

EMSG Meeting Notes

May 14, 2004

Core Member Participants: Jeff Scussel, Jeff Hatch, Fergus Laughridge, Kim Christensen,

Technical Representative: Bruce Cheeseman

Chair: Gene Madden.

Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

Absent: Sherrie Collins, Dia Gainor

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
Work on the Supply Resource Order form and getting regularly ordered supplies on the form	Gene	Completed	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	
Need to supplement the National MOB Guide to ensure that EMT's carry their credentials. Supplement to Fireline handbook on the NWCG Medical Unit Operating Standards.	Kim and Gene		In progress
Develop a medical evacuation template to include use of air ambulance v/s incident aircraft to become guidelines for the MEDL/IMSM.	Gene		In progress
There should be a national standard kit for the medical unit, NFES (National Fire Equipment Committee) with input from the Emergency Medical Services Group (EMSG), MEDL's, and with State EMS, physician and pharmacy advisors.	Gene		In progress 5/18/04 Scussel, Bobby worked with Dr Bill Docktor on medical portions of kit contents
Draft a letter to Robert Bass the current president requesting Dave Cone.	Gene, Dia and Fergus		In progress
Develop for the contracting officers standards on hiring contract EMT services	Bobby and Gene		In progress

Proposed: MEDL possess current EMT certification at the basic or above levels.	Gene to take to SHWT		In progress
Proposed: change the 310.1 (NFES 1414) mandating the successful completion of the S-359 Medical Unit Leader course	Gene to take to SHWT		In progress
Proposed: update the S-359 Medical Unit Leader course to include new NWCG Medical Unit Leader Operating Standards, OTC training, and occupational health.	Gene to take to SHWT		In progress
Proposed: IMS/Alaska/NPS program should be encouraged and supported when other geographical areas that express an interest in the benefits of the IMS programs.	Gene to take to SHWT		In progress

AGENDA ITEMS:

SHWT Update - Gene
Letter to NASEMSP – Gene
Website

Gene – Received a call from Mike Passarelli in Tallmadge (FD), Ohio that is developing a medical program with their state Incident Management Team He is a Paramedic in a fire department. Gene briefed him on what EMSG is doing and he fully supported it and offered to assist in any way.

The SHWT met in San Diego which was in conjunction with the CA Safety Officers, Gene gave a status report to the SHWT on the EMSG and handed out the draft Medical Unit Operating Standards and Limited Request for Recognition form. All comments were favorable and the SHWT accepted it completely. They all thought it was a major step in the right direction and was a long time coming. They recommended that it go to NWCG for approval.

The next NWCG meeting isn't until the fall but they all felt it important enough of it to move forward this spring to implement this summer. Gene will be drafting a cover sheet along with the Medical Unit Operating Standards to be passed out to all the GAC's and the management teams. They will be requested to give their feedback to Gene.

The issues presented to the SHWT included:

1. MEDL should possess *current* EMT certification at the basic or above levels.
(Changes 310-1)
2. Change the 310.1 (NFES 1414) *requiring* the successful completion of the S-359 Medical Unit Leader course
3. In the next S359 Medical Unit Leader course update to include new NWCG Medical Unit Leader Operating Standards, OTC training, and occupational health

4. IMS/Alaska/NPS program should be encouraged and supported when other geographical areas that express an interest in the benefits of the IMS programs.

Gene also made a presentation to the CA safety officer on the EMSG developments. The persons attending the CA safety officer's conference were very interested and supportive as well.

Kim – As long it is well communicated this should work ok.

Fergus – when the letter comes out he wants to take the exact same wording to the state directors in June. He would like to have a solid written acceptance from NWCG to present at their mid-year EMS Directors meeting June 26-27. What they are looking for is direction they want to know what will be going on at the incidents and they will be fine with it.

Need to solicited support from everyone including the MEDL's.

Jeff Scussel – Bobby and I took the document to Spokane and the team meeting and it was well received. We will be meeting with the Montana Medical Board on May 21 and will be giving them the document as well. Our primary purpose is to examine the temporary licensure that was done in 2003 but want to fill them in on what is happening.

Bruce – received an email from Ken Threet, MT EMD that Montana might not have an EMS Director.

Fergus – has been working with Joe Hansen who is with the Critical Incident Management and would like to be able to present them with the signed document.

Jeff Scussel – has heard that the agencies are going to be going to one qualification system and was wondering if Kim had heard about it. She had not heard anything.

We will be meeting with Dr Docktor the pharmacy advisor for R1 IMS Program and Pat Nooney the Missoula Cache Manger to discuss the 500 person kit contents.

Kim – will be sending out an email concerning the NIOSH teams that will be shadowing 2 National Park Service crews monitoring the smoke particulate. They plan on meeting with the medical units on the fires.

Fergus – The State EMS directors are well into phase one of getting the info out there on medical treatment on fires and will be heading into phase II and will address some of the issues Jeff had been talking about.

Bruce – emailed a paper to us all on rural EMT agenda for the future. Felt we should submit something that speaks to wildland fire's use of medical personnel.

Fergus – I am one of the leads on the subject and the agenda is more for the urban areas and not much for the rural areas. It is already into the third draft and should have something ready by Oct.

Bruce – Dia is working on the National Scope of Practice, the EMT-X (extreme) and has been getting strong feelings that the people being allowed to perform in occupational health should at least be at the Paramedic level.

➤ **Dia can fill us in on it when she returns.**

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Gene – draft a cover letter to NWCG and GAC for adoption of MEDL/IMSM Standards	Gene	To NWCG ASAP	In progress
Training and education of the MEDL, back to SHWT	Gene to take to SHWT	To NWCG ASAP	In progress

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday June 4, 2004 10:00 AM Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 PM Eastern
2. Friday June 25, 2004 10:00 AM Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 PM Eastern