authority they have over the website. Additional discussion with Connie has indicated that the committee has authority over all electronic information.</p> <p><u>Advisory Board</u> March meeting cancelled due to unavailability of Connie Matera and Dr. Ortinau.</p> <p><u>Research and Development</u> Diana Neubecker and Pete Przybysz reported that at the March meeting all three monitor vendors provided presentations on their 12-lead transmission solutions. All vendors claimed that their solutions were capable of supporting all manufacturers’ monitors, but could not presently provide interoperability due to the other vendors’ lack of desire to support their system. Zoll is presently preparing to begin a field trial of their solution with NCH and Zoll users. Hoffman Estates will begin a Physio Control field trial with Alexian Brothers using the Lifenet product. Elk Grove and Elk Grove township have had good results</p>

	<p>using the Rosetta (modified) product. The System is still on track for a June 1, 2012 implementation of therapeutic hypothermia; training in May.</p> <p><u>Education</u> Joe Tobiasz provided an update. Video CE is still a work in progress. The committee itself has begun a process of being educated by Connie Mattera on the in station educational process. Topics to be covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational needs assessment • Topic selection • Presentation methodology development • Post-test development <p>The purpose of the process is to enable education committee members to properly explain the process and answer questions from their individual agency's members. The committee is also reviewing each month's CE to assess its success in meeting user's needs. The problem documenting post-test and independent study time was discussed. Without second-party observation, how can we create a valid audit trail for these training activities?</p> <p><u>PBPI</u> Most agencies are providing data in a timely manner; emails to chiefs at delinquent agencies will continue. This month the screening concerns refusals.</p>
<p>System and State Updates</p>	<p><u>System</u> Chris Dunn informed the group that the first two EMT transition courses will be posted on the NWCEMSS website within days. Courses are approximately 2 hrs. each. Courses fill the pathophysiology portion of EMS training that EMT-Bs were not formerly exposed to. Dyer informed the group that all paramedic students should have completed phase one of their field internship and should have a phase two meeting scheduled for mid-April. Dyer provided a historical review of the system budgetary situation, and explained the required increases for FY12-13. The increases were approved at the March chiefs meeting. Scott Miller expressed some concern that the increases took place in a manner which made planning and inclusion in FD budgets difficult.</p> <p>Dyer update the group on ongoing emergency preparedness work to update the systems MPI/MCI policy. A second summit meeting was held on 3/5/2012. Possible changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A once per month "tag day" where all pts. are assessed and triaged using the SMART kits. • Possible assignment revision for the first ambulance on scene • Approaches to reducing radio traffic • Highlighting the importance of getting ICs additional personnel for assistance • The critical importance of very early hospital notification of hazmat involvement • Replacement of the 30 minute decision point for MCIs with a "number of ambulances" trigger point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was some discussion of a difficulty introduced by some agencies allowing only one pt. per ambulance during MPIs.

Region

No update; C. Mattera and Dr. Ortinau not available.

IAFC/IDPH

Dyer provided updates on the following items:

- HB4583 – Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Removes certified paramedics from the list of persons within the State qualified to draw blood for alcohol and drug testing. Provides that a qualified person certified (instead of "trained") in venipuncture and acting under the direction of a licensed physician may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcohol content therein. This bill still under consideration. This bill is still under consideration: March 8 2012 - House Floor Amendment No. 2 Referred to Rules Committee

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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4583

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AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4583 on page 1, line

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23, after "phlebotomist,", by inserting the following:

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"trained body mass index evidence technician, emergency

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medical technician-paramedic not practicing under the license

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of an EMS Medical Director,"; and

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on page 2, line 20, after "therein", by inserting the

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following:

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may utilize an emergency medical technician-paramedic to

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obtain a consensual blood sample for law enforcement purposes".

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB3703 - Amends the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act. Expands the list of persons and agencies that shall have access to all records generated as a result of a report of elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect to include a law enforcement agency, fire department agency, or fire protection district having proper jurisdiction pursuant to a written agreement between a provider agency and the law enforcement agency, fire department agency, or fire protection district under which the provider agency may furnish to the law enforcement agency, fire department agency, or fire protection district a list of all eligible adults who may be at imminent risk of elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or self-neglect. This bill is still under consideration.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neubecker informed the group that NCH is applying for a grant related to improving the quality of our cardiac care and may solicit data from select agencies. • Dyer informed the group that the choice method of compensation for preceptor pay to the agencies was presented to the chiefs at their last meeting, and requested that the coordinators follow-up with their appropriate people.
Next Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting – April 26, 2012, 9:00AM, LC 7&8 • With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55

APPROVED