



MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD (MAB) MEETING
February 5, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Holtz, MD, CCFD (Chair)
Kelly Morgan, MD, NLVFD
Chief Kim Moore, HFD
Chief Shawn Tobler, MFR
Chief Stephen Neel, MVFD
Ryan Felshaw, MW
Mark Calabrese, CA

Jessica LeDuc, DO, HFD
Chief Frank Simone, NLVFD
Michael Barnum, MD, AMR
Derek Cox, LVFR (Alt)
Samuel Scheller, GEMS
William Vance, AMR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Hodnick, DO, Moapa
Chief Jason Douglas, MCFD
Nate Jenson, DO, MFR
Capt. James Whitworth, BCFD
Jeff Davidson, MD, MWA
Chief Jennifer Wyatt, CCFD

Scott Scherr, MD, GEMS
David Obert, DO, CA
Chief Brian Young, MVFD
Chris Fisher, MD, RTAB Rep.
Jerad Eldred, MD, NLVFD

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Stacy Johnson, EMSTS Regional Trauma Coordinator
Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
Rae Pettie, Recording Secretary
Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Asst.

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Dustin Johnson, EMSTS Field Rep.
Roni Mauro, EMSTS Field Rep.
Jacques Graham, Administrative Secretary
Kristen Anderson, Senior Admin. Asst.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Sandra Horning, MD
Rebecca Carmody
Jim McAllister
Braiden Green
Thomas Welch
Chief Kevin Lunkwitz
John Gonzalez
Ashley Tolar
Bobbie Sullivan
Yasmin Conaway
Timothy Gunderson

Kat Fivelstad, MD
Kady Dabash-Meiningner
Michael Whitehead
Sun Kang
Matthew Dryden
Kevin Haywood
Stacy Pokorny
Deborah Kuhls
John Osborn
Lisa Rogge
Christopher Dobson

CALL TO ORDER – NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Chairman Michael Holtz called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Some committee members joined the meeting by teleconference. Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor, noted that a quorum was present.

DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETINGS: Members of the public may attend and participate in the Medical Advisory Board meeting by clicking the link above or over the telephone by calling (702)907-7151 and entering access code 690 570 221#. To provide public comment over the telephone, please press *5 during the comment period and wait to be called on.

I. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

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II. ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2025 AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Morgan, seconded by Chief Simone, and carried unanimously to adopt the February 5, 2025 Medical Advisory Board agenda.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Holtz stated the Consent Agenda consists of matters to be considered by the Medical Advisory Board that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

A. Approve Minutes December 4, 2024 Medical Advisory Board Meeting

A motion was made by Chief Simone, seconded by Dr. Morgan, and carried unanimously to approve the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes.

B. Discussion of Allowing EMTs and Paramedics to Allow Continuation of IV Antibiotics During Interfacility Transports for Referral to Drug/Device/Protocol Committee (for possible action)

A motion was made by Dr. Holtz, seconded by Chief Tobler, and carried unanimously to refer this agenda item to the next Drug/Device/Protocol Committee meeting.

IV. DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Hammond introduced three initiatives that will be brought before the 2025 Nevada Legislature session:

SB24

Add EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) to the law for certification and licensure. Mr. Hammond stated the SNHD OEMSTS has no issues with this law.

AB102

Allow Washoe County to operate as a health district as it relates to EMS. It also adds 16-year-olds as being able to be certified. Mr. Hammond stated the issue is that we can't obtain fingerprints for those minors because they're under the age of consent. Mr. Hammond noted that Clark County will maintain our regulations as they are written for individuals 18 years of age and older.

SB127

Relates to human trafficking. Education will be required for initial training for EMS providers for an hour annually related to recognizing and reporting human trafficking. It also requires a protocol to be put in place for reporting. It will probably be agency specific because Metro, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, and Mesquite Police Departments provide their own training. There will be a cost associated with the training, so he recommended that the individual agencies submit a fiscal impact statement for the legislature. The deadline is February 13th. He encouraged everyone to submit their fiscal impact statement in advance so the legislature is aware it will cost money to provide training.

V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Committee Report: Education Committee (02/05/2025)

1. Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Chief Simone reported that nominations were submitted for Troy Tuke and Ryan Young for Chair of the Education Committee. Mr. Tuke received six votes; Mr. Young received three votes. Mr. Tuke accepted the position pending final approval by the MAB.

A motion was made by Chief Simone, seconded by Chief Neel, and carried unanimously to approve Mr. Tuke as Chair of the Education Committee.

Chief Simone reported that a nomination for Vice Chair was submitted for Mr. Dryden, who accepted the position pending final approval by the MAB.

A motion was made by Chief Simone, seconded by Dr. Morgan, and carried unanimously to approve Mr. Dryden as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee.

