

Ambulance Service Advisory Board

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Meeting Minutes of the Ambulance Service Advisory Board
September 18, 2013

ASAB Member Attendees:

Leo Kennedy
Raymond Medeiros
Michael DeMello
Dawn Lewis
Randall Watt
John Potvin
Al Galinelli
Lynne Palmisciano
James McDonald
Ana Novais
Jason Umbenhauer
Peter Grenier
John Vernancio
Michael McGrane
Kathleen Barton
Joseph Lauro
John Pliakas

Representing:

Providence County Paid
Rhode Island State Assoc. of Firefighters
RI State Fire League
Hospital Association of RI
Newport County EMS
Rhode Island State Assoc. of Firefighters
Bristol County EMS
American Academy of Pediatrics
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Kent County EMS
RI Association of Fire Chiefs
Private Ambulance Service
Providence County Volunteer
Public Member
American College of Emergency Physicians
Rhode Island Emergency Nurses
Association

1. Establishment of Quorum – 17 members present.
2. Call to Order at 1302hrs. by Leo Kennedy, Chairman.
3. Introduction of Membership
4. Review/Consent of Agenda – A motion by Al Galinelli and seconded by Randall Watt to approve the agenda was passed.
5. Approval of Minutes of June 2013 meeting – A motion by Mike McGrane and seconded by Raymond Medeiros to approve the minutes of the June 2013 meeting was passed.
6. Correspondence
 - A. None

7. Announcements

- A. Pride Awards (none)
- B. None

8. Committee reports (upon approval of reports, move action items to New Business)

- A. Educational Standards – No report, no meeting.
- B. Pediatric Committee – No meeting. Lynne Palmisciano reported that the Pediatric Committee was working in conjunction with the EMS-C Committee. The educational lecture series which occurs on the second Tuesday of every month in the basement of the Department of Health at 3:00pm has been a success. Currently the program is funded through February and they are looking for additional funding sources. There may also be some funding for a M&M and simulation courses.
- C. Medical Affairs Committee – No activity since June 1st one potential case pending.
- D. Rules and Regulations – No meeting
- E. Legislative Committee – No meeting
- F. EMS Dispatch Task Force – No meeting
- G. Controlled Substances Committee – No activity still lies with the Pharmacy Division of Health
- H. Falls with elderly – Todd Manni reported that there are 5 communities involved with a pilot program. The communities are in the training stage more information will become forthcoming as the pilot is implemented.
- I. Animals and EMS – No report

9 – Old Business

- A. Burn Protocol update (Health) Due to be set by Aug 1, 2013 – No word from the Health Department which has held the protocol for two years. Ana Novais stated she would speak with Dr. Fine to determine where the protocol stands. Dawn Lewis has stated that the hospitals are awaiting the protocol so they may update their burn carts.
- B. EMT-C to A-EMT approval (update status) – Leo Kennedy informed the Board that a meeting with the stakeholders was held approximately two weeks ago. The outcome of that meeting was that CCRI is going to run a pilot program with an implementation date of the first week of November 2013.

James McDonald explained that he sought legal opinion through the Health Department regarding the authority of the Board. He stated that the legal opinion is that the Board is advisory only. Chairman Kennedy took this under advisement.

- C. ePCR update – Marisa stated that the transition to ePCR is going well and that two more services went live this week. Computer aided dispatch integration has been the largest hurdle thus far. Dawn Lewis reported that all hospitals have printers available for EMS use.

10. New Business

- A. Joseph Lauro inquired about the status of the proposed protocol for intoxicated patients. Chairman Kennedy stated he would follow up with Tom Caito regarding the status.
- B. Dawn Lewis HARI is working with the FAA to review and revise the hospital heliports, looking to see if anyone has a contact with the EMS Pilots Association to collaborate on the project.

11. Good of the Order

- A. Committee meetings? - None
- B. Pediatric lecture series 2nd Tuesday of the month in the basement of the Health Department.

12. Adjournment – Randall Watt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Potvin. The meeting adjourned at 1332hrs.