

# IDAHO EMSPC MEETING MINUTES

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November 14, 2014

A meeting of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physician Commission (EMSPC) was held on this date at Ada County Paramedics, 370 Benjamin Lane, Boise, Idaho.

**Members Present:**

James Alter  
Ian Butler-Hall, M.D.  
Curtis Sandy, M.D.  
Mark Urban, M.D.

**Member's Position:**

Citizen Representative  
Idaho Medical Association  
Idaho State Board of Medicine  
American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter

**Conference Call Attendees:**

Paul Johns, M.D.

Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness

**Members Absent:**

Veronica Mitchell-Jones  
Eric Chun, M.D.  
Keith Sivertson, M.D.

**Member's Position:**

Citizen Representative  
Idaho Fire Chiefs Association  
Idaho Hospital Association

**Vacant Seats:**

Idaho Association of Counties  
American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma  
American College of Emergency Physicians, Idaho Chapter

**Others Present:**

Dave Chenault  
Dallen Farmer  
Bill Holstein  
Jennifer Symonds, D.O.  
Greg Vickers  
Guarin Walsh  
Chuck Cutler  
Corrine Dalzell  
Wayne Denny  
Brian Esslinger  
Dean Neufeld  
Season Woods

**Other's Position:**

Lewiston Fire Department  
BYU-Idaho  
Shoshone County EMS  
USDA – Fire Service  
Bannock County Ambulance Department  
Acute Rescue & Transport  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness – EMS Field Coordinator  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness – Administrative Assistant<sup>2</sup>  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - Bureau Chief  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Field Coordinator  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - Licensing Supervisor  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Field Coordinator

Chairman Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, motioned to move into closed executive session to review confidential material involving EMS personnel in accordance with Idaho**

**Code § 67-2345(1)(b&f). Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to come out of executive session. Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Introductions**

### **Approval of Minutes from 8-8-14**

There was a brief discussion on getting regional medical direction for the Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) System into rule. Bureau Chief Wayne Denny clarified that the desire of the TSE system is for each region to be fairly autonomous, therefore there will not be any rule promulgation regarding creating regional medical direction in TSE. Commissioner Sandy reiterated the commission's desire to go out to regions to make recommendations to have them interface with EMSPC.

**Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, moved to accept the draft minutes as submitted. Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **License Action Report**

**Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to accept the recommendations of the Peer Review Committee as discussed in closed session regarding cases 2013-30, 2014-12, 2014-21A, 2014-21B, 2014-24, 2014-25 and 2014-26. Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Commission Vacancies**

Dr. Maurice Massar has resigned from the Commission due to health reasons. There are currently 3 vacancies in the EMS Physician Commission. Brian O'Byrne will most likely be re-seated as American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma commissioner. Requests for nominations have been sent to the American College of Emergency Physicians, Idaho Chapter, and the Idaho Association of Counties. No nominations for this seat have been received to date.

### **Bylaw Update**

**Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter moved to accept the updates to the EMSPC Bylaws as discussed in the August 8, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

It was noted that Diana Hone, from the Bureau, has taken a promotion in position and is no longer able to facilitate the EMSPC meetings. Chairman Sandy, wished to recognize Diana's past contributions as remarkable and tremendous and she is going to be missed. He further expressed a desire to demonstrate the commission's appreciation for her years of service in some way.

### **Commission Budget**

**The EMSPC Budget Overview was reviewed. Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to approve the budget. Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Idaho Simulation Network (ISN) has a vacancy on their board due to Dr. Murry Sturkie leaving the EMSPC. The Chair requested volunteers from the commission to fill the vacancy. Chairman Sandy volunteered to be appointed to the ISN Board.

### **Medical Director Education Subcommittee Report**

The Medical Director Welcome Letter was presented by Commissioner Alter and reviewed by the Commission. The letter is pending final approval from the Commission and the Bureau. The Commission will need to update the website address to [www.emspc.dhw.idaho.gov](http://www.emspc.dhw.idaho.gov). The question was raised as to whether these letters should be sent regular mail or email. Dr. Sandy decided that e-mailing the welcome letters out will work. A link to the Medical Director Handbook is also sent out to new Medical Directors. It was suggested that we find a way to format the PDF to read like a book (similar to other ebooks).

