

EMSG Meeting Notes

November 7, 2003

Core Member Participants: Sherrie Collins, Fergus Laughridge

Chair: Gene Madden.

Bobby Golden – Executive Secretary

Absent: Kim Christensen, Dia Gainor, Jeff Scussel, Jeff Hatch

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Recap of the SHWT/EMSG meeting Oct 6 in Las Vegas
- Development of Action Plan for 2004
- Discussion of the Medical Unit Leader Resource Web Page
- Resource Order form task group

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Action Item	Assigned to	Due Date	Action Taken
Invite the National Association of EMS Physicians partnered up with EMSG	Dia Gainor and Fergus Laughridge		In progress
Work on the Supply Resource Order form and getting regularly ordered supplies on the form	Gene		
Action Plan	Group	11/15/03	Completed at Vegas meeting
Mail the new NPS51 to Bobby	Sherrie Collins		
Mail the NSPS51 to EMSG	Bobby		
Mail the 2003 Medical Fire Review to Kim and Sherrie	Bobby		
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		

Gene Madden – I hope everyone received their notes from the Vegas meeting. They should be put on the web page soon. Janelle Smith has taken a detail and will be down in Phoenix and so I will be dealing with a backup person to get the things posted.

Fergus Laughridge – I was elected the Chair of the National EMS and our President Mark King wants to be kept up to date on what happens at our meetings. He is very much interested in what happens with this Committee. It looks like the task group Dia is on will be revisiting what is actually done out in the field and go back and get standards done. The States are finding that there isn't a good defined standard of care out there.

Sherrie Collins – Did not the training group define those standards?

Fergus – No, but they are on the task force to try and get them defined. If you go to the NASEMSD web site you can get the draft the task force is working on

http://www.nasemsd.org/ems_education_agenda_for_the_f.html

Gene – While in Vegas I drafted a letter to go through SHWT that is to be sent to this task group to become a part of the decision process. (As recommended by Dia Gainor at the Oct. meeting)

Fergus – Dia gave the task group the on site visits that was done in 2003 as well as the medical visit logs. The group was surprised at the phenomenal amount of visits a fire camp gets and what types of medical problems were encountered. Now because we are seeing more activation of EMS for other than fire i.e. The Shuttle Recovery, they are seeing a need to have changes made in the EMT standards.

Sherrie – I mailed to Gene the NPS51 to Gene and I will mail it to Bobby so she can get it out to the group. Please review before our next call. This draft has gone out for a 60 day review and should be close to being the final. We might want to look at some of the guidelines and how they can be used in our situations. Some of it will only apply to the National Park Systems.

➤ **Sherrie to mail the NFS51 to Bobby for dissemination to EMSG**

Sherri had a discussion of Exclusive, Concurrent and Proprietary in the Parks. Under the Exclusive concurrent State law officers can go into the Park and enforce state Laws. Most Parks are Exclusive Concurrent.

Fergus – The State EMS Directors endorsed it while on Park property as they are on Federal Boundaries, when they step out of the park and give care they then need to coordinate with the State entity

Gene – After reviewing the final draft of the NPS51, provide Sherrie comments before the 60 day deadline arrives.

I had the opportunity to go to Montana and go to 13 fires to review the Medical units. The report was handed out to the SHWT in Vegas, as well as the EMSG Committee members in attendance.

➤ **Bobby to mail a hard copy to Kim Christiansen and Sherrie Collins**

The 5 year action plans was put together in Vegas with Paul Broyles and the SHWT. The budget portion was increased and I have not heard back from Paul on the status of the amount we will be getting.

Discussion on the Medical Unit Leader Resource Web Page – The only comments received back was from Jeff Scussel. Here is some of his thoughts to add items

1. Universal Reporting System Data Base when developed (SHIPS)
2. State EMT Protocols
3. Medical Kit Configurations/Supplies and Cache updates
4. In an effort to like the MEDL's post names and e-mail address of re carded MEDL's

Fergus – I would like to see more on guidelines that the MEDL's need to follow.

Gene – I have received permission to link to the Burn Care Resource Directory. Asked Fergus if there was a list of trauma centers that could be included as a link on the website.

Fergus – American College of Surgeons web site. <http://www.facs.org>

➤ **If you have any info that you think needs to have a link on the EMSG website, such as Agency protocols, guidelines on fatalities, etc get that info back to Gene.**

We need to have a disclaimer on the site that the material offered is for reference only, and that it needs to be verified at each state level with the State EMS director, etc.

Sherrie – what about putting the contractors out there that offer EMS services.

Gene – Need to make sure it would be legal to do that.

Fergus – I think the website needs to include an emergency number to trouble shoot any issues MEDLS', IMS Managers, etc have on a fire when dealing with EMS directors that are unaware of the process the EMSG committee is coming up with. He volunteered his number since he is a member of the committee.

The state directors don't mind you coming into their back yard on fire they just want to be informed that you are there; otherwise they may fight you tooth and nail.

During the season's review we found that there are medical people coming in and not abiding by the local agency protocols or directions. Non-IMS individuals dealing with IMS and aren't aware of the protocols they need to follow in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington

➤ **That might be an item to include on the web page are the guidelines on how to play nice in the sandbox.**

The Resource Order forms that Dan Frazee uses need to be looked at and revised. I visited with Paul Broyles on what the process is in getting the form approved and how to get the Cache to make the changes. There is a need to make recommendations to the kit contents.

Sherrie – I went through the medical kits in 1990, worked in Missoula with the Cache for 2 weeks and the recommendations have gone no where. There have not been any changes made to the kit contents.

Medical equipment changes so rapidly that there has to be a better way to get things changed.

Gene – The Cache or the Buying teams need to provide a backup plan to fill orders when supply has been exhausted. The MEDL does not need to worry about that. They may have to have a contingency plan that they ask FEMA to fill in on items that are short, so there isn't a need to work with the States Emergency groups to get the needed supplies.

Sherrie – Write a position paper to the FS Liaison with FEMA, maybe the need to fund the EMS supplies in the Caches or at least supply some of the money. Need to look at an Interagency agreement.

Gene – We need to make a recommendation through SHWT that will go to the Business Practices Working Team to address this issue. There needs to be some sort of trigger point for the Cache that when they run low that they will go to an alternate supplier and that it should be available with out purchasing. i.e. Use FEMA's stockpile of first aid supplies.

➤ **Write up a proposal to go through SHWT on having a trigger point.**

The next conference calling dates are:

1. Friday Dec 5, 2003 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
2. Friday Jan 7, 2004 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
3. Friday Jan 30, 2004 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern
4. Friday Feb 20, 2004 10:00 Pacific, 11:00 Mountain, 1:00 Eastern