



Community EMS Workgroup

Meeting Minutes:

SUBJECT:	CHEMS Community EMS Workgroup Meeting Minutes	DATE:	October 24, 2018
ATTENDEES:	Mary Sheridan, Xenya Poole, Marta Tanikuni, Madeline Russell, Brenda Gully, and Wayne Denny	LOCATION:	IDHW Offices – 3 rd Floor Room 3A; 450 W State Street, Boise ID, 83702
TELECONFERENCE:	Travis Spencer, Rachel Blanton, Steve Holloway, James Rhom, and Mike Mikitish		
STATUS:	Approved		

Agenda Topics:

Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview – *Wayne Denny, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness (EMSP)*

- ◆ Wayne Denny welcomed everyone. In-person and phone attendees introduced themselves. A motion for approval of the September meeting minutes was passed.

ED Utilization Summit – *Rachel Blanton, Southwest District Health*

- ◆ The summit was well attended by a variety of stakeholders, including payors, first responders, and hospital leadership.
- ◆ The following areas for improvement were identified:
 - Accessibility
 - Ability to share data and reports
 - Variations in how agencies address ED utilization especially in the areas of mental health and substance use and misuse
- ◆ In response to a question, Rachel mentioned that we will need healthcare partners to move these efforts forward

Community EMT (CEMT) Training – *Marta Tanikuni, Bureau of EMSP and Travis Spencer, Ada County Paramedics*

- ◆ 1st Cohort – a couple of weeks remain in the first cohort. Students are in the process of completing their final case study and presentations on chronic diseases. Most students have completed their optional modules and all students have been offered the opportunity to participate in a ride along.
- ◆ 2nd Cohort – originally, 24 students were enrolled. Several have not logged in or dropped out, leaving 18 active students

Moving Forward Post SHIP – Wayne Denny, Bureau of EMSP

- ◆ The importance of moving CHEMS back over to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) was stressed. This would allow the two to work more closely and increase information sharing. We are aiming for CHEMS to make an appearance at EMSAC in February 2019.
- ◆ The Bureau is in the process of hiring a new staff member to lead the state’s CHEMS efforts.
- ◆ The statewide workgroup meeting frequency was addressed. The meeting will now be held on a quarterly basis.
- ◆ A commitment to participate on the workgroup was asked of meeting attendees. Travis Spencer and Mike Mikitish volunteered their commitment moving forward. Messaging to those not on the call was requested.

Agency Updates – Attendees

- ◆ Travis Spencer, Payette County Paramedics – found the Medication Adherence webinar to be informative and useful. A webinar focusing on where to find resources for housing, food and transportation was suggested. He is also forming a regional CHEMS workgroup. This workgroup will focus on the following: standardizing forms; identification of resources; acquiring representation from all agencies; and creating a place for stakeholders to be involved. He is also seeing CHEMS patients in the following counties: Owyhee, Payette, Washington, and Canyon.
- ◆ Mary Sheridan, Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care – has there been outreach to the second cohort CEMT students who dropped the class? Per Mike Mikitish, the students stated that the course was not what they had expected.
- ◆ James Rhom, Magic Valley Paramedics – the focus has been on marketing what CHEMS is and what CHEMS isn’t.
- ◆ Marta Tanikuni, Bureau of EMSP – requested those to submit data for the appropriate quarter and provided an update on the ImageTrend Community Health Module pilot project.
- ◆ Mike Mikitish, Idaho State University – ISU is currently developing a CEMT hybrid course. The course is expected to launch January 2019. They are also accepting applications for the Community Paramedic course in January 2019.
- ◆ Mary Sheridan, Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care – Challis is hiring a Community Paramedic.
- ◆ Madeline Russell, SHIP – the final Medication Adherence Webinar session will take place soon after the statewide workgroup meeting adjourns.

There being no further comments, Wayne Denny adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

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