

NM EMS Medical Direction Committee Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2022 at 09:30 am
Los Lunas Fire Station #2 (back of building)
465 Sand Sage Road
Los Lunas, NM 87031

The Meeting was called to order at **0930** by Dr. Crook. Introductions were made around the room. There were **22** people in attendance and **23** in attendance in person.

Committee Members Present:

Dr. Kimberly Pruett, Chair, State EMS Medical Director
Dr. Chelsea White, EMS Communications
Dr. Robert Sapien, Pediatric
Dr. Mateo Garcia, EMS Academy
Dr Ryan Hodnick, EMS Region I
Dr. Benjamin Diven, EMS Region II
Dr. Chad Carver, EMS Region III
Karen Burns, EMT Paramedic Representative
Pete Bellows, EMT Intermediate Representative

Changes to the Agenda included: None.

The following Proxy Votes were identified: None.

The minutes from the September 9, 2022 were approved. Motion was made to approve. Motion carried. Voted unanimously for approval.

Items discussed under Old Business included:

Additional input/proposal for Scope of Practice changes

Current suggestions or requests? We can discuss implementation of Scope of Practice for next year? Charlie Schroeder had information as previous program manager. It is most cost effective to propose all changes at once. There were no further propositions.

Items discussed under New Business included:

Special Skills applications –Initial

- **Roswell Fire**
 - o RSI / Etomidate / Rocuronium- in conjunction with AMR Chavez- Pete Bellows motioned with Dr. Garcia seconded. Questions about how Roswell intends to work as dual usage on scene and how often. It is low frequency due to rural area. Dr. Pruett asks how they are intubating without meds. There was discussion about their success rate. Dr. Sapien asks about children and was answered that AMR is first to order. State guidelines are 12 and over for intubation. None were opposed so vote is unanimous.

- **Cuba/Santo Domingo/Cochiti**
 - Benzodiazepine administration- Dr. Hodnick motioned with Pete Bellows seconded. Dr. White abstained. Dr. Hodnick was asked if the motion could be to approve all 3 agencies for the special skill. None were opposed and the vote is unanimous.
- **Questa**
 - Midazolam, TXA, and Ondansetron- Karen Burns motioned with Pete Bellows seconded. Dr. Sapien asks about rural and tribal guidelines for promethazine and eventually it was removed from the application. TXA is a shock to use it. Dr. Garcia clarified that it is only to be used during trauma for hemorrhagic shock. Data shows that it is potentially harm causing. Dr. Quigley gave overview of Alaska's protocol for TXA administration. None were opposed to the vote so it passes unanimously.
- **Eagle Nest**
 - Pre-hospital ODT Ondansetron, Intramuscular Glucagon, and Intranasal Fentanyl- Pete Bellows motioned and it was the seconded. Pete Bellows is concerned with agency over last year due to the burnout in the area and having too many special skills. Jake Mullery states that their EMS is resilient and they have a new Deputy Director and employee. He also laid out his plan that would address the concern brought up. A clinic in the Angel Fire/ Eagle Nest area may not reopen this year and so mutual aid calls are critical. Dr. White brought up discussion on does call volume preclude approval? Dr. Sapien for pediatrics, do we lower the age limit? If we're worried about screaming babies, wrong business. Dr. White states that infants are consistently undertreated. Dr. Sapien offers age of 8, consistent with TSV. Eagle nest will have to make amendment and add consultation from MD. Pete Bellows accepts this and there is no opposition. Approved unanimously.
- **AMR Las Vegas**
 - TXA- Motion to approve and it was seconded. Unanimously approved.
- **AAS/BCFR/AFR**
 - Droperidol and Haldol- Pete Bellows motioned and it was seconded. Dr. Pruettt abstained. There was no opposition and it passed unanimously.
- **AeroCare**
 - Digital Pleural Decompression, Multiple Medications- Motion to approve and it was seconded. Unanimously approved.
- **AMR Roswell**
 - Benzodiazepines, Cardiac Monitoring- Pete Bellows motioned with a second from Karen Burns. It was mentioned that cardiac monitoring interpretation is a concern. There was no opposition so the motion to approve was unanimous.

Special Skills applications - Renewal/Annual Reports

- **Hidalgo**
 - Pete Bellows motioned with Dr. Diven seconded. Unanimously voted.
- **Classic Air Care**
 - Dr. Hodnick motioned with Karen Burns seconded. Unanimously voted.

Other Business

Special Skills-Update

Bureau Chief Kyle Thornton announced that there is no legislation from executive. The MDC is down an EMT- Basic representative for the MDC and to send any CVs to Kyle.

The EMS Bureau Update

-Solange Pihut- EMS Program Manager

- did a visual review of the Special Skills application/report via the online portal. Did a demonstration with Donnie Roberts.

Other EMS Bureau or Educational Program Updates- none

Next Meeting: March 10, 2023at 0930 location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at **11:00am**