

SC EMS Medical Control Committee Meeting
August 8, 2013, 10 a. m.
Room N200 Mills Jarrett Building
1751 Calhoun Street, Columbia

<i>MEMBERS PRESENT</i>	<i>MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE</i>	<i>MEMBERS ABSENT</i>	<i>DHEC STAFF</i>
Ed DesChamps, MD	Bill Gerard, MD	Carol Baker-Burger, MD	Don Whiteley
Raymond Bynoe, MD	Martin Lutz, MD	Debbie Hession	Arnold Alier
Doug Norcross, MD		Ron Fuerst, MD	Rich Wisniewski
John Sorrell, MD		Chris Cothran	Mary Matheson
Mark Self			
John Todaro			
Mac Nowell, MD			
Richard Rogers, MD			
Garrett Clanton, MD			
<i>VISITORS PRESENT:</i> John Boozer, Jimmy Walker			
<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>		<i>DISCUSSION OR ACTION</i>	
CALL TO ORDER		Dr. DesChamps called the meeting to order.	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT		Ms. Matheson read the Freedom of Information Act.	
ROLL CALL		Ms. Matheson called the roll.	
DHEC STAFF REPORTS			
Inspector III positions New Bureau Chief New EMS for Children Coordinator		Mr. Whiteley reported as of August of 2013 there are two vacant Inspector III positions and these positions have been posted. John Boozer, Bureau Chief of Health Facilities Services Development was introduced to the Committee. Jamie Ulmer, the newly hired Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children Coordinator will start that week.	
Trauma Advisory Council (TAC) meeting		Mr. Wisniewski stated the proposed grant letter was presented to the Trauma Advisory Council (TAC). Additionally, TAC expressed their support for the American College of Surgeons survey. Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center was granted a full designation for five years and Lexington Medical Center was granted a twelve month provisional designation. Discussion and questions followed.	
Data Oversight Committee		Dr. DesChamps reported the Data Oversight Committee has accepted the NEMSISv3 data points for EMS run reports and a review of the business rules is underway.	

<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Interfacility Drug Policy Subcommittee Report</p> <p>SCHA Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) Pilot Study</p>	<p>After discussion, Dr. DesChamps stated the Medical Control Committee wants to reinforce the idea that the Interfacility Drug Protocol is intended for previously running IV medications. He added that the Committee does not need to take further action, as they were restating the intent of the established protocol.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps reported the SC Hospital Association is proceeding with the POST pilot study in Charleston and Greenville Counties. The proposed POST form will be recognized by hospice, nursing homes, EMS, hospitals, etc, and it will allow the patient and the patient's physician to decide what specific end of life treatment the patient desires.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Pilot Projects</p> <p>Position Statement: EMS Spinal Precautions and the Use of the Long Backboard</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps stated that Jimmy Walker of the SC Hospital Association (SCHA) has contacted this Committee with a request regarding the possibility of a pilot project that would allow Paramedics to work in emergency departments as Paramedics and perform tasks that are within their Scope of Practice. In the past, Paramedics have been permitted to work in emergency departments under a title other than "paramedic". Discussion followed. Dr. Norcross made the following motion: the Committee endorses the concept of Paramedics serving a role in the Emergency Departments of this state, and the Agency should investigate and analyze mechanisms by which that can be accomplished. Dr. Lutz seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried, with one opposing vote.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps asked Mr. Walker if there is anything new on the POST pilot project. Mr. Walker stated the project had been authorized to move forward and an additional outline and educational material have been created. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Rich Wisniewski introduced a Position Statement from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) regarding the use of long</p>

<p>Cricothyrotomy</p> <p>South Carolina EMS Laws and Regulations</p> <p>Required Hours for Medical Control Physicians and Their Agencies</p> <p>Medical Control Workshop</p> <p>2014 Meeting Calendar</p>	<p>backboards in pre-hospital emergency care. He proposed revising the SCEMS protocol to be more in line with the ACS recommendations. Mr. Wisniewski will modify the current SC protocol and present it for approval to the Committee at the next Committee meeting. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Mr. Wisniewski said he would like to see a modification to the current Cricothyrotomy protocol. Discussion followed. Dr. Norcross made the following motion: to revise the existing State Protocols to meet the ATLS (Advanced Trauma Life Support) standard with the exception of making a vertical incision rather than a horizontal incision. Dr. Bynoe seconded and the motion passed. Dr. Norcross made the following motion: at the next meeting, data on the number of pre-hospital cricothyrotomies done over the last five years will be presented to the Committee. The Committee may reconsider at that time whether the procedure should be included in the Paramedic Scope of Practice.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps, in anticipation of the official review of the Law and the Regulations, will send copies of the Law and Regulations to members to spur discussion on what needs updating. Discussion followed.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps postponed until the next meeting the discussions concerning required hours for medical control physicians and their agencies and the offering of a Medical Control Workshop prior to the EMS Symposium in March, 2014.</p> <p>Dr. DesChamps asked Ms. Matheson to send a list of dates for Medical Control Committee meetings for 2014.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on November 14.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>