

**Minutes of the
State Emergency Medical Control Committee Meeting
October 10, 2006
Montgomery, Alabama**

Members Present:

John Campbell, M.D., State EMS Medical Director
William Crawford, M.D., Assistant State EMS Medical Director
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, Southwest AL EMS
Adam Robertson, M.D., Medical Director, Birmingham Regional EMS System
Rick Weber, M.D., Medical Director, Southeast AL EMS

Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Donald Williamson, M.D, ADPH	Joe Acker, BREMSS
Dennis Blair, ADPH	C. E. Gordan, BFRS
Russell Crowley, ADPH	Donald Richardson, BFRS
Rachel Parrish, ADPH	Sid Griffith, II, EMS
Gary Mackey, ADPH	Roger Wootten, Northeast AL C.C.
Mark Jackson, ADPH	Lynda LaRue, Life Saver
Earl Langlely, ADPH	Vince Parker, USA/EMS
Chris Hutto, ADPH	Bill Warren, AL Firefighters Assn.
Robin Moore, ADPH	Glenn Davis, West Alabama EMS
Mike Daughtry, ADPH	Shane Driver, AMR
Hugh Hollon, ADPH	Rusty Lowe, Hoover Fire
Sid Griffith, ADPH	Christy Mullins, Mountain Brook Fire
Stephanie Payne, ADPH	George Campbell, American Med. Response
Kathy Gillison-Parker, East AL EMS	Larry Manning, Midfield Fire
Steve Kennedy, Air Evac Lifeteam	Julie Coffman, AFC
Wayne Godwin, LBW C.C.	Mikki Johansen, CVCC
Melissa Costello, M.D., USA/MASA	Richard Gonzalez, USA
Frank Perez, Care Ambulance	Tim Pickering, Air Evac EMS, Inc.
Anthony Cole, Enterprise-Ozark C.C.	Jeff Mitchell, Calhoun C.C.
Beverly Morris, Trenholm State Tech.	Frank Sims, PFFA
Mike Bolack, Bessemer Fire Dept.	Frank Pettyjohn, USA
Bryan Galyon, North AL EMS	Ann Mantel, Jeff Davis C.C
Jennifer Ivey, Wallace-Hanceville	Gary Cobb, AAVFD

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Eugene Toxey, Vestavia Hills Fire	Robert McGuire, Midfield Fire
Brian Bonner, Homewood Fire	Michael Bartlett, Rocky Ridge Fire
Scott Karr, Bevill State	Larry Williams, Dothan Fire Dept.
Michael Minor, BREMSS	Glenn Cummings, USA
Jimmie Sue Page, Bevill State C.C.	Denise Smith, SEAEMS/ALACEP
Mark Ford, Dekalb Ambulance Svc.	Wess Etheredge, SEAEMS
David Gardner, Air-Evac Lifeteam	William Hewitt, AAFC
Matthew Knight, Southern Union	Don Webster, HEMSI
Rebecca Burke, Wallace State-Dothan	Cindy Dorn, Wallace State-Hanceville
David Garmon, USA/Region 6	Tim Shotts, Trussville Fire
Adrian Thomas, Dothan Fire	Rusty Fowler, Dekalb Ambulance Service
Winston Warr, Trenholm Tech.	Sherry Threadgill, Regional Paramedic Svc.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by John Campbell, M.D., Chairman. Rachel Parrish called the roll.

II. Review of Minutes: Dr. Campbell noted that the word “thymine” was misspelled in Item X, line 8, of the June 19, 2006, meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously

III. Introduction of EMS Director: Dr. Campbell introduced Dennis Blair as the new State EMS Director. Mr. Blair has been with the State EMS Office for two months. His background is in law enforcement but has been with ADPH for 13 years.

IV. Administrative Update: Dennis Blair gave an update on the following EMS activities: (1) e-PCR – the testing phase of the new electronic data system is on-going with 50% of providers in compliance; Mike Daughtry will work full-time on the e-PCR system. (2) New Positions – a Nurse Coordinator has been hired to head the State Trauma Registry and the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program; a new Administrative Support Assistant has also been hired to work with the trauma registry program. (3) Quality Improvement Program – the Quality Assurance Program will be revitalized and renamed the Quality Improvement Program; the data will be used to run the state’s EMS system. (4) Con-Ed – the requirements will be expanded to broaden continuing education requirements so that only they coincide with QI identified needs. (5) Trauma Dispatch System – ADPH is working to implement a statewide trauma dispatch system with assistance from the BREMSS region. (6) Air Ambulance – there is consensus that the state statute needs to be changed to allow for the regulation of air ambulances. (7) Provider Compliance – the State EMS Office is seeking a fair and equitable fining system in lieu of license revocation to handle provider non-compliance. (8) Advisory Board/SEMCC – ADPH is determining the feasibility of combining the EMS Advisory Board and SEMCC into one board. (9) NASEMSO Update – according to the last meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials, Alabama is in the top five states in EMS with most states reporting similar

