

EMSG Meeting Notes

January 9, 2004

Core Member Participants: Kim Christensen, Jeff Scussel, Jeff Hatch, Dia Gainor

Technical Representative: Bruce Cheeseman

Chair: Gene Madden.

Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

Absent: Sherrie Collins, Fergus Laughridge

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
State MEDL lists, mailed to Kim	Gene Madden		In progress
Further discussion on the Credentialing/Standards of Care + bullets sent out on what the states will look for in standards.	Dia Gainor, Bruce Cheeseman		In progress
Check with Directors in DC to see if there are MOU's in place for within state EMT care	Gene Madden		In progress
Invite the National Association of EMS Physicians partnered up with EMSG	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		Completed
Work on the Supply Resource Order form and getting regularly ordered supplies on the form	Gene		In progress, Gene has contacted Dan Frazee to help
Mail to Gene any information you want to see on the web page	Group	On-going	
Draft a letter to SHWT on trigger points for the Cache and Buying Team to respond to	Gene		

AGENDA ITEMS:

HIPPA

Discuss the 3 names Dia had given for the Tech. Rep from NASEMP

Update on the Request for Recognition – Fergus

Update on National Scope of Practice – Dia

Typing of Resources update – Fergus

How are incompetent Medical personnel removed from the ROSS

Dates and places for the annual meeting with SHWT

S359 Course – Medical Unit Leader

Website Development

Gene Madden - Decembers meeting notes were mailed out, are there any questions? If not then Bobby can email them to Jennifer Smith for posting to the web. Jennifer Smith is filling in while Janelle Smith is on a detail. Jennifer Smith is working at improving the looks of the site and in 3-4 weeks we should a better website. There will be links to the Burn Centers, NASEMP, a section on ICS forms, the Request for Recognition forms including Idaho's and Montana's, etc.

Gene Madden – The names of three MDs with NASEMSP were given to you at our last call, David Cone, Jim Upchurch, and Ritu Sahni. What are the group's thoughts on these individuals as a technical representative? Any comments?

Jeff Scussel – If Jim Upchurch were to become the medical director for Montana I don't know if he would be able to take on the role nationally, but that isn't my call.

Dia Gainor – If we had two physicians involved one with IMS and one with EMSG it might help us all around. Dave would be a good guy to go through if there are difficulties in some states recognizing what we are doing.

It was a consensus that Dave Cone would be the one recommended to be the technical representative for EMSG. (Although there is no where that it states in the charter how many technical reps we can have.)

Action Item: Gene – to draft a letter, Dia to proof.

Gene – Does HIPPA apply to the Wildland fires?

Dia – It only applies to those submitting electronic records to obtain reimbursement.

Bruce Cheeseman – Should not something like this had been presented to the EMSG rather than an individual to take it on?

Gene – Fergus brought up the question how do you get rid of non-compliant MEDL's?

Jeff Hatch – Should be done by evaluations from the fire.

Kim – Not all do evaluations, they just release the individual and hope they don't get them back. It basically is the responsibility of the agency to delete the skill from their red card if they fail to perform in the job.

Dia – Scope of practice – I mailed to Gene the week of Dec 2 a press release from our meeting. The preliminary

Gene – I have been approved to attend the National Logistics workshop in Reno, March 8 to make a presentation on EMSG. This happens to be the week after Region 1 IMS training. I will be doing a course Feb 9 on Medical Unit Leader training.

Scope of Practice - Dia mailed to Gene the notes from the December 2 meeting. There are a preliminary number of levels of EMS roles. Could be 3-4 or 5 levels and yet the group agrees that there are specialty groups out there case in point, wildfire medical units. They are probably going to move in the occupational health realm and injury prevention. I have a series of questions that need to be addressed on the scope of practice for the IMS programs.

Gene – At our next conference call I will have the meeting dates for the SHWT and we can decide when we would like to have our annual joint meeting with them. I will also be in travel status but will try to make the call.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Draft a letter to the NASEMP requesting David Cone to be a technical specialist	Gene with Dia proofing		

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday Jan 30, 2004 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
2. Friday Feb 20, 2004 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern