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**Minutes – August 5, 2014 WebEx meeting
 Emergency Care Council**

The role of the ECC is to advise the EMSTS Section, DPHHS on issues related to:

- o Development of a comprehensive, data-driven emergency care system
- o Implementation of information systems which support system evaluation and quality improvement
- o Development of emergency care standards, benchmarks and guidelines
- o Strategies which enable the Department to meet emergency care system development needs & national standards

Present: Tina Frisch-Eblen, Lauri Jackson, Jason Mahoney, Rolene Gaul, Trent Biggers, Robin Suzor, Laura Erickson, Joe Hansen, William Farhat, T.C. Coble

Staff: Jim DeTienne, Shari Graham, Robin Suzor, Alyssa Sexton

Subject	Discussion
Call to Order	<p>Meeting was called to order and the minutes of the May 6 meeting were approved.</p> <p>Jim also noted that we will discuss an application process for EMS Week 2015 awards at the December 2014 ECC meeting.</p>
Updates	<p>Both physician positions remain open on the council. Bill Farhat will ask Dr. Lowe if he is interested. Trent Biggers will ask Todd Mohr.</p> <p>Mission Lifeline Montana update: The AHA EMS Grant application will be available online this week. AHA has hired Dr. Dave Simpson for the Montana Mission Lifeline EMS Program Manager position and Bobbie Kane for the ½ time administrative position. They have not yet announced the Program Manager.</p> <p>Three committees have been formed for Montana Mission Lifeline. The Protocol Committee is working on statewide STEMI protocols. They have, through Dr. Upchurch suggested a change to the prehospital chest pain protocol. The request has been forwarded by the BOME to the Medical Director Committee of the BOME for comment.</p> <p>The Equipment Committee has been working on the EMS grant application which should be available online this week. EMSTS will hold several WebEx sessions to assist agencies with the grant application process.</p> <p>The Education Committee has been focusing on a STEMI conference to be held in February 2015 in Bozeman. EMS education will focus on 12-lead acquisition and transmission at the BLS level and 12-lead interpretation at the Paramedic level. There will also be funding available for hospitals for receiving equipment.</p> <p>MIH-CP town meetings have not occurred yet. Jim DeTienne discussed MIH-CP with BOME. It was decided that a committee should be formed to include representation from DPHHS/BOME/BON to consider regulatory issues and clarification of MIH-CP.</p>

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	<p>Goals for the next year include acquisition of funding for MIH-CP pilot projects, community needs assessments, more education defining what MIH-CP is, data collection and potential Medicaid funding for MIH-CP. CMS may be funding pilot projects in the future.</p> <p>Currently no sites have been chosen for pilot programs although several communities have expressed an interest.</p>
<p>Workgroups</p>	<p>HELMSLEY LUCAS GRANT Workgroup: EMSTS strategy is to include cardiac ready community into this grant request to include PI on accessing the EMS system, bystander CPR, AED programs, EMS high performance CPR and post resuscitative care.</p> <p>Lauri Jackson and Jason Mahoney volunteered for this workgroup.</p> <p>NEMSIS 3.0 Workgroup: The National EMS Information System is upgrading over the next couple of years from version 2.2.6 to version 3.x. Not only is the EMSTS HIRMS system constructed on version 2.x, it programming is becoming outdated and more problematic. This workgroup will compare the NEMSIS 2.2.6 data set with the 3.0 data set and identify any gaps in the current data rules. We need to assess what data is important to Montana.</p> <p>William Farhat and Trent Biggers volunteered for this workgroup.</p> <p>EMS SURVEY Workgroup: EMSTS has requested funding to conduct a system-wide survey to assist in determining the needs of Montana's EMS System. We anticipate three survey areas: ECP workforce; service manager; and medical direction. We would also include an assessment of EMSTS from the perspective of the ECP, service manager and medical director. Is EMSTS conducting the right work? Are there areas we should be focusing our attention on?</p> <p>A contractor will be hired to conduct the survey and provide the compiled data. The workgroup will work closely with the contractor to develop this survey.</p> <p>Joe Hansen and T.C. Coble volunteered for this workgroup.</p> <p>A listserv message will be sent requesting participation from other interested persons for each of the three workgroups.</p>
<p>Strategic Plan</p> <p>Focus Area 1: "System Development and Implementation"</p> <p>Strategy Priority 1.2 – Response and Transportation</p>	<p>We will have a review the strategic plan at the December meeting and finalize a 2015 plan of activities.</p> <p>1.2.2 Parked pending Fall 2014 release of new mutual aid manual.</p> <p>1.2.2 Air-Medical – The Air Medical workgroup is active and will hold the next Webex session on Aug. 12. We will continue our discussion of the benefits of membership in the North West Association of Aeromedical Responders.</p> <p>1.2.4 Parked pending funding for a statewide comprehensive assessment of Montana EMS. Planned for late 2014.</p>
<p>Strategic Priority 1.3 - Regionalized Systems of Care</p>	<p>1.3.1 STEMI system of care project is underway with the AHA Mission Lifeline program.</p> <p>1.3.2 Cardiac Ready system is parked pending funding by Helmsley.</p>



