



# McLean County Area EMS System

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## Affiliate Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2012

There were 12 people in attendance with seven agencies represented.

Thank you to the Bloomington Fire Department for the use of their meeting room at Station 6.

The McLean County Area EMS System Office was the sponsor for the evening and provided a meal from Avanti's.

### Old Business

- Code Red assistance: call 24/7 support at 1-800-683-9454.
- The information regarding the 17 Legislative EMS Task Force Hearings has been sent to IDPH. We are still awaiting a final report from the State.
- The Mobile Healthcare Services Demonstration Project had 3,000 applicants during round one. We are hopeful to partner with the Bloomington Fire Department, the Normal Fire Department, METCOM, the Association of Fire Chiefs, LA County, Lane County in Oregon, Las Vegas, NV and both Advocate BroMenn and OSF St. Joseph for round two grant funding.

### New Business

- The Patient Navigator position, a grant funded opportunity through Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, has been approved and will start late summer 2012. Funding for the part-time position will be provided for approximately one year. The position will have the ability to refer patients to appropriate resources to receive care. The position will service all agencies throughout the McLean County Area EMS System.
- *Communications Update* – McLean County is currently working on testing narrow-banding. Pagers and radios are being reprogrammed and towers will be changed near the beginning of August once all the equipment has been received.
- *IDPH and Advocates for EMS Updates* – IDPH has not defined the scope of practice. This still remains a big issue due to changes in January 2013. Greg Scott provided House Bill information from the 24 member Task Force that was created by HR 230 in Spring 2011.

Resolution or Bill	Passed or Referred
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HR 0230	Passed 4/14/2011
HB 4144	Re-referred 3/9/2012
HB 4437	Re-referred 3/30/2012
HB 4582	Re-referred 3/30/2012
HB 4583	Re-referred 3/30/2012
HB 5175	Re-referred 3/9/2012
HB 5281	Referred 2/8/2012
HB 5327	Referred 2/8/2012
HB 5355	Referred 2/8/2012
HB 5532	Re-referred 3/9/2012
HB 5672	Re-referred 3/30/2012
HB 5673	Re-referred 3/30/2012
HB 5880	Passed 3/30/2012
SB 2532	Referred 3/7/2012
SB 3220	Referred 3/9/2012
SB 3261	Passed 4/16/2012
SB 3703	Referred 3/29/2012
SB 3721	Re-referred 3/9/2012
HR 0872	Passed 3/30/2012
SB 0770	Referred 3/5/2012
SB 3718	Referred 4/16/2012
SB 3667	Referred 4/26/2012



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Greg encouraged all attendees to visit [www.witnesslips.ilga.gov](http://www.witnesslips.ilga.gov) to search for pending legislation. The website allows you to see the status of House legislation and to take a position and give testimony.

- *Hospital Updates* – Jan Berlin reported on the successful implementation of LifeNet. Ambulances will be receiving a list of medication shortages from the Advocate BroMenn Medical Center (ABMC) Director of Pharmacy. Lori Round has been named the Vice President of Patient Services. If you have bags of dirty linen, please take to the utility room. ABMC is getting a Psychiatric holding area with three to four beds. ABMC once again received the Gold Plus Award for stroke care.
- *QA/QI Update* – Michael Crabtree provided an update. The Quality Assurance Council has approved the use of producing a short form for hospital reports. State law requires that a written report must be left with all pre-hospital patients. Michael is working on modifying the form to fit the needs of the Emergency Department, providers, and nurses. The MCAEMS System office will cover the cost of printing. Agencies will be required to leave the form with hospital before they leave. No copy will go to the MCAEMS System office since it is considered part of the patient care report, so be sure to keep a copy for agency records. Be sure that any changes to your agency personnel are reported to the MCAEMS System office immediately. Michael will begin pulling charts and comparing providers listed on the reports to agency rosters.
- *Education Program Update* – All course announcements are on the MCAEMS System website. We are currently working with Bob Patterson, the Director of EMS in Joplin, MO to give a presentation at our office for EMS Week.

## MCAEMS Agency Updates

- Downs FD has added an FRD ambulance assist. This will be an additional vehicle.

## REMINDERS

- EMS Week – week of May 20<sup>th</sup> we are having an event Tuesday night.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION/COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- See *New business: Education Program Update*

The next meeting will be held July 25, 2012. Location TBD.