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problems. (10) Funding – there is a possibility that future bioterrorism grant funds may be earmarked for EMS. Mr. Blair concluded by reiterating his commitment to moving EMS forward and welcomed suggestions from the EMS community.

V. Proposed Rule Change: Dr. Campbell referred the Committee to the attached proposed rule change regarding the purchase of fluids and drugs from any reliable source. He stated that at the EMS Advisory Board meeting held earlier that morning, there was discussion regarding the definition of a “reliable source”. It was decided that the State EMS office will determine what constitutes a reliable source. A motion was made and seconded to approve the EMS rule change. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Corrections to Protocols: Dr. Campbell referred the Committee to the attached corrections to the protocols which included some items that were omitted. There being no discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the corrections to the protocols as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Etomidate Study Update: Dr. Crawford asked the Committee to support a controlled study on the feasibility of using etomidate for rapid sequence intubation. Discussion ensued. A motion was made and seconded to allow Dr. Crawford to proceed with the study on etomidate intubation. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. CPAP Study: Dr. Robertson reported that there have been two utilizations of CPAP in the field; one was on a patient with congestive heart failure and the other was on a 65-year old patient with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. The results on both patients were that the equipment was well-received by the patients and their status improved. Dr. Robertson stated that the study will continue until enough data is collected from diseases that affect breathing. At the conclusion of the study, a report will be submitted to SEMCC.

IX. Adult I/O Study Update: John McMahon reported that during the last quarter, there have been 14 usages of the EZ-IO device with 8 cardiac arrest patients, 3 on major trauma patients, and 3 medical patients. There were no problems reported on any of the six trauma and medical patients. The study has been on-going for about eighteen months and will end soon.

X. Rescue Airway Study: Dr. Campbell referred the Committee to the article on King LTD Airway as distributed. He stated that it is an FDA approved blind insertion airway device similar to a combitube. The device is a single tube airway that is cheaper and easier to insert than a combitube. Services interested in conducting a study using the King LTD device were asked to contact Dr. Campbell.

XI. Trauma Dispatch System: Joe Acker gave a presentation to update the Committee on the Trauma Communication Center (TCC). He announced that the BREMSS region received a

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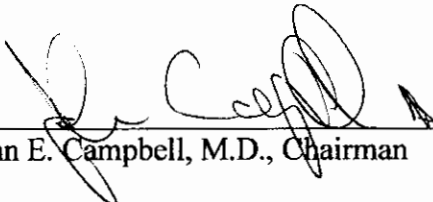
national award from MiTech and Harvard University for the successful operation of the TCC which has been in existence for ten years and has served over 26,000 patients.

XII. North Alabama Regional Trauma System: Joe Acker reported on the progress of the development of the North Alabama Regional Trauma System. He stated that one year ago, the Department contracted with UAB to expand the BREMSS trauma system into the north region. He referred the Committee to the North AL Trauma Plan as distributed. Discussion ensued. Dr. Williamson expressed concern for the progress of the North Alabama Trauma System and the need for legislation which would formalize trauma system development. He stressed the importance of hospitals being involved in the process of trauma system development. A motion was made and seconded to accept the North Alabama Regional Trauma System Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Other: (1) Patient Care – Dr. Campbell stated that the EMS rules require that all patients transported to a hospital are cared for by the highest level EMT. He distributed a copy of a request to allow Intermediates or Basics to care for patients on BLS runs. The Committee decided to review the request and discuss it at the next meeting. (2) Announcements - Don Webster announced that the annual Alabama Ambulance Association Conference will be held on November 2-3, 2006, in Perdido Beach. Denise Smith announced that the 24th annual South Regional Conference will be held May 9-11, 2007, in Panama City, FL. The next SEMCC meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., in Clanton.

XIV. Adjournment: There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



John E. Campbell, M.D., Chairman

12/12/06

Date