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Minutes – May 6, 2014 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: Charles Farmer, Don Whalen, Jason Mahoney, Joe Hansen, T.C. Coble, Tina Eblen, William Farhat; **Webex:** Laura Erickson

Guests: Nicola Tomlin, Mark Tomlin

Staff: Jim DeTienne, Shari Graham, Robin Suzor, Alyssa Sexton, Mary Hill, Dayle Perrin

Subject	Discussion
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order and the minutes of the Feb. 11 meeting were approved.
Updates	<p>We need to fill the physician oversight positions on the council. Both urban and rural medical director positions are open. These positions may be filled by mid-levels.</p> <p>Overview of the Criteria Based Dispatch EMD program offered by EMSTS. Discussion on perceived roadblocks to implementation. 39% of PSAPs are currently using some form of EMD program.</p> <p>MIH-CP update and overview. Currently no formal programs in Montana. Town meetings will be held later this month and in June at 9 locations throughout the state to discuss challenges and MIH-CP work plan.</p> <p>EMSTS is in the second full year of data collection. 40,000 records have been collected for 2013 and pushed to NEMSIS. We are currently developing a Pentaho reporting system for EMS agency and state level reporting.</p> <p>Helmsley AHA Mission Lifeline grant program was announced March 31, 2014. 12-lead acquisition, transmission, receiving, protocol development and education will all be addressed within this grant to develop a STEMI system of care. There will also be future grant opportunities to include Simulation in Motion (mobile sim labs) and the Lucas device.</p> <p>The Air Medical Workgroup is actively working on strategies for universal use of the tan channel for EMS air-to-ground communications.</p> <p>There is proposed legislation for PI protection for EMS Councils and EMS Services to allow PI review of medical cases. There currently is protection for PI review of trauma cases.</p>

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Focus Area 1: "System Development and Implementation" Strategy Priority 1.2 – Response and Transportation	<p>EMD discussion of strategies to overcome roadblocks for implementation of EMD programs. PSAPs are concerned with liability, and implementation when using a one dispatcher model. Suggestions included contacting MACO for backing and developing a QI program for use at the local PSAP level. Nicola Tomlin and Joe Hansen expressed interest in the EMD workgroup.</p> <p>Air-Medical - Continued discussion of safety strategies. There is a need for continued education on air-to-ground as well as air to air communications for scene EMS operations. The Air-Medical Workgroup will meet via WebEx May 13.</p> <p>Pending funding, a comprehensive assessment of Montana EMS is planned for late 2014.</p>
Strategic Priority 1.3 - Regionalized Systems of Care	STEMI system of care project is underway with the AHA Mission Lifeline program. AHA has developed a taskforce that will begin meeting in May. The AHA is in the process of hiring a Mission Lifeline Program Manager, Mission Lifeline EMS Manager and an administrative person for Mission Lifeline.
Focus Area 2: System Surveillance and Evaluation Strategic Priority 2.1 – Data and Evaluation	Currently EMSTS is collecting data from 118 of 145 agencies both directly and through third party software. Files are being exported to NEMSIS. State level reports are currently available from NEMSIS. We are contracting with Josh Ledger to develop agency level reports. A timeline needs to be developed for change from NEMSIS 2.2 to NEMSIS version 3.
Focus Area 3: Workforce Development	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. Some of the challenges discussed were: medical oversight and physician concern about liability; the need to educate other healthcare providers about what MIH-CP is and isn't; the need for an educational standard for the CP; and reimbursement strategies.
Roundtable	Public Comment – None. EMSTS – EMS Week is May 18-24, 2014. EMSTS will recognize EMS with three awards: EMS System Award; EMS Agency Award; and EMS Provider Award. Awards will be presented by Richard Opper, Director of DPHHS at 10:00 a.m. May 21 at the Capital Rotunda.
Next Meeting	August 5, 2014 – this will be a WebEx meeting.