

State of Minnesota
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
Board Ambulance Standards Ad-Hoc Work Group Meeting

Monday March 21, 2016 – 10:00am

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Pat Coyne, Matt Will, Chad Dotzler, Joe Kounkel, Fred Pawelk, Kjelsey Polzin, Jeff Czyson (Phone), Aarron Reinert (Phone), Tom Frost (Phone), Bob Norlen

1. Call to Order

Pat Coyne, Work Group Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am and began the meeting with introductions.

2. Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

3. Approve Meeting Notes from February 22, 2016 meeting

Correction to meeting notes – Kjelsey Polzin was in attendance at the February 22nd meeting and not on the attendance list. Meeting minutes as amended were approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

4. Chairs Comments

Mr. Coyne noted that ambulance standards discussion was on the agenda for the NASEMSO (National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials) upcoming meeting in the first week of April. EMSRB staff will be attending this meeting to gather further information on the standards and obtain further information from Michael Berg (Commonwealth of Virginia) who is leading a national committee through the standards discussion. Mr. Coyne thought it may be beneficial to get some additional feedback from this meeting before moving forward with any final decision on making a standards recommendation for Minnesota.

5. Discussion of the merits and or concerns about either standard (CAAS or NFPA 1917)

Mr. Dotzler had a question regarding the CAAS draft standard regarding compressed gas oxygen and will the standard allow for liquid oxygen to be carried. There was discussion on this by the Work Group and was determined that this question and other areas the Work Group decides need clarification will have to be researched further. Also concerns were brought forward about how specific the NFPA-1917 standard was, and how that might impact more rural ambulance services. Mr. Coyne asked the group to carefully review the both the GVS CAAS and NFPA-1917 standards and start compiling specific questions on the standards that would need further clarification or need to be exempted for Minnesota. Mr. Czyson stated the need for flexibility in a standard.

Mr. Pawelk stated he was at the AMD meeting and the GVS CAAS and NFPA-1917 standards were extensively discussed with ambulance manufactures groups. He reminded the Work Group that the GVS CAAS document has not been finalized as a recognized standard. However, there will be more information on this in the coming weeks.

6. Work Group Consensus on one of the two standards as a recommendation to the Board

This item was tabled by the Work Group for additional research and until the GVS CAAS document is finalized.

7. Other Committee Business

None noted.

8. Next Meeting

Monday April 25, 2016 – 10:00am EMSRB Office

9. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Work Group consensus at 11:30am.