

**South Carolina Medical Control Committee Meeting
Columbia Mills Building
301 Gervais Street, Columbia
Conference Room 2406
November 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

<i>MEMEBERS PRESENT</i>	<i>MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE</i>	<i>MEMBERS ABSENT</i>	<i>DHEC STAFF</i>
Ed DesChamps, MD	Martin Lutz, MD	Carol Baker-Burger, MD	Rich Wisniewski
Raymond Bynoe, MD	Mark Self	Richard Rogers, MD	Don Whiteley
Garrett Clanton, MD		Ron Fuerst, MD	John Boozer
William Gerard, MD		Mac Nowell, MD	Mary Matheson
Doug Norcross, MD		Chris Cothran	
John Sorrell, MD		Debbie Hession	
John Todaro			
<i>VISITORS PRESENT:</i> Jimmy Walker, Tim Weaver, Don Lundy, Henry Lewis, John Dobson, Steve Cotter, John James, Tony Hannon, Scott Stoller, Joe Barr.			

<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>	<i>DISCUSSION OR ACTION</i>
<i>CALL TO ORDER</i>	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.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	<i>Dr. Sorrell made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Dr. Gerard seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.</i>
DHEC STAFF REPORTS New EMS Inspectors EMS Director	Mr. Whiteley reported a new Inspector will start next week and two more will be starting soon. Additionally, Mr. Whiteley announced that his last official day as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director will be November 15. He is transitioning back to his former position as Manager for Training and Certification. John Boozer, Bureau Chief of Health Facilities Services Development, will assume the duties of interim EMS Director until the position is filled.
COMMITTEE REPORTS Trauma Advisory Council ACS Survey TAC Meeting Changes Hospital Re-designation and Site Visits	Mr. Wisniewski stated the Trauma Advisory Council (TAC) discussed the American College of Surgeons Survey (ACS) and added that the survey is supported by DHEC leadership. He reported the schedule for TAC meeting days will change to allow the standing subcommittees to meet in the mornings and the full TAC to meet in the afternoons. Roper Hospital received a full designation as a Level III Trauma Center. Two Level III site visits, East Cooper Medical Center and Conway Medical Center, are scheduled for December.

<p>Data Committee</p> <p>Training Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Cotter stated the review of the NEMSIS v3 national data set and business rules for South Carolina is complete. This data was sent to the EMS Performance Improvement Center prior to submission to various vendors for the initial validation process and testing.</p> <p>The Training Committee is reviewing entrance requirements and examinations for acceptance into EMT courses.</p> <p>Mr. Whiteley reported the National Registry has changed the requirements for Registered Nurses who wish to become Paramedics. Discussion followed. A subcommittee will meet by conference call on December 21, 2013 to discuss additional recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Whiteley added the Policy Manual revisions are on hold, pending the RN to Paramedic requirements.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>Update on SCHA POST Pilot Project</p> <p>öSocial Boardingö Issue</p> <p>Cricothyrotomy Discussion</p> <p>EMS Medical Control Physician Workshop</p>	<p>Mr. Walker stated there are initial concerns over the use of the words öterminal conditionö in the SC DHEC Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) form. The SC Hospital Association feels these words are too restrictive for the patient. DHEC's Office of the General Counsel cannot approve the POST form as suggested, citing SC Law 44.78.20 which states that the patient ömust be diagnosed with a terminal condition.ö</p> <p>Discussion followed.</p> <p>The POST Committee would like to move forward with the pilot program as soon as possible. Mr. Walker will provide an update from the SCHA at the February Medical Control Committee meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Walker reported the issue of öBoardingö or öSocial Dumpingö. This involves Protective Services leaving elderly patients, who have been removed from their environment, in an Emergency Department.</p> <p>Whether or not to allow Paramedics to perform surgical cricothyrotomies was discussed. It was decided additional information is needed. The issue will be revisited at the February meeting.</p> <p>The Medical Control Physician Workshop is scheduled for Thursday March 6, 2014. The general consensus was to move the meeting to Friday, March 7, 2014 and Mr. Whiteley and Dr. DesChamps will contact Ms. Hession and Mr. Cothran about rescheduling. Discussion followed.</p>

<p>NEW BUSINESS Formulary Issues</p>	<p><i>Dr. Sorrell made the motion: the Division of EMS will allow the local Medical Director (and/or the online Medical Control Physician and /or their designee) to determine indications, dosages, and routes of administration for ALL medications approved on the Formulary. Dr. Clanton amended the motion: to add the caveat that controlled substances must be determined-based upon discussion with the Bureau of Drug Control. The motion was seconded by Dr. Norcross and all voted in favor. The motion carried.</i></p>
<p>Ketamine and Phenobarbital</p>	<p>Ketamine has been approved by EMS, but is still being reviewed by the Bureau of Drug Control Dr. Alier will follow up with the Bureau. The Committee remembers that Phenobarbital was approved by the DHEC Board, but is not yet allowed in the field. Staff is to research minutes to find when this was approved.</p>
<p>Next Medical Control Committee Meeting</p>	<p>February 13, 2014</p>
<p>MEETING ADJOUNED</p>	