



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grand Hotel - San Diego, CA

Welcome and Introductions

Members introduced themselves

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda reordered and some additions:

- Discussion of various list servers (Buchanon), added as new item under New Business
- Legislation moved to second item of New Business

M-Julihn, S-Baucom, Carried

Approval of the Minutes

M-Petrie, S-Lathrop, Carried

Presentation to Darlene Gidley (Darlene absent, hold until she arrives)

Consent Agenda

Budget Report - Sent out previously

New Members

Associate Members

Larry Olsen San Mateo Prehospital EMS Group

Debbie Meyer Cal Chiefs Northern (replacing Jeanne English)

M-Lathrop, S-Baucom, Carried

By general consent, New Members will not be included as part of Consent Agenda in the future but will be considered separately.

M-LaPolla, S-Juhlin to approve Consent Agenda. Carried

Committee Assignments

Old Business

New Association Fee Structure – Lathrop

Handout of proposed budget. Two issues: we have a new fee as a result of our new bylaws so a supplemental bill of \$100 will be sent within the next few weeks (dues changed from \$150 to \$250 effective July 1). Have received 28 fees so far, reminder to the three outstanding will go out with the supplemental.

Second issue: Meeting Fee, do we want to break even or subsidize? To break even would require Proposal raises meeting fee to a break even amount \$70, doubling current fee. Do we want to subsidize or break even? Or somewhere in between?

M-Meyer, S-Blind raise the meeting fee to \$40, Carried

M-Lathrop S-Burch: Keep the annual dues at \$250, Carried

2006 Annual Conference - Meyer

Meeting with ACEP could be very valuable. ACEP Board has approved. Program manager will be in San Diego, Paradise Island. Will be discussed at EMDAC today. Scientific Assembly June meets 1,2,3 (Thur-Sat). Propose half day on legislation, half day on prehospital medical issues relevant to ACEP. Second day will be EMSAAC -EMDAC focused. Dr. Cesar Aristeiguieta, EMS Authority Director, will speak at the ACEP conference. Leonard Inch, Barbara Pletz, Virginia Hastings, and Bruce Lee have volunteered to work on this with Carol. A lot of discussion about the value, the pitfalls, how it would work or not. It is important to be specific in the focus, desired outcome, etc.

Carol will meet again with ACEP coordinator, get costs, put ideas together, get the committee together, and then either send out info to the group for a yay or nay.

Commission Items - Baucom

Ceremonial, new directors, new member

EMT-I Regulations,

Statute provides some ability of public safety to certify their own.

Dr. Ceasar concerned about variation in background checks, no centralized info bank of EMTs, subsequent issues, sharing of information from DOJ.

Will raise as a concern tomorrow at Commission.

EMT-II:

Review the scope of practice of the new EMT-II. At basic level, fairly basic, not "paramedic-lite".

Next step is for public comment on EMT-II regs. May have action in December or March.

Larry will be putting out a paper identifying issues of concern to LEMSAs. Look for it in the next few weeks.

Trauma. Update on the distribution of the 10 million.

EMS-C:

New requirements from the feds (for the partnership grant), specific objectives, and proving outcomes.

New Business

(Taken ahead of EMSA Report due to timing)

3 EMSAAC listservers:

Board@EMSAAC.com, just the LEMSAs administrators

Adding staff to that Board at a LEMSAs request. Non Board members

EMSAAC@EMSAAC.com, that is the LEMSAs plus all associates.

Interest@EMSAAC.com: general EMS interest.

Will create subscribe and unsubscribe for the Interest list.

EMSA staff are on the EMSAAC and Interest lists.

Check EMSAAC website for current information, notify Doug Buchanon of any changes.

Roundtable

- MVEMS: Mark I kits, HRSA for 2 counties, EOA Calaveras awarded.
- SSVEMS: HRSA 5 counties, response time policy for transport, grandfather EOA,
- El Dorado: Rich Todd is the new Assistant EMS Administrator, Mental Health Transfers from local hospital in SLT, bring BT,HRSA grants together under preparedness in PH.
- SF: Disaster Planning and Preparedness out of EMS into an other department. Transitioning from HART systems to EM Systems. Expect San Mateo to do similar. Also patient tracking. Paramedic and EMT discipline cases.
- Merced: Purchasing software for biosurveillance at dispatch (HRSA). RFP for EMS Aircraft with performance measures.
- San Joaquin: RFP deadline approaching this week. First exclusivity in San Joaquin. Recruiting for several positions.
- NCEMS: Lake County may have a level IV trauma center, but largest trauma facility in the region is opting out. Getting an anthrax tester, and had a real tsunami warning. Telephone system went down.
- ContraCosta: AMR began July with new contract. Very different from last contract. High level monitoring. Mini-trauma study to look at the system over the Past 20 years. First watch surveillance system going in to dispatch. A major earthquake on the Hayward fault is a real danger, could leave a big part of county devastated ala hurricane Katrina.
- NorthCoast: Offering a pediatric program from LA through their website using Block Grant funds. Now expanding the program to include other modules and looking to install links at other LEMSAs to this site. Converting data to web based application.
- LA: Board separated PH from DHS, both are fighting over EMS; RFP for all of LA County; 10 year base contract, 7 zones; On call MD panels falling apart. 9 hospitals closed in two years. Downey is hopefully staying on

