

February 28, 2014, 9 a.m.
Medical Direction Standing Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES

Minneapolis Marriott Northwest
7025 Northland Drive
Brooklyn Park, MN

Prepared by Melody Nagy on 3/18/14
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Attended: Dr. Fink Kocken (acting chair), Dr. Burnett, Dr. Lilja, Dr. Pate, Dr. Sirmons, Ms. Biladeau,
 Executive Director

Agenda Item No.	Attachment	Topic	Information Discussion Decision	Person Responsible
1.		Call to Order Dr. Fink-Kocken called the meeting to order at 9:15a.m. Dr. Thomas will not be attending the meeting today due to a family emergency.	Information	Dr. Fink-Kocken
2.		Introductions None.		
3.	H	Approval of Agenda Dr. Lilja asked about First Responder refreshers and the federal mandates. Dr. Fink-Kocken asked that this be discussed as other business. Dr. Burnett asked to report on the American College of Emergency Physician's report regarding the lack of a state medical director in Minnesota as a deficiency. Dr. Fink-Kocken asked that this be discussed as other business.	Decision	Dr. Fink-Kocken
4.	H	Approval of Minutes Dr. Fink-Kocken asked for approval of the minutes. She said that medical director education has not moved forward. This was to be discussed with Dr. Satterlee. <u>Dr. Lilja moved approval of the minutes. Dr. Pate seconded. Motion carried.</u>	Decision	Dr. Fink-Kocken
5.		Executive Director's Report Ms. Biladeau reported that she is tracking proposed legislation. <u>Board Vacancies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications are submitted to the Secretary of State (see website) • six vacancies on the Board and the Secretary of State has received 	Information	Ms. Biladeau

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		<p>applications for all representative categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments are made by the Governor’s Office, traditionally by May. • Board members may continue in their appointments until June 30. • If appointments are not made by July 1 the positions will remain unfilled. <p>Dr. Fink-Kocken said that a Board Performance Ad Hoc Committee is discussing the function of the EMSRB. A committee report will be provided at the March Board meeting.</p>		
6.	H	<p>Review of Epi-Pen Decision and Solutions</p> <p>Dr. Fink-Kocken said that a letter was provided to all ambulance services. The committee discussed the issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pre-marked syringes will meet the requirements • a vial may only be used once • this will provide cost savings to ambulance services <p>A statute change may be discussed for a future legislative proposal. Dr. Lilja suggested not changing legislation unless there is a significant problem.</p>	Information	Dr. Fink-Kocken
7.	H	<p>Variance for Ambulance Administration of Narcan by BLS Service</p> <p>Ms. Biladeau provided handouts on Narcan. Dr. Fink-Kocken commented that this is a nationwide initiative. The proposed legislation is for administration of the drug for potential overdose. There is Good Samaritan immunity from prosecution included in the legislation.</p> <p>Dr. Lilja commented that this is not currently included for BLS variances and there are better ways to treat the patient.</p> <p>Ms. Biladeau provided a MNSTAR report on statewide Narcan administration by ambulance services.</p> <p>The Committee discussed their concerns about the proposed legislation and proper patient care.</p> <p>Dr. Burnett asked for a six month or yearly report on this. Dr. Fink-Kocken agreed that a yearly report would be appropriate.</p> <p>The EMSRB should have the position that there are risks of this medication and concerns of withdrawal and proper use of ventilation should be noted. There should also be training suggested. There should be a report in 12 months on the use of the medication.</p>	Information	Dr. Fink-Kocken
8.		<p>Other Business</p> <p>Dr. Burnett said that the American College of Emergency Physicians report “Annual of Emergency Medicine, volume 63, No 2, February 2014” has a notation that the State of Minnesota does not have a state medical director.</p> <p>Dr. Fink-Kocken said that Minnesota is in the top 20% of all states for our grade.</p>	Information	Dr. Fink-Kocken

Dr. Burnett said that this information would be valuable to advocate for funding at the legislature to have a state medical director.

Dr. Fink-Kocken said that Dr. Thomas is the State Medical Director and Dr. Fink-Kocken provides assistance if requested. Dr. Lilja said that he had time to devote to this when he was the state medical director. Dr. Fink-Kocken said that it did not work to have this as a contract position. Dr. Lilja suggested that this could be shared position and suggested several people that could fill the position.

Dr. Burnett said that the lack of a state medical director does not mean that there is a lack of medical direction in the state.

Dr. Sirmons arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Dr. Fink-Kocken said that we will have another physician appointed to the Board in July.

Dr. Burnett moved that the lack of an individual full time state EMS medical director does not equal lack of medical direction in the State. He said that the MDSAC can provide a resource in medical oversight. We have active involvement in EMS physician medical directors (rural and metro). We have regular meetings and a good working relationship. No vote was taken.

This is the position agreed upon by MDSAC and Dr. Fink-Kocken will provide this information to the Board.

Dr. Burnett commented that MDH has a position open in STAC for the state EMS medical director. Can this position be offered to anyone on the MDSAC? Dr. Lilja suggested Dr. Burnett volunteer. Dr. Burnett asked that the MDSAC identify physicians who are interested in participating in STAC. Dr. Fink-Kocken said that she would discuss this with Dr. Thomas and forward a recommendation to the EMSRB. Note: the STAC position should be filled by an EMSRB Board member.

First Responder Refresher Training

Dr. Lilja said that he is teaching First Responders and EMSRB does not regulate First Responders. First Responders must take ICS 100 training. He said he does not see the reason to take this course. He said that he is getting a lot of push back regarding this requirement.

Ms. Biladeau said that the requirement in statute is the national standards for minimum competency at First Responder. A person does not need to be registered.

Dr. Lilja said that when we require these courses we are eliminating the volunteers. (16 hours of training) Dr. Sirmons said that the course is online. Dr. Lilja said that they are threatening to quit serving.

	<p>Dr. Lilja said that he would like to see more emphasis on CPR and bleeding control. Volunteers do not have this additional time. This needs to be addressed by the EMSRB. Dr. Fink-Kocken said that EMSRB must adhere to the national standards. Ms. Biladeau said that this is not hour based it is competency based. It is online and it requires 100 and 700 and based on my experience and what I have heard from others this training takes closer to two hours.</p> <p>Dr. Fink-Kocken will suggest this be discussed further at another meeting.</p> <p><u>Medical Director Course</u> Dr. Fink-Kocken said we do not have further information since the last meeting. I do not think the course is available for medical directors and we want to have this available.</p> <p>Dr. Lilja asked if the state is notified of a new medical director. Ms. Biladeau said that this does not always happen. Services updated information at each ambulance renewal cycle.</p> <p>Dr. Lilja suggested inviting new medical directors to the Medical Director's Retreat in September. Dr. Sirmons said that we have had this discussion on the national level.</p> <p>Dr. Pate said that he would reach out to rural medical directors and invite them to participate in these meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Sirmons mentioned a three day national course. Dr. Sirmons suggested a one day conference for Minnesota. Dr. Lilja said that was previously offered and did not have good attendance. Dr. Pate said that these volunteer medical directors already have full-time positions and do not have any extra time.</p> <p>Dr. Lilja said that he appreciates the group listening to his issue. Dr. Fink-Kocken asked for a report of the requirements.</p>		
9.	<p>Public Comment None.</p>	Information	Dr. Fink-Kocken
10.	<p>Next Meeting Not set.</p>	Decision	Dr. Fink-Kocken
11.	<p>Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.</p>	Decision	Dr. Fink-Kocken