

Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 7, 2014, 3:30PM
Connecticut Department of Public Health
OCHA Hearing Room, Third Floor, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Charles Babson, Raphael Barishansky, Joe Danao, Paul Fitzgerald, Matthew Galligan, Mary-Ellen Harper, Vincent Landisio, Seth Roberts, Thomas Ronalter, Carl Schiessl

Task Force Committee Members Calling In:

Bruce Baxter, David Lowell, Gary Wiemokly, Charlee Tufts

Guests in Attendance:

Gary Allyn, Michael Donohue, Wendy Furniss, Marianne Horn, Geoff Herald, Donna Hunter, Elizabeth Keyes, Paul Rapanault, Judith Reynolds, Tamath Rossi, William Schietinger, Ted Schroll, Brian Sullivan,

1.0 Call to Order

Co-Chair Barishansky called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

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. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

D. A motion was made to approve the minutes of 02/03/14 as presented, (Galligan/Landisio). Discussion followed with a correction request from Charles Babson (document distributed with change requested titled; Subject: PSA Taskforce Change to 2/3/14 minutes, signed by Charles E. Babson, III). Document requested change to page 2 of the 2/3/14 minutes, line 6 of the first paragraph starting with "A friendly amendment", adding after the word Recommendation "but an Item in Dispute". David Lowell commented that the minutes are absent of the fact that there was substantial discussion on using the term "Item in Dispute", he feels the minutes should reflect that discussion. A roll call vote was taken with 7 votes in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstaining. During the roll call it was noted Caroline Baisley was not on the call in or present for the vote. Motion approved.

2.0 Old Business

A. DRAFT Task Force Final Report

A motion was made by Co-chair Harper/Galligan, to replace the existing language in the "Conclusion" with language presented in a document distributed titled "Conclusion". Co-chair Harper noted Joe Danao had contributed to the new "Conclusion". Co-chair Barishansky asked if those members calling in had received the document, David Lowell and Bruce Baxter stated they had, Gary Wiemokly stated he did not have access to email. There was discussion following with comment in favor and against the reworded "Conclusion". Joe Danao stated he wanted the "Conclusion" to address today, tomorrow and the future. He said it notes many experienced and dedicated people did a lot of work in producing the final report. He wanted to thank them and other contributors and felt the "Conclusion" was a good place to do that. He also feels this document will be referred to in the future.

There was specific discussion on the section of the document starting with paragraph 3, "The 5 Recommendations" ending with paragraph 4, "system stability". David Lowell agrees with paragraph 1 and 2, and 5, the sections beginning with "The 5 Recommendations" and "The intent of the 5 recommendations" ending with the word "stability", he feels are redundant. Joe Danao thanked David Lowell for his comments. A friendly amendment was made by Co-chair Barishansky to strike the sections beginning with "The 5 Recommendations" and "The intent of the 5 recommendations" ending with the word "stability", Harper/Galligan agreed. Co-chair Barishansky read the "Conclusion" with changes for the group. A roll call vote was taken, 13 in favor, 1 opposed, it was noted Caroline Baisley was not on the call in or present for the vote.

A motion was made (Landisio/Galligan) to accept the final report as submitted with the "Conclusion" as amended today as the final document. Chuck Babson questioned terminology on page 17, number 6, "Ambulance Transport Service", after discussion a friendly amendment made by Co-chair Harper to change "Ambulance Transport Service" to "EMS" was accepted by Landisio/Galligan. David Lowell wants the record to reflect he took offense to the language on page 17,

final paragraph as being inflammatory. Co-chair Barishansky confirmed that everyone had heard the motion and a roll call vote was taken, 14 in favor, it was noted Caroline Baisley was not on the call in or present.

Co-chair Barishansky thanked everyone. Matthew Galligan also thanked everyone and commented he feels there will be some positive changes resulting for the betterment of the EMS system.

3.0 New Business

None.

4.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 4:05PM (Harper/Babson) and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judith Reynolds, DPH/OEMS, Region 2 Coordinator

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Caroline Calderone Baisley				Was not on conference call during the vote
Bruce Baxter	yes – via conference call			
Joseph Danao	yes			
Charles Babson	yes			
Paul Fitzgerald	yes			
Matthew Galligan	yes			
Mary-Ellen Harper	yes			
Vincent Landisio	yes			
David Lowell	yes – via conference call			
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