

Dec. 2013



Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Location: 55 M Street SE, Suite 300

Meeting Time: 1208 - 1305

Present:

Lightfoot, Cynthiana
Miramontes, David
Nagda, Sonia
Renshaw, Anne

Sava, Jack
Steinbeck, Jessica
Swann, Wayne

Absent:

Amy, Brian
Delgado, Jorge
Carter, Michelle
Goss, Catherine
Lyons, Kenneth

Quarrelles, Jamie
Sepe, Edward
Strudwick, William
Wright, Joseph

Guest: Greene, Wendy

Call to Order:

Cynthiana Lightfoot, EMSAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 1208 in the large conference room.

Approval of Agenda:

DRAFT agenda was approved

Chair Report:

Location: EMSAC meetings will move the Reeves Center in January. It was recommended the January meeting to be moved from Jan 2nd to Jan 9th. The Chair will reach out to the POC at the Reeves Center to check the availability of the meeting room for the 9th and conference call ability.

Support: HEPRA will help support EMSAC. Arlene Thomas will help with administrative needs, Robert Austin will attend meetings and Paul Duray will also attend meetings on an as needed basis.

Quorum: Due to the lack voting members a quorum was not established. The Chair is working with Darryl Gorman from the Office of Boards and Commissions on the committee not being able to maintain a quorum. An email to voting members to be drafted to let them know their seat needs to be vacated due to 2 or more missed meetings unless there were explanatory circumstances which did not allow them to attend.



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Vice Chair Report: Roundtable on FEMS Apparatus Assessment and Paramedic Vacancies

Report:

The audit report was a 214 page document prepared by the Global Group with a 112 finding and 129 recommendations. The EMSAC was unable to get an advance copy of report for committee to review and give recommendation as well. Issues that were brought up in the draft report have been addressed by the committee in previous years. A new/revised District EMS Plan should be in place according to Chairman Wells. The committee has requested on several occasions for the EMS Plan, having not received a copy the committee is under the assumption that no such plan exists. One issue addressed was tracking of ambulances. Dr Miramontes states that FEMS has a tracking system in place, where they can find all ambulances.

Q/A Committee Update: What is the state QA/QI requirement for agencies that deliver pre-hospital care in the District?

Update:

When an organization wants to administer pre-hospital care they must submit a comprehensive QA/QI plan along with the application to the regulatory agency. Questions posed

- "Who scrutinizes the QA/QI plan?"
- "What are the QA/QI plans?"
- "Will the QA/QI plan meet public scrutiny?"
- "Are these QA/QI plans public record?"
- "Can the committee see all QA/QI plans and applications?"
- "Does anyone make sure the QA/QI plans are being followed?"

The Chair wants to setup a conference call to delve into the evaluation process of the application and QA/QI plan.

DCFEMS Update:

Ambulances:

FEMS have received 13 new ambulances and 17 more are expected shortly. The new ambulances have been upgraded with the newest technology. (ie: radios, iMobile and etc.) They are being deployed throughout the District. Due to a more stable fleet controlled meds are on 35 of the 39 ambulances.



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Drop Time Initiatives: Goals to aid in the increasing of "Drop Time"

- Increase radio capabilities in Emergency Rooms
- Better communications with the ER
- Captured data from tablets uploaded into CAD
- Temperature controlled dispensing machines at five hospitals and five firehouses that allow ambulances to restock meds at these locations for less time in out of service. The initial two machines should be in place by the end of the month, one at GW and the other at Engine 6.

Pilot Project: An ambulance staging area was setup at Engine 6 that would allow ambulances and staff to be decon and/or get a meal and etc that would allow ambulances to stay in the core area. This is an employee satisfaction project. FEMS is awaiting data from project.

Paramedics: FEMS hired 16 single role paramedics, 9 are on active duty and the last 7 will complete training within a few weeks.


Accreditation: FEMS will submit the "Self Study" course for accreditation. Has an agreement with UDC in place. FEMS is hopeful that classes will begin in the fall.

New Business: No new business

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1305.



Chair Approval
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2-6-14



Vice-Chair Approval
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