



McLean County Area EMS System

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Affiliate Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2012

There were 11 people in attendance with 6 agencies represented.

Thank you to the Downs Community Fire Protection District for the use of their meeting room at their headquarters.

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center sponsored the meeting and provided a meal from Custom Catering.

Bev Glendon (ABMC) presented on Mission: Lifeline Accreditation.

Old Business

- Code Red assistance: call 24/7 support at 1-800-683-9454.

New Business

EMS Legislation – No new big updates; out of session until veto session in NOV. A sponsor (Rep. Dugan) has been secured for a bill allowing for rural agencies being allowed to have providers function at their level of licensure. Spring session may bring more success in securing alternate EMS funding sources.

Communications update – Narrowbanding is fully implemented by the local hospitals. METCOM is exploring e-dispatching (texting dispatch). Downs inquired if there is a way that METCOM could notify BLS agencies which ALS agency will be dispatched for an ALS chase. Greg thought it be more appropriate for agencies to develop run cards and correct issues as they arise.

IDPH update – Greg relayed that a EMS state testbank is still being developed for the new education standards (ES are still not implemented).

Advocates for EMS update – None to report.

Hospital update – Many new physicians will be working at ABMC ED. Jan asks that anyone that has an issue with ABMC should call her so that she can find a solution. ABMC is still looking into an EMS room; progress is on hold until psychiatric holding planning/construction is finalized. Providers relayed that straps, “speed blocks” (non-disposable head blocks), and splints are often coming up missing. Jan relayed hospital is working on finding a better location to store EMS equipment.



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QA/QI update – Patient navigator position has been staffed. She is currently and developing process and procedures for the navigator process. The navigator will eventually have a referral process for agencies to utilize.

Education updates –

2013 Affiliate meeting dates: METCOM sending page for meeting

The next meeting will be held January 23, 2013. Location TBD.