

Mississippi State Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

A meeting of the Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Council was held at 2:00 p.m. on June 15, 2010, in the Underwood Auditorium of the Mississippi State Department of Health, 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi. Committee member attendance was as follows:

Present:

Butch McMillan
John Nelson, MD
Josh Wenzel
Jonathan Wilson, RN
Jerry Howell
Rick Carlton, MD
Clyde DeSchamp, PhD
Mike Cole, EMT-P
Amber Kyle, RN
Douglas Higginbotham
Tony McCallum, EMT-P
Wade Spruill, Jr.

Absent:

Alton Shaw, EMT-P, RN
Steven Beeson, EMT-P
Bennie Wright, MD
K.C. Hamp
Rodney Frothingham, MD
Ben Yarbrough, MD
Mary Currier, MD, MPH
JoAnn Coates, MD
William T. Avara, MD

MSDH Staff Members Present:

Alisa Williams
Norman Miller
Robert Galli, MD
Lydia Frazier

Donna Smith
Jim Craig
Harriette Dickerson

Call to Order – Jim Craig: Mr. Craig, Designated Representative for Chairman, called to order the EMSAC meeting at 2:07 p.m. on June 15, 2010 in the Osborne Auditorium, MSDH Campus.

1. **Approval of the Minutes-** Motion was made by John Nelson, MD to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Rick Carlton, MD. Passed unanimously without comment.
2. **Update – State EMS Medical Director – Dr. Robert Galli:**
 - Two position statements were presented by the Mississippi EMS Educators. First stating they support the new national EMS education standards for EMR, EMT, EMTP. Second states supports the development of critical care endorsement for paramedics.
 - MDTQA supports critical care paramedic as a good category and valuable in terms of healthcare.

- Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to craft regulations and determine if statutory change is required. Motion made by Clyde Dechamp, PhD. Seconded by Rick Carlton, MD.
- MDTQA recommends EMT-Intermediate be phased out when transitioning to new national levels.
 - Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to craft regulations absent continuing the EMT Intermediate program in our state. Motion made by Tony McCallum, EMT-P. Seconded by Josh Wenzel, EMTP.
- MDTQA discussed induced hypothermia protocols. Recognizing the difficulty of providing this skill in the field, MDTQA thought it should be made an optional skill.
 - Recommended to go to Rules and Regs Subcommittee to come up with appropriate plan.

3. **EMSOF Grant Approvals:** Alisa Williams presented items in one EMSOF Grant Applications for approval by the EMS Advisory Council.

- **Rankin County:** To purchase boat to access patients on the water. – Application Denied.

Regulations – Regulations to update Minimum Equipment for Ground Ambulance. Modifications were made secondary to the American College of Emergency Physicians with some recommendations specific to pediatric care. Some items were tabled including: stair chair, pediatric traction splint, thermometer with low temperature capability. Motion made to accept by Josh Wenzel, EMTP. Seconded by Wade Spruill, Jr..

Medicaid Interpretation of ALS – EMSAC requests a letter from SHO to Director of Medicaid asking to paralleled their definition of ALS and BLS with that of the agency's.

Disciplinary Website – Council requested from staff of a mock report of information that would be published to website. Staff will also confer with legal to ensure appropriateness of information. Motion made to accept by Wade Spruill, Jr. Seconded by Clyde DeSchamp, PhD.