
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: March 23, 2021

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding. A quorum was present.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS: Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Sam Schneider, Dr. David K, Tan. Helen Sandkuhl.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Chair; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer; Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

Board Members Absent: Wally Patrick; Sam Schneider.

ATTENDEES: Lori Beck, SLCH; Jami Blackwell, Cox Health; Dr. Sabina Braithwaite, Wash U; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Shelby Cox, Center for Patient Safety; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care; Lori Freeman, NAEMT and SL Fire; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director multiple EMS agencies, West Central Region; Michele Herndon, SL-CH; Pam Jackson, SLH-KC; Laura Kemerling, CMH-KC; Liz Kendrick, U of MO—EMSC; Dustin Koeber; Dr. Melissa Kroll, Wash U; Mike Latta, KCFD; Debbie Leoni, Southeast Health; Chris Mattes, Mercy-Spfld; Brian Maydwell, Executive Director MO 911 Service Board. Taz Meyer, SCCAD; Tom Modine, St. Luke's KC; April Ostendorf-Morris, St. Francis Medical Center; Bob Patterson, Mercy-Spfld; Heather Scruton, CMH-KC; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffrey Siegler, Wash U; Michelle Wallace; Andrew West, SSM Health; Jason White, MARC, Tina York, HCA

Note: If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, please email ruby@lifeflighteagle.org for correction.

DHSS Staff: Nicole Gamm, Interim BEMS Chief; Katherine Crockett

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:34 pm.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes Feb 23, 2020	<i>Ben Chlapek moved to approve the Feb. 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Second by Mark Alexander. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.	
Presentation by Brian Maydwell	Missouri 911 Service Board Executive Director, Brian Maydwell gave a presentation on the Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act of 2021 (LIFT America Act) which has money set aside for states 911 infrastructure. The program is just being unveiled. Mr. Maydwell has engaged for Missouri. Dr. Andrews asked for follow up when some substantial movement and planning begins.	Jason White and Brian Maydwell will provide updates. brian.maydwell@missouri911.org jason.white3254@gmail.com	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	Pediatric Subcommittee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2021 provided by Trish Casey, Chair In attendance: EMSC-MU Women’s and Children’s: Liz Kendrick, Danielle Lee St. Louis Children’s: Michele Herndon, Lori Beck, Dr. Kate Sectorsky Mercy KC: Laura Kemerling, Heather Scruton, Dave Seastrom Glennon: Andrew West SAC Board- Dr. Andrews Legislative: Jason White The pediatric subcommittee did not meet in February. <i>*There is an error on the posted agenda for 2020 gun violence; SLCH and Cardinal Glennon are flipped.</i> EMSC Update- Liz Kendrick • MO EMSC was able to report surveys to NEDARD with responses		

