



Emergency Medical Services Council



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Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee
Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Edina Fire Station #1
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Draft Summary

Present	Absent
1. Chad Larkin, proxy for Amy Dettman, Ridgeview Ambulance Service 2. Steve Hagstrom, Allina Health EMS 3. Bryar Johnson, North Memorial Ambulance Service 4. Nick Larson, Edina Fire Department 5. Charles Lick, M.D., Allina Health EMS 6. Angela Walker, Hennepin EMS (Chair)	1. Todd Joing, M.D., Fairview Southdale Hospital
Guests	Staff
1. Shannon Gollnick, North Memorial Ambulance Service	1. Matthew R. Maxwell

Welcome and Introductions – Chair Angela Walker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with a quorum present. After introductions, the proposed May 28, 2019 agenda and meeting summary from August 2, 2018 were approved.

Ordinance No. 9 Workgroup Recommendations – Shannon Gollnick, Director of Operations for North Memorial Ambulance Service and chair of the Hennepin County EMS Council Ordinance No 9 Workgroup, presented on the proposed changes to Ordinance No 9. Gollnick explained that the workgroup established four key objectives including removal of outdated terms, policies, and procedures; removal of redundant language currently covered by higher level regulations; preparing the EMS System for future health care changes; and strengthening language regarding compliance with EMS Council policies.

Gollnick explained that the definitions section underwent a significant overhaul, being updated to reflect current terminology and to reflect definitions used in state and federal statute. Also, the term “emergency” was changed to “medical event,” “ambulance” was changed to “medical resource,” and “hospital” was changed to “destination facility.” These changes were made to reflect the changing nature of EMS Systems, potential future use of multi-tiered medical resources ranging

from ambulances to community paramedics, and the likelihood that EMS in the future may transport to destinations other than just hospitals (such as urgent care centers, detox facilities, etc.).

Gollnick added that the Ordinance No 9 Workgroup's other significant recommendations included:

- Eliminating the long-standing two paramedic requirement and mirroring Minnesota state statute 144E's minimum of one paramedic on each advanced life support ambulance standard.
- Requiring use of a nationally recognized call processing system (or one approved by the EMS Council) for processing of Unscheduled/Emergent and Unscheduled/Non-Emergent calls.
- Requiring deployment of an ALS resource when there is any reasonable question regarding the nature, scope, or severity of the call.
- Eliminating the response time standard requirement from the ordinance, but adding a requirement that a performance standard shall be developed by the EMS Council and approved by the County Board (at least every two years).

The Subcommittee reviewed the table prepared by staff which displayed point-by-point comparisons between the current ordinance and the changes proposed by the workgroup. Numerous paramedic representatives on the Subcommittee voiced concern that the proposed staffing changes will result in loss of paramedic jobs. Also, a concern was raised that shifting to a single paramedic model may result in increased fatigue, stress, and burn-out as a result of being the only paramedic on the ambulance and having to perform all paramedic duties.

EMS Unit staff encouraged Subcommittee members to submit any questions, comments, concerns pertaining to the Ordinance No 9 Workgroup's recommendations that arise after the meeting. No further action was taken by the workgroup

Future of the ALS Medial Protocol Book – Tabled due to time constraints.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 10:42 a.m.

Future meetings, Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Edina Fire Department, Edina:

- August 2, 2019
- November 7, 2019