

**Minutes of the  
State Emergency Medical Control Committee Meeting  
June 3, 2008  
Clanton, Alabama**

**Members Present:**

John Campbell, M.D., Chairman, State EMS Medical Director  
William Crawford, M.D., Assistant State EMS Medical Director  
Neil Christen, M.D., Medical Director, East AL EMS, Inc.  
Ann Klasner, M.D., American Academy of Pediatrics, AL Chapter  
John McMahon, Jr., M.D., American College of Emergency Physicians – AL Chapter  
Frank Pettyjohn, M.D., Medical Director, Gulf Region  
Adam Robertson, M.D., Medical Director, Birmingham Regional EMS System  
Rick Webber, M.D., Medical Director, Southeast AL EMS

**Members Absent:**

Sherry Melton, M.D., American College of Surgeons, State Trauma Committee  
Loring Rue, III, M.D., State Trauma Consultant

**Others Present:**

Dennis Blair, ADPH	Becky Morris, Trenholm State
Russell Crowley, ADPH	Linda Cater, Post-Secondary Ed.
Choona Lang, ADPH	John Reed, BREMSS
Gary Mackey, ADPH	E. Allan Pace, BREMSS
Hugh Hollon, ADPH	Heather Elliott, EAEMS
Stephen Wilson, ADPH	Michael Minor, BREMSS
Eugene Toxey, Vestavia Hills Fire	Denise Louthain, SEAEMS
David Garmon, USA-AGEMSS	Allan Silvester, AMR
Lyndal Curry, USA	Roger Few, AMR
Philip Creighton, USA	Patti Brown, Haynes Ambulance
Chris Mullins, Mountain Brook Fire	Ray Cummings, Homewood Fire
James Norris, Jeff State	Robert Sims, Lifeguard - Mobile
Charles Morton, Jeff State	Larry Butler, Lifeguard - Birmingham
Tim Sartin, CEMS	Matthew Knight, SUSCC/Emg. Med. Trans.
Jamie Barber, CEMS	Larry Manning, Midfield Fire & Rescue
Dell Gamble, Care Ambulance	Robert McGuire, Midfield Fire & Rescue
Hugh Morrison, Calera Fire	Michael Bartlett, Rocky Ridge Fire
Dennis Poole, Care Ambulance	Brian Cleveland, Pelham Fire
Jennifer Ivey, Wallace State-Hanceville	Scott Fasino, Fultondale Fire
Rebecca Burke, Wallace State-Dothan	Lynda LaRue, Omniflight/Life Saver
Sherry Threadgill, RRPS	Sarah Nafziger, UAB Emergency Med.
Tim Shotts, Trussville Fire	J. Donald Richardson, Birmingham Fire
Don Wilson, Gadsden Fire	William Hewitt, Tarrant Fire
Kathy Gillison-Parker, EAEMS	Rusty Lowe, Hoover Fire Dept.

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Glenn Davis, West AL EMS  
Jason Parton, UA CCHS RHI  
Mark Hansberry, Mobile Fire Rescue  
Tim Pickering, Air Evac EMS  
David Bowman, Huntsville MedFlight

Travis Parker, Tuscaloosa Fire  
Myron King, Mobile Fire Rescue  
John Meade, M.D., Medstar  
Steve Kennedy, Air Evac EMS

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by John Campbell, M.D., Chairman. An EMSC Update by Dr. Klasner was added to the agenda.

**II. Review of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2008, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Administrative Update:** Dennis Blair reported that June 1, 2008, was the deadline for all services to be in compliance with the electronic data submission requirement. A report will be given at the next SEMCC meeting. The new Advanced EMT level should be approved at the national level in September 2008, with testing to begin in 2010. A discussion is on-going between ADPH and the Dept. of Post-Secondary Education to develop a bridge course from the Intermediate to Advanced EMT level. The course will be no more than 20 hours and current Alabama Intermediates may not be required to retake the national registry exam. This concluded Mr. Blair's report.

**IV. EMS Education Update:** Linda Cater reiterated that discussion is on-going to create a bridge course for the new Advanced EMT level. She stated that EMS program accreditation is being reviewed and all programs that are not currently accredited will have to be. Chancellor Burns, Alabama Community College System, is interested in all of the health programs and he has been supportive of changes already made. EMS presidents and program directors will be notified of student complaints. Ms. Cater concluded by stating that several Fire Chiefs have inquired about Alabama's national registry scores. The scores will soon be posted to the Post Secondary Education website for review.

**V. Update on State Trauma System:** Michael Minor presented a brief update on trauma system development in the state from March 1 to June 1, 2008. He stated that the planning and implementation phase is complete in the North and BREMSS regions. The planning phase is in process in the East Region and meetings have been held with all but two hospitals. The University of Alabama is developing a planning agreement for the West Region. The planning phase is in process in the Southeast Region and meetings are scheduled with the hospitals. The Gulf Region has set its first town hall meeting for July 8, 2008. Mr. Minor concluded his update by stating that two trauma patients were routed outside of the state.

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**VI. EMSC Update:** Dr. Klasner stated that Verla Thomas is the project manager for the ADPH EMSC grant. With the grant funds, a pediatric needs assessment was completed and pediatric equipment (backboards, car seats, etc.) was distributed. An EMSC survey was recently sent to all services. Dr. Klasner encouraged services to complete and return the survey which will assist in the application for additional grant funding. An EMSC Advisory Board meeting was recently held in Prattville. Representatives of the national EMSC program attended the meeting to discuss Alabama's EMSC performance measures. Completion of the nationally mandated EMSC performance measures will assist in the creation of legislation to help improve pediatric pre-hospital care. Dr. Klasner concluded by announcing that an EMSC conference for pre-hospital providers is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2008. The cost of the conference will be approximately \$10 - \$25, with CEUs to be awarded. Dr. Campbell added that the Statewide Trauma Advisory Council has a committee to address pediatric protocols as part of its QI process.

**VII. Protocol Subcommittee Report:** Dr. Campbell presented 15 protocol changes and explanations as attached. All of the protocols were submitted by the protocol subcommittee except the stroke protocol which was submitted by the UAB Stroke System and the UAB Emergency Medicine Residency Program. After review, there was a unanimous decision by the Committee to approve each of the protocol changes. The recommendations will be submitted to the June State Committee of Public Health meeting for approval.

**VIII. On-Line Medical Directors Course:** Dr. Campbell stated that due to technical difficulties, the course is not on-line yet but should be by the next SEMCC meeting. New physicians applying for a medical control number will be required to take the on-line course. As an update, current medical control physicians will be required to take the course once a year, but will not have to take the test. In the Gulf Region, along with the physicians, prehospital personnel are also taking the medical directors course to be familiar with the material.

**IX. Next SEMCC Meeting:** The next SEMCC meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., in Clanton at the AL Power Conference Center. The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting if there was no business to discuss.

**X. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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William Crawford, M.D.,  
Asst. State EMS Medical Director

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