	<p>representing 71% of our state EMS agencies. The 71% included departments from all regions and both rural, suburban and urban.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Pediatric Readiness site surveys will begin in May of this year. These have not been done in Mo since 2013. • An updated EMSC joint policy statement on necessary pediatric equipment has been accepted for publication and will be in print very soon. • Large, collaborative STARS training with SLCH and MU W&C was held at Montgomery County Ambulance District in February. • The Ask the Expert virtual lecture is next week! March 31st (the last Wednesday of the month) the link for our pediatric mental health lecture is listed below. <p>https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/91251715922?pwd=b01BT3B5enRHdCtZcVhDZ3dWRWE5dz09</p> <p>This lecture is presented by Dr. Sullivan from Children’s Mercy Kansas City, she will be covering various aspects of pediatric mental health in emergency settings. There are CEUs available if your agency is registered through Canvas, if your agency only wants to view the content there is no need to register on Canvas for this. This will also be recorded, if anyone wants this lecture after the 31st please email me after the date.</p> <p><u>Pandemic Update-</u> No significant reports of illness with the pediatric population. Overall ED volume continues to be below average. Increases in behavioral health visits are prevalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links to most recent AAP & CHA reports were shared in the agenda. <p><u>Right Place in the First Place-</u> An increase in pediatric patients being transported directly to a level 1 trauma center from the scene was shown from 2019-2020 from the East Central Region. Efforts will continue to support this initiative and work groups will be assembled to discuss ways to more reporting to occur.</p> <p><u>2021 Initiatives/ Goals-</u> Majority agreed that the subcommittee needs to provide a more organized delivery of initiatives. Clarification on what</p>		
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	<p>numbers are to be reported and what overall goals will be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right Place in the First place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Continue to support EMSC with education o Formulate a way for all hospitals to report / clarify asks *ask Josh Dugal to share Glennon templates o Encourage follow up with EMS agencies - Medication Dosing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Create a work group to map the course and expected outcomes o Decide on focus area (potentially seizures treatment) o Communicate with the regions after a work group meeting for potential collaboration o Support efforts through education with EMSC - Pediatric DNR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tricia Casey and Jason White met with stakeholders in person, in Jeff City in February. Examples from other states were brought to the table and discussed. The meeting was successful in that all parties agreed the law needs to be addressed. Meetings with stakeholders are to continue after the current TPOPP regulation challenges are resolved. - Special Needs Region Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o STARS is Active in the East Central, South East regions and is growing the Central region. Discussions are ongoing in the west. <p><u>Open</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Andrews asked if anyone has been asked to assist in the treatment of children crossing the southern border from Mexico. No one knew of such requests being made to their hospitals. 		
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<p>B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Christie Brock, Chair</p>	<p>Trauma Subcommittee Summary provided by Pam Jackson: State Advisory Council Trauma Subcommittee Click to join: https://slhs.webex.com/meet/pjackson</p> <p>I. Introductions: None</p> <p>II. Trauma Regulation Update: Trauma regulations remain with DHSS, but will not go further until new statutes are passed.</p> <p>III. Review proposed Level IV Trauma Regulations.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. No updates. Pam will find out what the next step will be for these proposed regulations.</p> <p>IV. Trauma Education</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The TRAM (Trauma Registry Association of Missouri) Conference was last Friday and was very successful. It was a free virtual conference with about 90 participants from across the country.</p> <p>V. Around the virtual room</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The question was asked if there was a sense of patients being taken to wrong facilities and needing to be transferred again. No one thought it was an issue.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. There was discussion about trauma numbers being down for Jan – Feb, but March is normalized compared to last year. Several centers said their numbers were record highs for 2020.</p>		

<p>C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander</p>	<p>Mark Alexander reporting: Dr. Andrews sent letter to the Missouri House of Representatives, Health and Mental Health Policy Committee, that SAC supports the TCD program and will continue our mission of offering advice to the Department of Health and Senior Services.</p> <p>On March 22, 2021 there was a hearing on HB 1295, sponsored by Representative Allen Andrews. HB 1295 reflects the Missouri Hospital Association changes in legislative language. It creates a separate TCD Advisory Council if it passes. Dr. Sabina Braithwaite, state EMS Medical Director and Kat Probst, MAA President testified against the bill.</p> <p>Mark Alexander said the TCD state committee is reviewing the content of HB 1295 but has not concluded yet. Mark also said he is confident Rep. Andrews will get a working group together to discuss and come to consensus.</p> <p>Jason White expressed similar views and said he was impressed with Rep Andrews because he has taken time to discuss the content with both sides in order to make the bill better and bring the sides together.</p> <p>Out of Hosp DNR: DHSS took different, narrower approach to what the language of the law says so discussions continue in order to resolve issues.</p> <p>Treatment in Place: Federal level being expanded to pay for care in place and not have to transport to be reimbursed. National organizations, including AAA, IAFF, NAEMT, have negotiated with CMS on this issue. If this payment is approved, it may be retroactive to 2020 when COVID 19 hit.</p> <p>Before Sam Vance left his position as BEMS Chief, he sent out regulations and asked for input. These were discussed in last month's meeting. Mark Alexander said it had been suggested to have the legislative subcommittee of SAC take responsibility for reviewing the regs and coming to a consensus. Mark will lead this discussion. He also indicated we should resurrect the regulations that were reviewed/revised/combined etc. in 2018-2019 at Governor Greitens direction. They were sent to the DHSS but were never acted upon. If there are changes, etc., this would be a good time to consider</p>		
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D. Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	Chuck Doss unable to attend today.	For info contact Chuck Doss cdoss@bcfdmo.com Educ. Subcommittee meets 3 rd Wednesdays at rnoon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/	
E. Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	Ruby Mehrer reported the Air Ambulance Subcommittee met this morning. Discussion included laser strikes in SL and KC area. Legislative issues were reviewed.		o
F. Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair	Helen Sandkuhl spoke about EMS Caring for our Communities and thanked EMS for going beyond the call. Issues dealt with this past year include the pandemic, severe winter weather, frozen water supplies, and no electricity. Mental health issues have increased. It has been reported that at least 30% EMS workers deal with some mental health problems. There is a need to look for education in this area so EMS can be healthy and can continue to function in their stressful environment. Helen has been exploring programs to identify stressors of EMS. She asked those who already have a program or resources in place to share. Helen would like to have the resources distributed to all the regions.		
G. TCD Report Helen Sandkuhl	Helen Sandkuhl reported the MHA proposed TCD bill has been discussed at length. The bill includes creating a TCD Advisory Council. There is concern about silos being created if this bill passes.		
H. MIH Community Paramedics Dr. Melissa Kroll	Dr. Kroll reviewed vaccine clinics and lessons learned. Home vaccinations have unique challenges. CDC guidelines for vaccine administration phases continue to be followed.	Contact Dr. Kroll at mkroll@wustl.edu with questions or comments. Meetings are 2 nd Mondays at noon. Info and agendas at https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/	