for now. Fast-Mag study in 92 ambulance using 2000 medics. Blind placebo NIH study for the treatment of strokes. Annenburg Foundation bought 12 lead for LA County/City, will enable development Cardiac Centers. Two areas not covered for trauma (San Gabriel and Antelope Valley). Working on other solutions. Have some evacuees, may get an additional 1000 due to the next hurricane. Persuing prophylaxis for all first responders. Disaster Resource Centers: 11 EDs will coordinate other hospitals, clinics and hospitals without Eds. Develop HURT teams through DMAT. ReddiNet does have tracking. Created an MCI for Katrina.

Kern: Air coordination group for multiple providers. Creating EOAs; lot of grants, under RDMHS; protocol for Mark I kits on the website. PDA for PCR's through Zoll using BT dollars. Radio equipment and surge capacity. Acquiring ReddiNet. Ambulance offload delays are severe. How to address?

Break for Dr. Cesar and EMSA Report

Met with Executive Committee and would like to continue the discussions, and with all LEMSAs Directors. LEMSAs are an extension of EMSA, we are partners, and feedback should go both ways. A lot of emphasis in disaster planning, starting first with earthquake. Suicide bombers here in California is a real concern. Expect CPR to come back as media scrutinizes. EMS needs good sound medical control to have integrity. Need to add good science when available to EMS, exporting the hospital is not always the best, and can even harm the patient. Must demonstrate patient benefit and no harm to patient. Coming in to our next 25 years, we are maturing. We should be striving for professionalism. Looking at the number of AMAs and abandonment, demeanor, attire, etc. These all speak to professionalism.

Changes at the Commission level, more work being routed to them, and other changes to comply with the open meeting rule.

New Business (contd.)

Legislation: Refer to handout provided by V. Pinette on behalf of Leonard Inch.

Get individual letters of support to the Governor for SB57, and/or contact any Republicans you may know who can speak to the Governor.

Remote Access for EMSAAC Meetings (Taken out of order) - Buchanon

Kaiser has video conferencing facilities, but limited by after hours use at fixed sites. Very few options are available. Can consider telephone conferencing. Other funding may be available.

EMSAAC Staff Position (Meyer)

Carol has a person who could be made available to EMSAAC to provide various levels of administrative support. EMSAAC would need to cover travel per diem. M-Baucom, S-Karstead, C

Proposed Change of EMSAAC Meeting Date

Have our meetings after Commission. We could then participate in EMDAC as well as Commission. Or we can try to have a joint meeting with EMDAC at the beginning of each session, the EMSA report, and other issues of commonality. M-Lathrop, S-Karstead.

State Disaster Update - Rubin

Jeff gave a presentation on the EMSA Disaster Medical Services Division Priorities. 600000 from DHS for PPE for Pvt Amb personnel. DMATs are federal assets. CCPs are now Field Treatment Sites. Clinics are often a critical resource in a disaster.

Medical Personnel Registry – ESAR-VHP & MRC Statewide registry of credentialed volunteers. Disaster Resource Centers (Los Angeles)

Katrina Response: FEMA gone. NIMS gone. Contracts with familiar faces, self referrals, professional referrals, no ground support, Response still going. We need to operationalize what we have, use SEMS, standardized training, exercise, communications, data set. Dailey conference calls work. Clarify early what we expect. Cal never received a formal request from the feds. This was an information management event. Still Level I response mode. Will be for quite some time.

Announcement

Chuck Baucom indicated his desire to step down as the EMSAAC representative to the Commission. We will use the Nominating Committee to find replacements. Five names should be forwarded to the Governor's Office. However, as Darlene Gidley has retired, we have no Immediate Past President to serve on the Nominating Committee.

M-Baucom, S-Karstead, Retain Nancy LaPolla as the Immediate Past President. CARRIED

Presentation on E-Team. This is a project to integrate ReddiNet, EMSsystems and other with RIMS.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.