

State EMS Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024, 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Google Meeting
Utah Dept. of Health
288 North 1460 West, #125
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Committee Members:	Brett Cross, Clair Provost, Clint Smith, David Sutherland, GJ Willden, Hilary Hewes, Jeremy Hoggard, Kevin Nunn, Kevin Rose, Kris Shields, Kristofer Mitchell, Lauara Lisk, Mark Adams, Mike Moffit, Nathan Curtis, Scott Youngquist, Stacey Shelley
Excused:	
Staff:	Linda Simmons, Tami Goodin, Felicia Alvarez, Gay Brogdon, Dan Camp, Mark Herrera, Dean Penovich
Presiding:	Clint Smith

Introduction of Committee members	Roll was called. It was determined that a quorum was present of at least 9 committee members.	
	Action Items	
New Member on EMS Committee	Nathan Strait “licensed mental health professional with experience as a first responder” was introduced as a new member to the committee.	
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Clint Smith asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous January 10, 2024, meeting.	Clair Provost motioned to approve the minutes. Kris Shields seconded Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024, meeting
R426-8 Amendment Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Penovich shared the changes made to the Ground Ambulance Rates rule. • Mike Moffit stressed the purpose of the language in the rule is to clarify billing for supplies and medications used, not procedures performed. 	Mike Moffit motioned to approve the proposed amendments to R426-8 including his comments clarifying that the billing is for supplies and medications used, not procedures performed. Scott Youngquist seconded Committee voted unanimously to approved

<p>Equipment List Updates</p>	<p>Handled Gurney Cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Chadwick from Secure Lift presented on why they think their handled gurney cover should be included on the equipment list. • Their company had a Dr. with the Rocky Mountain Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health research and found conclusively that the handled gurney sheet would reduce injury to patients and medical personnel. • Clint Smith read an email from Chief Mark Sanderson in Orem Fire Dept. supporting adding the handled gurney cover to the equipment list. • Committee members discussed the request and commented that the handled gurney cover should not be a required item, but that it can be added to the equipment list as an optional item. <p>AEMT ambulance lists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Moffit shared that during the initial discussion of equipment lists there was not a discussion about a certain item on the AEMT Ground Ambulance list. It now requires a cardiac monitor defibrillator waveform capnography SD02 waveform BP 12 lead EKG device. He believes this is an expensive item and the agencies should have an option between that and an automatic defibrillator device. • Dr. Taillac shared that evidence-based best practice nationally is to have entitle CO2 capability if they are doing basic airway management. • Chief Nunn shared that his agency does have one of the 12 lead devices, but it would require a grant to get another one because they are so expensive. • Lauara suggested that the rural areas are probably the ones who most need the 12 lead, but are least likely to afford it, so she suggested they have at least one in the area that can be sent on the ambulances that need them. • Mike clarified that he wants the list to have an either-or option. 	<p>Lauara Lisk motioned to approve to place the handled gurney cover on the equipment list under optional items.</p> <p>Clair Provost seconded</p> <p>Committee voted unanimously to approve</p> <p>The Committee agreed to send this item to the Operations Subcommittee for further evaluation and bring back a recommendation to the EMS Committee</p>
<p>Approve EMS Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Morris shared that the Grants Subcommittee made significant changes to the grants application as the initial application and guidelines were not working. • Lauara suggested that grant applicants should have to disclose whether they have received 	<p>Mike Moffitt motioned to accept the new guidelines and the application process as presented.</p> <p>Nathan Strait seconded</p>

	<p>other grants and what their funding sources are. Ron confirmed that is part of the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Nunn requested that QRVs be included in the future instead of just ground ambulance. 	Committee voted unanimously to accept
Operations Subcommittee Report	Chris DeLaMare reported they voted for a chair and vice chair for the subcommittee.	
Professional Development Subcommittee Report	Jamon Smith reported they are 1. Working on providing guidance for joint courses and clarifying the admin requirements. 2. The new minimum hour requirements for initial EMT and AEMT certification courses has been a cause for concern and further deliberations are taking place. They intend to adopt the National EMS Education Standard recommendations and the committee is currently seeking feedback from stakeholders and will likely present at the next EMS committee meeting. 3. Sunsetting the Practical Skills Evaluation Test for AEMT and paramedics starting July 1, 2024. After that date they will need to satisfy the student minimum competencies (SMCs) requirements for certification.	
Grants Subcommittee Report	Nothing new to report.	
Securing Gurney Requirement on Equipment List for Nonemergency Secured Behavioral Health Transports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alton asked if there are any regulations for either an ambulance for the secure nonemergent behavioral transfer retention – How is this gurney being secured to the floor? He thinks there should be a regulation in place for how the gurneys are mounted. • Mike Moffit shared in his experience that there are assumptions made that if the gurney is used it will be mounted correctly, but he suggests this item be sent to the Operations Subcommittee for review of wording and discussion and let them come back with some official language. 	
	Informational Items	
Legislative Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darin Bushman reviewed the funding and bills that were passed. 	
Boards and Commissions Bill; Impact to Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darin shared that the Trauma Systems Advisory Committee has been joined to the EMS Committee. That goes into effect October 1, 2024. They would like to make the TSAC into a subcommittee. This will be discussed in a future meeting. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMS Committee is also being reduced from 19 seats to 11. They are thinking that instead of replacing those whose terms are ending they will just eliminate the positions. • The Stroke Registry Advisory Committee and the Cardiac Registry Advisory Committee were also eliminated, but an ad-hoc committee can be used to address concerns in these areas. The registries will not go away. 	
EMS Administrative Rule Amendment Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R426-5 – Licensing standards. This is very close to going through. • R426-7 – The data rule. It’s currently out for public comment. • R426-10 – Air Ambulance Rule. Approved by rules coordinator and sent to leadership for approval before it goes to the Office of Administrative Rules. • R426-8 – It has also been sent to the rules coordinator. 	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clair asked for clarification on the House Bill 84. Darin clarified that the Sherrif’s office is only in charge under search and rescue activities. All search and rescues fall under the Sherrif’s authority. • The EMS awards ceremony is May 22, 2024. 	
	Adjourn	
	Meeting adjourned	Mike Moffit moved to adjourn. Clair Provost Seconded. Meeting was adjourned.
	Next Meeting	
	July 10, 2024, 12:00 PM at the DPS Building/Virtual Hybrid Meeting	