

Middle Peninsula Prehospital Committee Meeting

February 19, 2002

Present

Lynn Langley

Julie Glover

Carolyn Cheatham

Sean McNulty

Jerry Kevorkian (Deltaville)

Staff

Don Wilson

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Julie Glover. Minutes of the December 18, 2001 meeting were reviewed. Motion made to accept the minutes with corrections by Glen Mantel, seconded by Lynn Langley. Motion passed.

Ms. Glover asked the new member from Deltaville to introduce herself. Ms. Kevorkian is an EMT-B with Deltaville. The rest of the members introduced themselves to Ms. Kevorkian.

MCI Van

Ms. Kevorkian stated that Deltaville no longer wants the MCI Van. Ms. Glover asked Mr. McNulty if Gloucester would take the van. Mr. McNulty stated that one problem Gloucester sees with housing it is that a member would have to commit to an entire event if the van was called for. He also brought up the issue of the age of the van and its mechanical needs.

Mr. Mantell discussed Mathews need for a large amount of equipment in the event of an MCI. They have no access to that amount of equipment if the need arises.

Mr. McNulty stated that Gloucester would be willing to keep a trailer, but not the van. Ms. Glover brought up that the size of the trailer would require a large truck to pull. She also pointed out that the trailers they purchased on the Southside were over weight due to the fluids and wooden backboards.

Mr. Wilson asked who the van technically belongs to. Mr. Mantell stated that the van belongs to Mathews VRS.

Mr. Mantell suggested that Gloucester house the van for two months while the committee comes up with a plan to either move the van or get rid of the van and get a trailer. Mr. McNulty stated that he would contact the personnel at Gloucester and let Deltaville know as soon as possible. The MCI Van Committee will meet and come up with solutions by the next meeting.

Don Wilson recommended that the committee consider an RSAF grant if they are going to purchase a trailer.

Motion made by Glenn Mantell to apply for grant money to purchase a trailer for the Middle Peninsula to replace the current MCI Van, to be housed in Gloucester. Seconded by Lynn Langley. Motion passed.

FARC

Mr. Wilson presented the FARC awards from the last cycle. They will be available for the members to review after the meeting.

Focus Group

Mr. Wilson advised the group that the concept of redrawing the regional boundaries is a dead issue. Mr. Wilson added that Michael Player had a great deal to do with convincing the state that the boundaries should remain as they are. The work group will continue to meet to define the designation process for a regional council. When these are approved, each region will have to go through a designation process.

New Business

Drug Box Issues

As far as we can tell, the PEMS region will not have much of a problem with the Lasix shortage. PEMS has been clear of it thus far due to our use of pre-loads. However, if the shortage continues, it may affect our region. Additionally, there is a shortage of valium nationwide. To address this issue, there will be an emergency meeting of the PEMS pharmacists and OMD's next week. We will keep every one apprised of the situation.

PICO

Mr. McNulty brought up an issue that he has to go to the pharmacy in the day time to get a drug box exchanged. It was discussed that when the pharmacy is open, the medics can check their drug boxes for any inconsistencies.

Training/Meetings/Minutes

RSAF Grants are due March 15th. Ms. Glover suggested the members go to the PEMS Website and check out the training listed there. She also brought up that PEMS is considering doing training again. Such classes as ICO, MCI, Moulage, CISM, and management classes were recommended. Ms. Glover asked the members if they felt their squads would be interested in this type of training.

Mr. Mantell pointed out the time constraints facing volunteers. Ms. Cheatham stated that she felt members of her department would be interested.

Trauma Symposium

The Trauma Symposium will be held on March 22nd. It will be in Williamsburg, and is expected to be very interesting. CEU's will be available. Mrs. Cheatham will provide the members with the link to the online registration.

Good of the Order

Mr. Mantell advised the committee that Mathews had a minor MCI. He thanked Deltaville and Gloucester for their help. In reviewing the call, Riverside Walter Reed Hospital decided they were not prepared to handle an actual MCI. So Mathews will be participating in an MCI training event with the hospital, including taking patients to the hospital. Mr. Mantell added that the critique was very helpful.

Mr. Mantel also brought up the issue of the contract agreement with Riverside Walter Reed Hospital for students to train in the hospital. He felt that it should be addressed with the State. Ms. Glover stated that many of those things are not driven by the state.

Mr. Mantell stated that this is an issue because getting proof of all of the requirements is difficult. The committee discussed the issue at length.

Run Sheets

Ms. Glover requested that crews stop leaving their yellow copies of the run sheets at Walter Reed.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Sean McNulty, seconded by Lynn Langley. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.