

EMSG Meeting Notes

June 25, 2004

Core Member Participants: Jeff Hatch

Technical Representative: Bruce Cheeseman

Chair: Gene Madden.

Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

Absent: Jeff Scussel, Kim Christensen, Sherrie Collins, Dia Gainor, Fergus Laughridge

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
State MEDL lists, mailed to Kim	Gene Madden		Completed and on-going
Further discussion on the Credentialing/Standards of Care + bullets sent out on what the states will look for in standards.	Dia Gainor, Bruce Cheeseman		Completed and on-going
Check with Directors in DC to see if there are MOU's in place for within state EMT care	Gene Madden		Completed
Work on the Supply Resource Order form and getting regularly ordered supplies on the form	Gene		Completed
Mail to Gene any information you want to see on the web page	Group		Completed 6/25/04
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	Sept 2004	In progress Gene to draft a letter to through NWCG to go to the Business Team
Develop a medical evacuation template to include use of air ambulance v/s incident aircraft to become guidelines for the MEDL/IMSM.	Gene/Bobby		In progress Bobby to sent to Gene a copy of IMS guidelines
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.	Bobby	July 10, 2004	In progress 5/18/04 Missoula Cache Scussel, Bobby worked with Dr Bill Docktor on medical portions of kit contents. Bobby to review comments received and forward to EMSG
Draft a letter to Robert Bass the current president requesting Dave Cone.	Gene, Dia and Fergus		Completed
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		Completed has been adopted into the 5109.17 FS Qualifications Standards
Proposed: change the 310.1 (NFES 1414) mandating the successful completion of the S-359 Medical Unit Leader course	Gene to take to SHWT		Completed – Gene has sent up through SHWT to NWCG as a recommendation
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		Completed– Gene has sent up through SHWT to NWCG as a recommendation
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		Completed
Gene – draft a cover letter to NWCG and GAC for adoption of MEDL/IMSM Standards	Gene	To NWCG ASAP	Completed
Training and education of the MEDL, back to SHWT	Gene to take to SHWT	To NWCG ASAP	Completed

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Website Medical Unit Resource page - Gene**
- 2. Changes Montana State Board of Medical Examiners suggested be included-on the NWCG Operating Standards – Gene/Bobby**
- 3. Comments that are coming in on the Operating Standards-All**

Gene Madden – I have received comments from Bobby, Fergus and Kim as well as had a few myself on changes to the proposed website for MEDL/IMSM individuals. These changes will be sent to Jennifer Smith at NIFC and after she has had a chance to make the changes they will come back to us for final review.

SHWT had their conference call a couple of weeks ago and it was after that call the Paul Broyles sent out a cover memo with the Medical Unit Operating Standards and the Limited Request for Recognition forms. Comments have started coming in. Most are very positive

Gene - What do you think about developing 10 of the most common asked questions and put up onto the website?

All thought it was a very good idea EMSG members are asked to send questions with answers and send to Bobby who will compile them and forward back out for review prior to being posted.

- **All – come up with questions and answers by July 10 and send to Bobby**

Bobby - Jeff Scussel, Bobby Golden, Pat Nooney, AJ Levine and Dr Bill Doctor meet with the Cache on the kit contents and have come up with some changes. Bobby will

compile the data and send to the rest of the EMSG committee for their comments. Once completed the document will go to the NFES Kit Committee for changes to be made to the National 500 Person First Aid Medical Kit.

Gene - Montana Board of Medical Examiners has offered some comments regarding the Operating Standards and comments on the use of ALS. It has been tabled until our next conference call as Dia and Fergus was unable to be on this call.

- **Bobby to put onto the next conference call this topic**

Round Robin discussion

Jeff Hatch – Need to get the website up and working as there are people wanting to get the information before fire season starts and nothing is posted yet.

Something should be developed with criteria that are needed to be an EMS Service. This will be used to help contracting officials for the fire community to use in signing up EMS Services. Some guidance might be, are you licensed in a state, are all your personnel currently certified at their levels in a state. etc.

- **Bruce Cheesman assigned the task of developing the criteria and sending to Bobby who will get out to the other members.**

The questions came up concerning hiring EMT’s with all their trauma gear and it was emphatically decided by EMSG that NO you do not hire them with their gear, nor should you.

- **Everyone to send to Bobby the names of EMS services that are out there and are used on incidents.**

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Develop questions and answers to post to the web site	All	July 10	
Put onto agenda MT concerns of ALS and comments to the standards	Bobby	July 10	
Develop criteria for standards for signing up EMS services	Bruce Cheesman		
Send to Bobby names of EMS Services you are aware of	All	July 10	

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday July 16, 2004 10:00 AM Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 PM Eastern
2. Friday Aug 6, 2004 10:00 AM Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 PM Eastern