

**Mississippi State Department of Health**  
**Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**  
May 16, 2012

A meeting of the Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Council was held at 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2012, in the Osborne Auditorium of the Mississippi State Department of Health, 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Jackson, Mississippi. Committee member attendance was as follows:

**Present:** Rick Carlton, MD (Chair); John Nelson, MD; William Avara, MD; Rodney Frothingham, MD; Claude Branson, MD; Hugh Gamble, MD; John Porter, MD; Clyde Deschamp, PhD; Heather Kyle, RN; Jonathan Wilson, RN; Douglas Higginbotham; Wade Spruill; Josh Wenzel, EMTP; Alton Shaw, EMTP; Gregory Cole, EMTP; Tony McCallum, EMTP.

**MSDH Staff Members Present:**

Jim Craig	Robert Galli, MD
Alisa Williams	Norman Miller, PhD
Donna Smith	Dale Holdiness
Daniel Farrish	Justin Pennington

**Call to Order – Rick Carlton (Chair)** called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with quorum.

1. **STEMI Stroke Update – Harper Stone, MD**
  - Dr. Stone reviewed history and critical role EMS plays in all systems of care. Emphasized key importance of EMS calling STEMI alerts from the field to reduce onset to balloon time. There is a small margin of over-triage with EMS as decision maker in out-of-hospital setting.
  - Introduces Dr. Evans regarding Stroke Care. Evans reviewed history of Stroke care to date. Emphasizes goal of getting right patient to right facility in short amount of time.
2. **MTAC Update (Pete Avara, MD) –**
  - Worked on rules and regulations.
  - Prehospital triage and the definition of Alpha and Bravo.
  - Difficulty getting run reports from EMS to patient record. Regions and hospital are encouraged to submit complaint to the Bureau of EMS for investigation of non compliance with EMS regulations.
3. **Update – State EMS Medical Director – Dr. Robert Galli:**
  - EMS Statewide Performance Improvement Committee met and is working on statewide model protocols.

- Medical Direction, Training and Quality Assurance Committee met and recommends to Council to modify regulations to mandate all offline medical control physicians to take the course within the ext two years and after that time require all new offline medical directors to take course. Recommend for online medical control physicians.
  - Motion made by Nelson. Seconded by Wilson. Unanimous Ayes.
  - Assigned to Rules and Regs Subcommittee.
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- Inter-facility transfers and online medical control: MDTQA recommends modifying regulations to allow EMS the option of speaking with the sending/receiving physician or online medical director for direction during transport.
  - Motion made by Deschamp. Seconded by Avara. Unanimous Ayes.
  - Assigned to Rules and Regs Subcommittee.
- Request to expand EMT Scope of practice to include CBGs and Pulse Ox. After much discussion, motion was modified to include only Pulse Ox.
  - Motion made by Wenzel. Seconded by McCallum. Unanimous Ayes.
  - Assigned to Rules and Regs Subcommittee.
- MDTQA expresses support to EMSAC for Critical Care Paramedic. Motion to draft law language for presentation at next regular meeting.
  - Motion made by Deschamp. Seconded by Shaw. 15 Ayes, one opposed.
  - Assigned to Rules and Regs Subcommittee.
- Shortage of Etomidate: Recommendation to allow Ketamine for administration by flight paramedics to assist with intubation.
  - Motion made by Porter. Seconded by Nelson. Unanimous Ayes.
  - Assigned to Rules and Regs Subcommittee.
- Motion made to assign Rules and Regs Subcommittee to study drug assisted intubation in the preshopital setting.
  - Motion made by Deschamp. Seconded by Spruill. Unanimous Ayes.

4. **Approval of the Minutes-** Motion was made by Higginbotham to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented. Seconded by Wilson. Passed unanimously without comment.
5. **State EMS Update –**
  - Website traffic increasing due to frequent updates with timely information.
  - MEMSIS now hosted at ImageTrend. Major upgrades to be applied June 11, 2012.
6. **Education –** Transitional blocks for EMT and Paramedic presented for approval of council through formal motion.
  - Motion made by Deschamp. Seconded by Shaw. Unanimous Ayes.
  - Transition date remains March 31, 2014 per regulations.
7. **Functionality Committee –** Charged with developing a framework where EMS can work together with systems of care, reporting to the EMSAC. Items to be addressed: Define Regions; Regional Systems of Care; Regional Disaster Coalitions.
8. **Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Jonathan Wilson, Chair –**

Presented regulations to allow for optional 8-year Driver certification.

  - Motion made by Gamble. Seconded by Spruill. Unanimous Ayes.

Presented Regulations to delete requirement to carry EMS Driver Certification on person

  - Motion made by Gamble. Seconded by Spruill. Unanimous Ayes.

Presented Regulations to modify Suspension/Revocation requirement regarding misuse of drugs.

  - Motion made by Gamble. Seconded by Spruill. Unanimous Ayes.

**Meeting adjourned –** Motion by Spruill. Seconded by Gamble @ 3:50 p.m.