

EMS Task Force

Dec 13 Meeting - Agenda Development

At our Dec 13 meeting we undertook a group exercise to begin to develop an agenda for our Committee. People were asked to review the Resolution/Charge to the committee plus identify issues, problems or solutions that they'd been thinking of. These ideas were put on post-it notes and the post it notes were grouped according to topic. Below are the groupings we developed.

At our January 10 meeting we'll continue with this exercise – seeing if there's anything left out, placing the topics in the order we want to discuss, identifying the outcomes we want to achieve from each topic discussion, leadership from w/in our group, and any experts or resources we might call on to help us explore the topic.

PROCESS

- Be sure to include all AHJs/EMS/FD's w/agendas, discussion questions, ask for input
- Open meetings – all are invited to attend
- Blue Sky Strategies – solicit ideas from all providers

OVERARCHING QUESTIONS

- Is the current system sustainable? (cost, people)
- Are there ways to reduce demand?
- Are there ways to share/distribute the load differently?

↳ BASICS – Dec → Feb.

- Inventory over last few years existing services, structures, capabilities, needs, response times, number and types of calls, number of volunteer and/or paid responders, vehicles, inventory.
- Costs – understand costs associated with service structures, training, and how paid
- Legal/Regulatory – what are different types of structures (districts, departments, profit, non-profit, etc) Advantages/disadvantages of each

TRENDS

- Increasing # of elderly
- Aging in place
- Population/location

SPECIAL POPULATIONS / NEEDS

- Elderly
- Mental Health
- Frequent users

RECRUITMENT

- County-wide volunteer focused recruitment
- Coordinated program for raising awareness
- Volunteer vs Paid

RETENTION

- Improve intra department relations / make everyone feel involved and valued
- Post Traumatic Stress Debriefing
- Ongoing support for service providers – is there interest/need?

TRAINING

- Levels, Requirements
- Costs
- More training offered
- Variety of Locations, outreach
- Qualified instructors
- Safety
- Benefits of training = positive attitude

FUNDING MODELS

- Paid vs Volunteer
- Billing for EMS services – how can that be done?
- What would it cost to pay everyone?
- What other incentives are there besides money?

LEVELS OF CARE

- Convenient vs Emergency Care

EMERGING MODELS

- Video Facilitated Care
- Home Based Care
- Medicaid Redesign
- DSRIP = Delivery System Reform Incentive Program - \$ Funding available?
- Community Paramedicine

SOLUTIONS/ NEW DIRECTIONS

- Research best practices and successful strategies in other places – state, national, int'l
- Fly Cars
- Consolidation - County-wide services; prompt, efficient, affordable

CONDUCT SURVEYS of

- What is public's expectation for service (and what they'd be willing to pay)
- Emergency responder's interest in PTSD/Counseling