

EMSAC Meeting Minutes
13 Aug 2002

1. Call to order

Occurred at 1917 (delayed due to annual picnic).

2. Open floor

No non EMSAC attendees

3. Approve minutes of previous meeting

Approved with minor changes

4. Correspondence

- Memo 7/12/2002 from Jones to Ambulance DO's. Subject: Reporting status change

5. Chairpersons report

- Jim Jones reported on his meeting with Bob Hayes, Director of the 911 Center in regard to the above correspondence. Each issue in the correspondence was discussed. An open item was the concern regarding a lack of attendance by 911 personnel at EMS meetings. Mr. Hayes explained that this was difficult due to the off-hours nature of the meetings. An option was to conduct meeting with EMSAC representatives during the business day on a monthly basis. This option was presented to EMSAC as a motion. The motion was passed.
- Jones reported that the activities associated with upgrading the EMS Coordinator position and moving it to an organizationally effective position, was dead. Considerable discussion took place regarding the next step EMSAC should take. The consensus was to progress the issue through the legislature, with increasingly visible actions. The project will start with the Chairperson addressing the legislature in September with the purpose of advising them of the issues, EMSACs suggested solution, the consequences of inaction, and EMSACs intended next steps. The next step will be an organized demonstration at a legislative meeting involving EMS providers. The Chairman's responsible for the actions needed to make this occur. Jones suggested that it may be advisable to seek Counsel in this regard, and reported on a conversation with Brad Pinsky (an attorney with significant EMS background). Jones suggested that each agency donate a stipend for this purpose. The consensus was that most would be willing to do this pending their agency approval and an agreed upon scope of services.

5. Coordinators report

Randi reported on the current and future courses and their locations.

6. Committee reports

None

7. Clinical Coordinators report

Not present/no report

8. Fire Advisory Board report

- Gregg distributed a draft copy of the Fire Service accountability procedure. Discussion ensued regarding applicability of the concept to EMS. A committee consisting of Jim Hargrave, Laura Potter and Gregg will assess this issue and report back to the committee.
- Gregg inquired regarding the status of a countywide meeting on the pilot program (now called CME-based recertification program). Mark Murray offered Ron Nelson's assistance in progressing this.
- Weapons of Mass Destruction training may be offered in the fall.

9. Old business

- Randi reported that the course sponsor agreement was current and approved, but could not be immediately located

10. New business

- Sue Edee inquired why the meeting minutes were not on the web. Jones agreed to make sure they were placed there.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8 Oct 2002 at McFee, beginning at 1900.