

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

Tuesday October 18, 2016 – 10:00am

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Jeff Czyson, Chad Dotzler, Fred Pawelk, Joe Kounkel, Tom Frost (Phone), Matt Will (Phone), Bob Norlen

1. Call to Order

Jeff Czyson, Work Group Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10am and began the meeting with introductions.

2. Approve Agenda

Agenda was approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

3. Approve Meeting Notes from August 30, 2016 Meeting

Meeting notes from August 30, 2016 meeting where approved by consensus of the Work Group members.

4. Vice Chairs Comments

None

5. Review Recommendation to Board

Work Group reviewed draft on rule change recommendation that would go to the Board in November. A few typos were noted and corrected in the document. Mr. Will asked for further explanation of the J3026 safety standard related to seating positions. The J3026 standard will require designation of seating positions within the patient compartment when the ambulance is being purchased and ready for manufacture. The purchaser will have to decide on the number a position of those seats. This will, in general, eliminate bench seating in the ambulance. Work group completed

6. Discussion on Cost for Implementing CAAS-GVS Standards in Minnesota

Work group members had done research related to costs that may be incurred by ambulance services purchasing ambulance once the new ground ambulance standards are implemented for Minnesota. After a discussion and review the work group has determined the following projected costs figures. The cost discussion and projections look at the implementation of specific safety features included in the CAAS-GVS standard.

- Cot Retention Systems J3027 - \$2,300.00 to \$27,000.00 cost increase depending on the type of cot retention system ordered.
- Ambulance Equipment Mount Device or Systems J3043: \$0.00 and \$3,000.00 cost increase depending on equipment mount types.
- Ambulance Patient Compartment Seating Integrity and Occupant Restraint J3026: \$300.00 to \$500.00 per seating position.

Based on cost figures available to the work group for projections, a general cost increase to a service purchasing an ambulance under the CAAS-GVS is anywhere from \$5,000.00 and up depending on service specific requirements related to cot retention systems, ambulance equipment mounting systems and ambulance patient compartment seating requirements.

7. Other Work Group Business

The recommendation from this work group will be presented to the Board at their November 17, 2016 Board meeting. Mr. Czyson has agreed to present the recommendation to the Board. Work group members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting to be a part of the recommendation presentation.

The Work Group also noted some potential next items to be reviewed, driving requirements, ambulance maintenance, ambulance remount re-power (re-chassis) and pediatric transport best practices. Mr. Coyne will get further direction from the Board.

8. Next Meeting

March 27, 2017 – 9:00am

9. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Work Group consensus at 11:59am

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