2. Discussion and Approval of Changes to the SNHD Paramedic Mentorship/Internship Program - Tabled

3. Discussion and Approval of Education on the Use of Acetaminophen at the EMT and AEMT Levels

Chief Simone reported that the Education Committee tabled the discussion of the pediatric Pain Management protocol until their next meeting. The Committee reviewed the adult Pain Management protocol and accompanying education outline. They agreed to include review of the pharmacologic calculations, and the five routes of administration to the education outline as an emphasizing point.

A motion was made by Chief Simone, seconded by Dr. Morgan, and carried unanimously to include review of the pharmacologic calculations, and the five routes of drug administration to the adult Pain Management protocol under Emphasizing Points.

4. Discussion and Approval of Education on the Patient Restraint Protocol - Tabled

5. Discussion and Approval of Education on Changes to the Pain Management, Electrical Therapy: Synchronized Cardioversion, and Electrical Therapy: Transcutaneous Pacing Protocols

Chief Simone related that the Education Committee tabled this agenda item because they found an error in the existing protocol. One of the Indications states “Overdrive pacing of tachycardia refractory to drug therapy or electrical cardioversion.” He stated that overdrive pacing is no longer recommended and needs to be removed from the protocol. The Committee would like the DDP to revise the protocol prior to having the Education Committee create the education outline.

A motion was made by Dr. Morgan, seconded by Chief Simone, and carried unanimously to refer the Electrical Therapy/Transcutaneous Pacing protocol to the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee for revision prior to the Education Committee creating an education outline.

B. Committee Report: Drug/Device/Protocol Committee (02/05/2025)

1. Discussion and Recommendation to Revise the Pediatric Pain Management Protocol

Dr. Morgan stated the DDP agreed to table this agenda item because of an oversight on the education related to EMTs being comfortable calculating weight-based dosing. The following revisions were discussed:

- A. Added under the acetaminophen dosing, “Refer to Oral Dosing Chart.” There was a recommendation made about the Handtevy dosing, so the Chart will be revised to reflect that.

B. Added a caveat to include “for children 3 months of age and older.”

Dr. Morgan stated the Oral Dosing Chart will be added to both the protocol and formulary. The Board agreed the revised version of the protocol should be referred back to the DDP for approval and brought back to the MAB for final approval.

2. Discussion and Approval of the Recommendation to Revise the Obstetrical Emergency Protocol - Tabled
3. Discussion and Recommendation to Revise the Neonatal Resuscitation Protocol – Tabled

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

A. ED/EMS Regional Leadership Committee Update

Dr. Morgan stated she held an impromptu meeting that ran at the same time as the Education meeting today to talk about the hospital process and resources available with the rollout of Buprenorphine. She has copies of the slides and resources, and how that integrates with SNHD’s sport team and the peer navigation line that will be operational 24/7 on March 1st. There is going to be regional training held on February 26th for EMS educators and charge/triage nurses. She will send out the information as it’s available.

B. QI Directors Committee Update (08/07/2024)

Dr. Young reported the Committee has been working on QI metrics, most recently the Patient Restraint protocol. They continue to try and tighten up the data that’s coming into the ESO vendor to review and aggregate data for the repository. He noted that they are still having issues receiving that data. They have been reviewing case presentations, which are very helpful and enlightening.

C. Report from State EMS

Ms. Sullivan reported the following from the State Office.

1. AB102 refers to minors receiving certification/licensure: National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) currently allows individuals under the age of 18 to be certified as EMTs. They have programs that are helping them to get through that process. After obtaining certification from NREMT they are finding other avenues to keep their interest piqued with EMS until they are of legal age to submit to a background check. Another component of that bill eliminates provisional licensure, so that’s something that probably should be tracked by the training centers and agencies that proctor students. She stated that through a lot of work and much appreciation, the Nevada Hospital Association has partnered with the Nevada EMS Office in the EMSC program to keep the Handtevy Project moving forward.
2. AB50 relates to creating an electronic database for the purpose of repatriation of victims from mass casualty incidents. As the bill is written, the pilot project would start in Clark County.
3. AB31 relates to increasing reimbursement rates for non-emergency behavioral health transport. As part of the Helmsley AED First Responder Project, they were able to provide AEDS to law enforcement, whether in the field or the court system. They were able to secure another 512 AEDs for Las Vegas Metro in December 2024.
4. The State Office added a new staff member, John Middleman. He has 20 years of experience as a firefighter and EMS Instructor, and has a well-rounded background.
5. Staff will be bringing down their mobile computer lab on April 21st for another cognitive examination. Currently, there are approximately 30 students, and they’re happy to add more for anyone interested.

Mr. Hammond asked for clarification about AB102. His understanding is that the provisional license refers to EMTs and AEMTs only, not paramedics. She replied that it would eliminate provisional licensing at all levels. Mr. Hammond stated he will research it, and the OEMSTS will likely keep the provisional license for paramedics in EMS Regulations.

D. Emerging Trends

No report.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

No report.

VIII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.