Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force Minutes

Meeting: Monday, November 4, 2013 at 2:30pm

Connecticut Department of Public Health OCHA Hearing Room, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Raphael Barishansky, Joseph Danao, Paul Fitzgerald, Matthew Galligan, Mary-Ellen Harper, Vincent Landisio, David Lowell, Carl Schiessl, Charlee Tufts, Gary Wiemokly

Guests in Attendance:

Charles Babson, Mark Brennan, James Brown, Michael Donohue, Wendy Furniss, Josh Hughes, Elizabeth Keyes, Gary O'Connor, Ken Przybysz, Judith Reynolds, Ted Schroll, Brian Sullivan

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:36PM by Co-Chair Barishansky.
 - A. Introduction/Roll Call of Members

The Task Force members introduced themselves and their affiliations.

B. Introduction of Audience

The members of the audience introduced themselves and their affiliations.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting (Lowell/Wiemokly), Motion passed with one member abstaining (Galligan).

D. Public Comment

Co-Chair Barishansky opened the floor for public comment, there was none.

2. Old Business

A. Task Force Topic Review (Barishansky/Harper)

The document was distributed for review. This item will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Two-Tier Proposal (Harper)

Discussion was tabled until Harper arrived. Following Harper's arrival and subsequent discussion, the item was left on the agenda for the next meeting. The consensus of the Task Force is that attention will be focused on the DPH Proposed PSA Regulations during the next meeting. The Co-Chairs asked each Task Force Member to come to that meeting prepared to discuss their opinions on the DPH Proposed Regulations as well as the Current Regulations. This item will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. Performance Metrics (Tufts)

Tufts presented her list of Performance Metrics. The Co-Chairs invited the Task Force Members to submit other measures of EMS System Performance to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. This item will remain on the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Review of PSA Statutes and Regulations (Danao)

Danao gave an overview. This document was offered as a reference for Task Force Members and the item will come off of the agenda.

E. DPH List of PSA Holders Requested by Fitzgerald

The PSA list was distributed to the group. This document was offered as a reference for Task Force Members and the item will come off of the agenda.

3. New Business

- A. Discussion of Task Force Position Regarding DPH Proposed Regulations (Barishansky) Discussion on this item took place under Item 2B.
- B. Overview of Minnesota Statute and Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (Danao)

Danao gave an overview. This document was offered as a reference for Task Force Members and the item will come off of the agenda.

C. SWOT Overview (Barishansky/Harper)

Co-Chair Barishansky is looking for input by November 13th for the November 18th meeting.

David Lowell presented the "SWOT Analysis of Current EMS System for Discussion" developed by ACAP (Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers) for inclusion in the group's SWOT analysis. Any questions please contact him.

4.0 Adjournment

Co-Chair Barishansky informed the group of Fred Dellavalle's resignation. The position will be reappointed by the DPH Commissioner.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 2013, 2:30PM, OCHA Hearing Room, Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

Motion to Adjourn (Landisio/Danao) and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judi Reynolds DPH/OEMS Region 2 Coordinator