The next Roundtable will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls the night before the Commission meeting. The Commission will need to come up with new content as they will probably get repeat attendees from the Pocatello Roundtable. Commission needs to attract both the new attendees as well as the repeat attendees. The subcommittee will review and discuss the next Roundtable agenda at the next EMSPC meeting. The Commission also needs to discuss other Roundtable locations in the state, separate from the Commission meetings. Funding for these meetings was discussed briefly.

**Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to accept the Medical Director Welcome Letter with the proposed revisions. Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Medical Supervision Plan (MSP) Subcommittee Report**

Dean Neufeld shared the Medical Supervision Survey responses with the Commission. These questions are located on the front of the agency renewal applications. The Commissioners reviewed the comments received.

Due to Commissioner Massar's resignation, the Commission is considering combining the Medical Supervision Plan subcommittee with the Medical Director Education subcommittee. It was agreed that combining these subcommittees is a good idea.

The Commission previously discussed building a sample Medical Supervision Plan (MSP), or looking for a good one, to share with agencies as either a guide or to be adopted by agencies. The Bureau could ask agencies if their MSPs are available for sharing and could put links up on the Bureau website that takes people to different agencies' MSPs. The question was raised as to whether these MSPs are compliant with the Commission's requirements.

**Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to merge the Medical Supervision Plan subcommittee with the Medical Director Education subcommittee. Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Optional Module (OM) Usage Report**

- Most agencies have adopted OM's in some way, but they are reporting zero usage.
- The report resets on the calendar year. The Commission will get the final 2014 report at the February 2015 meeting.
- The next report will look a little different due to our new naming convention for agencies.

Chairman Sandy explained that the purpose of these reports is to demonstrate that providers utilizing OMs improve patient care/outcomes. He also expressed that the TSE system will help us to see the improvements.

## **Wildland Fire Update**

The end of season summary on Limited Recognition Authorizations was reviewed. The Bureau has also been able to use the Limited Recognition Request to help agencies fill staffing needs for short periods of time. The Idaho fire season seemed to be lighter this year. It was noted by Chairman Sandy that Montana does not allow Paramedics to come into their state and practice at that level. They can only practice at the EMT level. It is a goal to be able to staff the Idaho fires with Idaho licensed personnel only. Idaho is hoping to sign a Statewide Compact. We are asking NASEMSO to sponsor the state legislation. Once we've signed a Statewide Compact, would we still use LRR? Wayne Denny explained that they'd work together. Providers would have to be a part of the Compact in order to apply for LRR in Idaho.

## **Protocol Subcommittee Update**

Dean Neufeld handed out Protocols Booklets published September 1, 2014, for review by the Commission. Modifications and improvements were presented. Booklets cost \$24 each through the State Copy Center. The request from Commissioner Chun for a dialysis protocol has not been completed yet. The cover of the booklet lists the revisions included in this version. If there are any high acuity changes that need to be made, let Dean know. Patient restraint protocols were not addressed in the protocols booklet. Could the Commission write one? Chairman Sandy agreed that the Commission could look into this in the future (parking lot issue). Dean explained that he has created protocols booklets on Visio that are specific to certain agencies (ex. INL = chemical burns). If he creates custom protocols booklets, can they post it on the website for others to use? Chairman Sandy reminds the Commission that if agencies make changes to the protocols booklets they are no longer the EMSPC protocols. EMSPC protocols could be posted on the website with a disclaimer stating that once modified, they are not EMSPC's. There is no desire to post all versions on the website. The goal is to standardize care as much as possible. Updated website versions of the protocols booklet will have suffixes to indicate that they are updated. A naming system will be determined by the Commission.

When to hold the Protocol Retreat date was discussed. Reviewing the protocols annually is necessary in order to keep them contemporary. NASEMSO's model guideline could be used to compare with our protocols to see if we are "up to speed" with nationally accepted procedures. It was agreed that the Protocol Retreat should occur in May 2015 directly preceding the EMSPC Roundtable.

