

MEDICAL CONTROL MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 14, 2013  
 HERITAGE BUILDING  
 MCNEELY CONFERENCE ROOM  
 10:00 AM

<i>MEMBERS PRESENT</i>	<i>MEMBERS ABSENT</i>	<i>DHEC STAFF</i>
Ed DesChamps, MD	Raymond Bynoe, MD	Dawn Keller
William C. Gerald, MD	Marty Lutz, MD	Frank Dahl
Garrett Clanton, MD	Doug Norcross, MD	Mary Matheson
	Mac Nowell, MD	
	Carol Burger, MD	
	Ron Fuerst, MD	
	Richard Rogers, MD	
	James Smith, MD	
	John Sorrell, MD	
<i>VISITORS PRESENT:</i> Dr. William Richardson, Dr. John Zaragoza, Jill Michaels, Steve Battle		
<i>VISITORS BY PHONE:</i> Tara Devito, John Davies, MD, Molly Zmuda		
<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTIONS</i>
CALL TO ORDER	Dr. DesChamps called the meeting to order.	
ROLL CALL	Ms. Matheson conducted the roll call for the committee	
Medical Control Meeting Time	Dr. DesChamps clarified that the Medical Control Meetings will be held at 10:00 from now on.	<i>Updated meetings calendars were passed out.</i>
POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS  Power Point Presentation by Dr. William Richardson, Toxicologist, Medical Director for the Palmetto Poison Center, as well as an Emergency Medical Physician at Palmetto Health Richland.  Power Point presentation by John Zaragoza, Director of Greenville County EMS		<i>Dr. Richardson introduced an initiative to enhance collaboration between the Palmetto Poison Center and EMS.</i>  <i>Mr. Zaragoza presented what he calls a “hybrid high- performance EMS Module”, a collaboration between the Greenville County EMS and the Greenville Hospital System</i>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Dr. DesChamps asked the Board if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes from the August 16, 2012 meeting	<i>There were no objections. Minutes were approved.</i>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Approval of Ketamine</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps recounted that approving Ketamine had been discussed and approved at a meeting, but that no records of that meeting remained.</p> <p>He stated because Ketamine is a Schedule 3 drug and our EMS licenses do not include Schedule 3 drugs, this issue has to be taken before the Bureau of Drug Control. Then anyone who wants to add Ketamine will have to update their state and federal DEA licenses for their services.</p> <p>He then asked that DHEC contact the Bureau of Drug Control and do whatever needs to be done to get Ketamine out in the field. Ms. Keller agreed to head that up.</p>	<p><i>Ms. Keller agreed to contact the Bureau of Drug Control.</i></p>
Alternative Transport	<p>Dr. DesChamps reported the two facilities that had requested the Alternative Transport Designation were approved through the Health Licensing Division as extensions of emergency rooms. MCC has not determined how to handle transport to urgent care centers in general, doctors' offices, or other facilities, but this will be addressed at some point.</p> <p>Discussion continued regarding what defines an emergency department, emergent and non emergent transport, and concerns about ambulances going to facilities other than an emergency department.</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Alternative Process for Expediting Drug Approval</p>	<p>Dr. DesChamps stated the issue of an alternative process for expediting drug approval was brought up at the August 16<sup>th</sup> MCC meeting. He reported he plans to present this issue to the Advisory Committee and the DHEC Board, upon approval from the MCC. This request</p>	

	<p>would allow the MCC, with voice or email support, to emergently approve a drug without going to the Advisory Committee or the DHEC Board first. Dr. DesChamps added that this Committee can decide the parameters: how many doctors to approve; whether limit the approvals to email only. This would be an emergency measure, with the understanding that the drug approved would officially be presented at the next scheduled MCC meeting, and then delivered to the Advisory Board and on to the DHEC Board for their review. Dr. DesChamps reported that he had already spoken to Dr. Sorrell, Dr. Norcross and Dr. Lutz; all agreed it was a good idea. He then asked for the approval of members present. He also added that if there was a true drug shortage, the issue would go to the MCC and that the MCC meetings would not take the place of the Drug Review meetings.</p>	<p><i>Members present agreed that Dr. DesChamps' emergency drug approval plan should be presented to the Advisory Committee and then the DHEC Board</i></p>
Medical Control Workshop	There will be a Medical Control Workshop at the Symposium at the beach.	
Additional Medical Control Workshops	Dr. Gerard will check on giving a workshop in May and will start thinking about a workshop in the Fall.	
Refresher courses for MCC Physicians	Dr. DesChamps stated that he would like the MCC to start thinking about the possibility of requiring ongoing education for MCC physician. If we could ask that over a two or three year period one or two things from a menu would suffice for ongoing education. He added that he would try to send an email about this topic.	
Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Act	Dawn stated that the Act had been brought up and that DHE is defined as regulating this act. Discussion continued including questions as to if any teaching modules existed for this act and if any classes were taught. Dr. DesChamps stated he would get in touch with Jim Cato, as Mr. Cato had been the one who initially put this together.	

Drug Shortages	Ms. Keller stated one way to help deal with certain drug shortages across the state would be for agencies to share information on vendors that may have certain drugs available. She said that this information could be put out through Listserve, not saying that DHEC supports these vendors, but simply passing info between agencies.	
	Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is May 9, at 10:00	