

**Flathead County
EMS Advisory Committee
February 14th 2011**

Attendees:

Kris Long	Laurel Smart	Erika Larsen	Jill Cheman
Mary Granger	Jerry Thornburg	Gary Mahugh	James Brower
Peggy Miller	Amanda Norenberg	Ben Devall	Darla Katzenmeyer
Erika Larsen	Ed Burlingame	Katie Edwards	Craig Williams
Russell Sappington	Bill Tidwell	Scott Miller	Bill Norton

Called to Order 17:00

Agenda Approved

Minutes Approved for November 8th 2010

Unit Audits Granger

Granger explained a request of an EMS Administrative Board Member regarding agency audits. After consulting the Flathead County Attorney's office they advised us that the Board does not have the authority to require an audit. The Committee agreed that the funds distributed by the county are legitimate and can be individually audited without a problem. The Committee also agreed that 5 units per distribution will be audited regarding run volumes.

Dr. Briles

ALS/BLS cancellation

Dr. Briles explained the cancellation protocol. After an initial assessment is made by an EMT-Basic and the Basic finds that BLS services are sufficient, the provider can call off an ALS response. The ALS responders may ask questions to confirm the cancellation and may continue to respond. Dr. Briles will write an addendum to this protocol for ALS to call off further ALS response.

Medic Transfer protocol

The Committee expressed concern regarding an ALS responder joining a BLS ambulance for ALS care. Concerns were pt and provider insurance, equipment, etc. Dr. Briles reminded the committee that this would only be appropriate in very rare occasions. Patient care is the first priority. If an ALS provider rendezvousing with a BLS ambulance and providing care without transfer is best and faster than that is the way to go.

Fentanyl Dosage- Dr. Briles

Dr. Briles explained the increase in dosage of Fentanyl and the reflection of change to the protocols.

EMS Managers Report- Mary Granger

Mary expressed that the above items are have are the update and nothing further

Other Business –Kris Long

*BLS drug purchasing

Meeting Adjourned at 1800

Next meeting: May 9th @ 1730 FECC

