



# McLean County Area EMS System

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## Affiliate Meeting Minutes

**July 25, 2012**

There were 13 people in attendance with five agencies represented.

Thank you to the Normal Fire Department for the use of their meeting room at their headquarters.

Neal Zeid from EA Medical was the sponsor for the evening and provided a meal from Moe's Southwest Grill. Zeid gave a presentation on Life-Stat Hands-Free CPR System, the B.E.A.R. carrier, and the Lumalier Portable Air and Surface Disinfection Unit, VuStik, Excel Cryo Cooling Systems, and Clear Collar. Zeid provided brochures and price guides and said VuStik is available for trial use.

### Old Business

- Code Red assistance: call 24/7 support at 1-800-683-9454.
- The Mobile Healthcare Services Demonstration Project's federal funding for round two has been cut since the funding for round one was significantly slashed. The McLean County Area EMS System office has expressed continued interest if more funding becomes available.
- Interviews are being conducted for the Patient Navigator position.

### New Business

*EMS Legislation* – HB 5880 has passed. SB 3261 passed in the Senate and is now in the House, where the sponsorship was pulled. On the Federal side, SB 3225 would recognize combat medic training in the military and would count as Continuing Education Units, dependent on which branch of the military the veteran served in. HR 3144, also known as the Field EMS Bill, has five sponsors and calls for funding EMS at a national level to create grants and to have Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) be the Federal oversight of the National EMS program.

*Communications update* – Narrow-banding testing is complete. METCOM has equipment in place and radios and pagers are being reprogrammed. The target date for McLean County is the end of September.

*IDPH update* – Several agencies submitted their EMS Assistance Grant applications by the deadline. These applications have been sent to the State. IDPH is working on statewide trauma criteria and wanted to be able to implement the Center for Disease Control (CDC) standards (final release is still pending). There has been a discussion about requiring high school students be certified in CPR to graduate.



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As of September 1, IDPH will begin charging an EMS licensing fee. They are also introducing an online fee payment system. Please note there will be directions on the renewal notice on how to complete the process. Providers are still required to turn in their CE information to the MCAEMS System office.

*Advocates for EMS update* – The Healthcare Reform Act has been passed by the Supreme Court. The true impact of this will be known after the Presidential election.

*Hospital update* – Jan Berlin reported that Advocate BroMenn met with Superior Ambulance out of Chicago as a courtesy. Advocate BroMenn is in the initial phase of possibly developing an EMS room in the hallway near the pharmacy. A committee has met a couple of times and will be calling agencies for input and feedback. The Emergency Department is also developing a mental health room in the ER in rooms 3 & 4. The area will contain two beds, a television behind glass, and a stationed security officer. Advocate BroMenn is working with the Illinois Heart & Lung Foundation to follow-up on an AED give-away program from 2000. The original program was designed to give 20 AEDS to non-profit organizations with 10 years of maintenance, batteries, and pads. Some of these organizations have not maintained the AED devices, so Advocate BroMenn and the Illinois Heart & Lung Foundation will be following up to make sure they are current and maintained. Advocate BroMenn Medical Center was awarded the Mission Lifeline Platinum award for their STEMI program.

*QA/QI update* – Greg reported that Michael Crabtree, the Quality Assurance Coordinator, is forming a Protocol Committee. The committee will begin reviewing protocols on August 6. This process should take about two months. Email Michael if interested in joining the committee. The Critical Care Plan was sent to IDPH some time ago and has cleared two reviews. It is now on its final review. Greg also gave an overview on all the memos that have been sent out since the last Affiliate Meeting and a summary of the handouts.

*Education updates* – There will be PEPP & ITLS renewal courses in November. An ECRN course will be held at the end of the summer. The current B-P graduation will be held soon. There will be another B-P class beginning in the Fall. There will be an I-P class beginning later in 2012 at Danvers FD. The office is still working on national accreditation of the EMS System's Paramedic training program.

*General Announcements* - If your agency would like to receive a 2012 Emergency Responder Guide, please contact MABAS Division 41 (Les Siron at the Bloomington Fire Department).

Greg report he had sent a system-wide email with FEMA information relating to policy development or planning for large scaled events within the area.

The next meeting will be held October 24, 2012 (1800-2000). Location: Downs FD.