## **2015 EMSPC Standards Manual Changes**

At the August 8, 2014, EMSPC meeting, the Commission decided to add Lidocaine to the formulary grid as "Lidocaine - for IO initiation only" as 4OM for EMT-2011, AEMT-85 and AEMT-2011. Dean Neufeld presented the Commissioners with a procedure for Intra-osseous Lidocaine. The procedure was reviewed and edited for errors. The Vascular Access protocol that included Lidocaine was also distributed and reviewed. Other states are allowing the use of Lidocaine by not viewing it as a drug but as an adjunct to the procedure.

Updates/Corrections to the Vascular Access protocol were discussed. Clarifications on dosage for Lidocaine were made. Dean will correct the dosages and complete the protocols and procedures.

Lidocaine procedure is a stand-alone inclusive in the IO process. Dean will remove the EZ references that are in the procedure.

The Commission needs to add X's on the scope of practice grid, lines 140 and 153. There are also wording and date changes that need to be made to the Standards Manual (see highlighted lines in the Standards Manual Edition 2015-1 handout).

**Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, moved to accept the changes to the Scope of Practice Grid and the EMSPC Standards Manual. Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **NEMSIS 3 Data Points Update**

EMSPC and TSE have reviewed the data points and EMSAC has approved. Rule writing still needs to occur. They will be submitted to the January 2016 legislative session and if approved, will go into effect in July 2016.

### **Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) Update**

Christian Surjan, TSE Program Manager at the Bureau, introduced himself. Draft versions of TSE rules and Standards Manual can be reviewed on the TSE website [www.TSE.idaho.gov](http://www.TSE.idaho.gov).

Mr. Surjan stated that regional committee meetings have been going well. There has been a lot of positive feedback. They are continuing in January and February of 2015. There are a total of six regions. EMSPC will receive invitations shortly.

Chairman Sandy asked if there is a role for emergency medicine doctors in the TSE system. Wayne recalled that it has been discussed in prior meetings and that level 4 or 5 facilities may need to use ED doctors.

The EMSPC sees a need for an EMS Medical Director from the region that can serve on the council and interface with TSE and EMSPC.

Wayne Denny added that the EMSPC might consider how they will formally interact with the TSE council. Will they add seats to each body? This is something to think about.

### **Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Best Practice Statement**

The request was made at the last meeting to come up with an EMD best practices statement. Please refer to the copy of the letter to Priority Dispatch Corporation sent by Chairman Sandy. The Commission has not yet received a response and hopes to have a response by February.

### **National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Report**

Chairman Sandy attended NASEMSO meeting in Cleveland, OH. The big focus there was Ebola.

The implementation of an evidence based treatment guideline is a project they are working on and Idaho is a part of that. The project was to identify barriers to implementation of an evidence guided protocol. The

barriers found are a.) we already have our own; and b.) questioning how much to trust the evidence they are presenting.

NASEMSO now has their model treatment guidelines on their website. Chairman Sandy stated that EMSPC will download those and review them to see how they match up with EMSPC's protocols. The Commission will use them as a reference tool.

NASEMSO included a discussion on active shooter scenarios and the tactical emergency casualty care plan.

At NASEMSO meeting, there was a discussion on Advanced EMTs (AEMT) regarding states trying to adopt the National EMS Education Standards who have never had AEMTs before.

The Cleveland Clinic was at NASEMSO with their stroke ambulance which is staffed by a nurse practitioner, a Paramedic, and driver. This ambulance has a CAT scan in it, carries multiple medications, has telemedicine capability, and is integrated into the CAD system through EMD. It is dispatched to all stroke calls, and their quickest time to give t-PA was 14 minutes from arrival. Their reason for purchasing this costly system was to improve the "door to needle" time to meet standards and improve patient care outcomes.

## **Approve Pending Rule Docket 16-0202-1401**

**Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, moved to approve the pending rule packet (Docket No. 16-0202-1401). Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **Strategic Plan**

- EMD Best Practice will be addressed by Chairperson Sandy, Commissioner Butler-Hall and Commissioner Urban
- Build relationship with TSE and EMSAC as TSE progresses
- Review content of Medical Director education for Roundtables
- Plan to review protocols in May

**Commissioner Urban, American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter moved to adjourn. Commissioner Butler-Hall, Idaho Medical Association, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Curtis Sandy, Chairman  
Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physician Commission