III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	No report.	Meetings are 3 rd Wed at 10am	
B. Central	No report.		
C. Southwest	Bob Patterson said SW has not met since the last SAC meeting. The next meeting is this Friday, virtual. Discussion will include non-diversion. DHSS asked EMS Mutual Aid group to help with gaps with vaccinations if necessary. To this point, there have been no requests for help.		
D. Southeast	Debbie Leoni reported SE Region will meet April 9 th . COVID admissions have dropped. Vaccinations are in progress.	Next meeting is April 9.	
E. East Central	Helen Sandkuhl said EC Region met March 12 and will meet again April 9. Discussion included the proposed TCD Advisory Council and well as homebound vaccinations. SSM has M-F clinics for vaccinations. 43 EMS agencies are assisting as well.	Next meeting April 9.	
F. Region A/West Central	Dr. David Gustafson reporting: West Central met virtually March 1 st . Discussion included the proposed regulations sent out by Sam Vance. Other discussion included Mission Control, a transfer service, being piloted in our region at no cost. Two hospitals, Ray County and Fitzgibbon, have signed a letter of agreement but there has been no activity to this point.	Meetings are first Mondays, every other month. May 3 next meeting	
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Dr. Sabina Braithwaite said there was no meeting this month.		
BEMS Nicole Gamm, Interim Chief BEMS	Sam Vance resigned his position March 12. Nicole Gamm is serving as the Interim BEMS Chief. The position has been posted. Applications close March 25. Investigator position is also posted. Applications will close the latter part of April. Abbott Binax COVID testing kits still available upon request.		

	<p>PPE still available in state stockpile. Contact Nicole for the link.</p> <p>Nicole reported Missouri ETCRs are being entered into the NEMSIS data base. However, many EMS agencies are not submitting information. She reviewed the compliance by regions. Discussion included how to make this process successful. BEMS personnel will attend regional meetings to provide information and to help overcome barriers. Peggy Huddleston at DHSS is available by email or phone to answer questions or to take suggestions. Dr. Gustafson will explore ways to assist.</p> <p>In answer to a question, Nicole said she did not know if the Governor will extend waivers affecting EMS beyond the March 31st date. She will communicate through the list serve when the information becomes available.</p>		
		Recommendation/Actions	
Center for Patient Safety Shelby Cox	<p>Shelby Cox said the Center for Patient Safety is hosting educational events for the Second Victim. In April the focus is for the hospital personnel and October will be for prehospital providers. A flyer will be sent to the SAC email list.</p>		
TCD Task Force Mark Alexander, Dr. Andrews	<p>See discussion under Legislative Subcommittee.</p>		
Old Business	<p>Interstate Compact Data base will include licensure information on prehospital personnel of all states participating in the Interstate Compact. Missouri's Interstate Compact Subcommittee send a letter last November expressing about the security of the data base. There has been no response yet.</p> <p>EMS is being asked to participate in vaccinating the homebound.</p> <p>Nicole Gamm said she was not sure the Truman Building would be open for in person meetings by May.</p>		
New Business & Announcements	<p>None</p>		

Next Meeting	Next meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for April 27, 2021.	An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:50 pm.		

Lynthia B. Andrews DO, FACEP

Date Approved April 27, 2021

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer