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|  | **Meeting Minutes** | | |  | |
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| Subject: | | | Medical Services Committee | | |
| Date: | | | February 8, 2019 - final | | |
| Voting  Members:  Absent  Members: | | | Dr. Burstein (chair), Dr. Beltran, Dr. Bivens (10:35a), P. Brennan,  Dr. Chung (10:25a), Dr. Cohen, Dr. Dyer, D. Faunce, S. Gaughan, Dr. Nemeth,  Dr. Old, Dr. Tennyson, Dr. Tollefsen, Dr. Walker and Dr. Walter.  P    and Dr. Walker. | | |

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# 0 Call to Order

Dr. Jon Burstein called to order the February meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Advisory Board’s Medical Services Committee at 10:09 am on February 8, 2019 in the Operations Room at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)-Framingham.

# 2.0 Motions

The following table lists the motions made during the meeting.

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| **Motion** | | **Result** |
| **Motion:** by Dr. Walker to accept the December minutes with 2 amendments.  Seconded by Dr. Walter. | Approved - Dr. Beltran, P. Brennan,  Dr. Cohen, Dr. Dyer, D. Faunce, S. Gaughan, Dr. Nemeth, Dr. Old, Dr. Tennyson,  Dr. Tollefsen, Dr. Walker and Dr. Walter. | |

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| **Motion** | **Result** |
| **Motion:** by Dr. Tennyson to accept WLS document with the word shall.  Seconded by Dr. Walter. | **Approved:** Dr. Bivens, Dr. Cohen,  Dr. Tennyson and Dr. Tollefsen.  **Opposed** Dr. Beltran, P. Brennan  Dr. Chung, Dr. Dyer, D. Faunce,  S. Gaughan, Dr. Nemeth, Dr. Old,  Dr. Walker and Dr. Walter.  No abstentions. **Motion failed** 10 to 4. |

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| **Motion** | **Result** |
| **Motion:** by Dr. Tollefsen to approve Fallon’s special project staffing transport ambulance  with 1 EMT and 1 EMR driver.  Seconded by Dr. Walter. | **Approved:** Dr. Beltran, Dr. Bivens,  Dr. Chung, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Dyer,  Dr. Nemeth, Dr. Old and Dr. Walter. **Opposed:** P. Brennan, D. Faunce,  S. Gaughan, Dr. Tollefsen and Dr. Walker.  **Abstentions:** Dr. Tennyson.  **Motion passed** 8 to 5. |

**3.0Action Items**

The following table lists the action items identified during the meeting

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| **Item** | | **Responsibility** |
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**Detailed Minutes**

Acceptance of Minutes: December 14, 2018 meeting

2 amendments to the 3rd motion: Seconded by Dr. Old. David Faunce opposed the vote.   
**Motion:** by Dr. Walker to accept the December minutes with 2 amendments.

Seconded by Dr. Walter. Approved - Dr. Beltran, P. Brennan, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Dyer, D. Faunce, S. Gaughan, Dr. Nemeth, Dr. Old, Dr. Tennyson, Dr. Tollefsen, Dr. Walker and Dr. Walter.

* 1. OEMS Update-Mark Miller. OEMS will move to 67 Forest St in Marlborough on July 1, 2019. The STPs are to be released soon, a slide file for training will be made available. Scott Cluett-MIH Manager was introduced.
  2. Old Business
* WLS proposed A/R (Region 4) as edited. Discussion

**Motion:** by Dr. Tennyson to accept WLS document with the word “shall” as noted below.

Seconded by Dr. Walter.

Discussion-The word “shall” was chosen, meaning that this WLS policy would be mandatory.

Discussion-Concerns were raised about the document not being appropriate for all areas of the state; there was concern that national data were used, not specific to MA. There was debate as to whether this was a medical issue vs operational issue.

Fire Chief Bushnell asked that the decision be a local issue.

Discussion occurred on whether an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) be required.

Dr. Tennyson called the question at 10:55 am.

Vote: Approved: Dr. Bivens, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Tennyson and Dr. Tollefsen.

Opposed Dr. Beltran, P. Brennan Dr. Chung, Dr. Dyer, D. Faunce, S. Gaughan,

Dr. Nemeth, Dr. Old, Dr. Walker and Dr. Walter. No abstentions. Motion failed 10 to 4.

* 1. New Business
  + Articles (Gender and cardiac care; WLS crashes; MRSA on oxy tanks). Informational.

-MSRA was found on oxygen tanks- small study, but offers support for better equipment cleaning.

-NEMSIS data shows WLS increase the risk of a crash.

-Gender differences in cardiac care -- women do not get aspirin or use of WLS as often as men for presumed ACS. Of note, WLS use did not change transport time to hospital.

* + Single EMT special project (Region 4). Discussion and vote. Danielle Rabickow and Greg Davis-Fallon Ambulance. Proposal by Fallon to staff an ambulance with EMR driver and one Basic EMT caring for the patient. Fallon would provide a 60 hour course for EMRs. EMR would be required to have 16 hours continuing education every 2 years. CQI would be done on all transports. Fallon presented (unverified) data on 92,000 Basic runs. They report that of those, 4 were diverted to an ED -2 of those at patient request, 1 chest pain patient, 1 respiratory patient. ALS was call to intercept the latter 2 calls however the ED was closer.

**Motion:** by Dr. Tollefsen to approve Fallon’s special project staffing transport ambulance

with 1 EMT and 1 EMR driver.

Seconded by Dr. Walter.

Discussion-this staffing pattern would not be viable for response to an emergency – but Fallon does not intend to use this staffing pattern for an emergency.

The legislature has before it a bill to permit such ambulance crew configurations but has chosen to not act on it yet.

Fallon plans to develop EMRs to EMTs.

Viewed by some on the committee as a step back for EMS. Wages and affect in employment were discussed.

PFFM does not support this measure.

Armstrong Ambulance does not support this staffing pattern.

Vote: Approved: Dr. Beltran, Dr. Bivens, Dr. Chung, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Dyer, Dr. Nemeth,

Dr. Old and Dr. Walter.

Opposed: P. Brennan S. Gaughan D. Faunce, Dr. Tollefsen and Dr. Walker

Abstentions: Dr. Tennyson. Motion passed 8 to 5. One abstention.

Remainder of agenda will be carried over to the next meeting.

Documents utilized at meeting:

-Draft protocol for the use of Lights and Warning Devices for EMS Vehicles

-Lewis, J., Zeger, S., Li, X., Mann, C., Newgard, C., Haynes, S., et.al. Gender Differences in the Quality of EMS Care Nationwide for Chest Pain and Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest. Women’s Health Issues. May 2018.

-Gibson, C. Emergency medical services oxygen equipment: a fomite for transmission of MSRA? Emergency Medicine Journal. 2018-0, 1-3

-Watanabe, B., Patterson, G., Kempema, J/, Magallanes, O., and Brown, L. Is Use of Warning Lights and Sirens Associated With Increased Risk of Ambulance Crashes ? A Contemporary Analysis Using National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) Data.Annals of Emergency Medicine 2018.

Next Meeting: April **26**, 2019; MEMA in Framingham.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06.