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	<p>A workgroup has been formed to start working on the grant process.</p> <p>1.3.3 We are in the 3rd year of a four year grant for regionalization of pediatric care. The next meeting the workgroup is Sept. 29. One of the identified strategies for the coming year is meeting with larger hospitals in the state to engage them in the regionalization process. Focus to this point has been on CAH and tribal facilities throughout Montana.</p>
<p>Focus Area 2: System Surveillance and Evaluation</p> <p>Strategic Priority 2.1 – Data and Evaluation</p>	<p>2.1.3 Josh Ledger continues to work on Pentaho reporting capability. He is mapping data so that old data will be available when we move to the NEMSIS 3.0 format. A timeline needs to be developed for change from NEMSIS 2.2 to NEMSIS version 3.</p> <p>2.1.4 Facilitate an ECC data workgroup to plan continued development of the HIRMS prehospital data system, especially transition to the NEMSIS 3.0 data standard.</p> <p>2.2.1 Parked pending development of the Pentaho reporting functionality.</p> <p>2.2.2 Parked pending block grant funding for epidemiology and reporting.</p>
<p>Focus Area 3: Workforce Development</p>	<p>3.1.1 Parked pending funding for statewide survey in fall of 2014.</p> <p>3.1.2 Parked pending funding for statewide survey in fall of 2014.</p> <p>3.1.3 MIH-CP community meetings will be held at several locations throughout the State of Montana to address strategies and challenges to implementing a MIH-CP program.</p> <p>3.1.4 Evaluate the Culture of Safety Agenda. EVENT national reporting system was introduced to the BOME.</p> <p>3.1.5 Parked pending acknowledgement of Helmsley funding</p> <p>3.1.6 Parked pending implementation of survey.</p>
<p>Focus Area 4: Medical Oversight</p>	<p>All areas parked pending funding for a statewide survey in fall 2014.</p>
<p>Roundtable</p>	<p>Public Comment – None.</p> <p>Laura Erickson – Concerned about increasing requirements for data submission and the increased burden this places on rural, volunteer providers.</p> <p>Thomas Coble – Announced he is now employed by Summit Air Ambulance.</p> <p>Robin Suzor – Announced that an Emergency Pediatric Care course will be offered at the MEMSA Conference on Oct. 2, 2014. There will be a Pediatric Disaster Preparedness course offered in Montana June 18 and 19, 2015. The course location has not yet been determined.</p> <p>Alyssa Sexton – Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Conference will be held Sept. 11 & 12, 2014 in Missoula. EMSTS is currently working</p>

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<p>Roundtable Cont.</p>	<p>through the public rules process for a change in trauma designation criteria.</p> <p>Shari Graham – 2015 funding has been approved for PHTLS courses. EPI Check and Inject Program is currently available.</p> <p>Jim DeTienne – MIH-CP website was launched and the MIH-CP Listserv is active.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Dec. 2 – Face to Face in Helena</p>