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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2023

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

Virtual Connection

SAC is very appreciative of DHSS for providing the Webex meeting platform

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman presiding.

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

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

Board Members Absent: Eric Latimer

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Ashford, SCCAD; Megan Ashlock, Mercy SL; Dr. Erica Carney, State EMS Medical Director & KCFD. Marc Carr, Lake Ozark FPD; Amanda Clark, Kelly Cope, SCCAD; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Megan Fitzgerald; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Lori Freeman, PhD, NAEMT; David Gustafson, Multiple EMS Med Director, Reg A Medical Director and Chair; Luke Knoble, MUHC; Mike Latta, KCFD; Danielle Lee, EMSC MU Health; Scott Linz, CMH-KC; Tom Modin, St. Luke's KC Plaza; Dr. Dustin Neel University Health, Truman; Michelle Mayer; Dean Meenach, SCCAD; Dr. Dustin Neel Univ Health-TMC; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Sharell Questelle-Eddy, Mercy Joplin; Shari Riley, Bothwell; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffery Siegler, Wash U; Maria Stiffler, SE Health; Beth Suereth; Holly Vitale; Suzanne Weckman; Sarah Willson, MHA; Brian.

DHSS Staff present: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm, Peggy Huddleston, Bill Koebel, Elizabeth Woodward.

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:31 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes	<i>Dr. Tan moved to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Second by Mark Alexander Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Liz Kendrick, Chair	<p>March 28 meeting cancelled. Next meeting April 25.</p> <p>For info contact Liz Kendrick kendrixk@health.missouri.edu</p> <p>Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair	<p>Dr. Neel reported there was a brief trauma meeting today. Discussion items included educational opportunities and data entry. Next meeting April 25th virtual only.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmed.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair	<p>Mark reported the subcommittee met this morning. Med Director, Training Entities, and EMS Regions regulations were all reviewed. Met twice since last SAC meeting. Personnel licensing will need to add community paramedics amended in law. Licensing for air and ground to be reviewed at next meeting.</p> <p>RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<p>No meeting this month. Review of .331 finished and to DHSS for legal to consider. The Executive Director of Co A will come in person to a SAC meeting in late summer to discuss accreditation difficulties.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@health.missouri.edu Educ. Subcommittee meets 3rd Mondays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	
Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	<p>March 28th meeting cancelled. Next meeting April 25.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	

Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair	<p>Helen Sandkuhl reporting.</p> <p>State Ebola Plan now being called “Emerging Infectious Disease Plan and will include Ebola, Sudan Virus, Marborg Virus, COVID, Influenza, Monkey Pox. A resurgence of Measles is being seen due to vaccination hesitancy and open borders.</p> <p>State COVID Update: Community Risk Level is low. Weekly cases per 100K = 49.4; Admissions per 100K = 7.4, Active areas are St. Louis County; St. Charles County, Franklin, Putnum, Scotland, Macon, Knox, Jasper and McDonald Counties.</p> <p>SAC -EMC working on EMS needs assessment -- in draft form. It will be updated, reviewed and sent out before SAC May meeting.</p> <p>MHA EM & Safety Committee met today. Discussion regarding redundant communications. Will need EMS input.</p> <p>In process of applying for Rural EMS Training Grant. Application due by May 1, 2023</p> <p>May 2023, Nick Slozman and Helen Sandkuhl will be doing a presentation at the SAC meeting on the school shooting in St. Louis last fall.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets 4th Monday virtually at 11:00am. For info: Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	WARD
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan	<p>Justin unable to attend. Discussion with Medicaid MCO have taken place. Mental Health needs are problems to be addressed. Grants have been applied for. Laws are being reviewed. Some hare having success with using Chronic Care codes and being paid for services.</p> <p>April 13 an MIH Summit will be held in Jeff City.</p> <p>For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney	<p style="text-align: center;">Regional Medical Directors Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: March 27th, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zoom: https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/96761358349</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting ID: 967 6135 8349</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Passcode: 052259</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p>Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Brandt, Dr. Umfleet, Dr. Froelke, Dr. Andrews, Dr. Lewis</p> <p>Others in Attendance: Dr. Lewis, Bob Patterson, Dan Ulhorn, Kurt Lowenberg, Mark Alexander, Chip Portz, Chris Mattes, Mike Wallace, Ruby Mehrer, Kat Probst</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Data User Group: SAC update, HIDI/MHA MIH Pilot Program, stakeholder discussion b. TCD Advisory Committee: New group is discussing first meeting date. c. Peer Review: Dr. Coughenhour and Mark Alexander testified, the group discussed opposing viewpoints. Dr. Carney will create and submit a LOS from the Regional Medical Directors’ group, similar support requested from MAA, MOCEP, NAEMSP, etc. 2. New Business: High Voltage Injuries with Dan Ulhorn and Kurl Lowenberg. Discussed statewide distribution of high voltage electrocution education (to EMS, PSAP, civilians). Dr. Andrews extended an invitation for SAC, Ruby Mehrer for LifeFlight/H-HEMS. 	

	<p>3. Reports from Regional Medical Directors:</p> <p>Dr. Carney: NFL Draft 4/27-4/29, Narcan leave behind</p> <p>Dr. Brandt/Dr. Lewis: opioid epidemic</p> <p>Dr. Umfleet: Nothing to report</p> <p>Dr. Froelke: Telecommunication rollout and discussion</p> <p>Dr. Andrews: Nothing from the Region</p> <p>Dr. Andrews: SAC update - discussed renewal of SAC membership/committee members</p> <p>4. Announcements</p> <p>5. Next Meeting, 4/24/23 at 10am: WE WILL CANCEL APRIL'S MEETING. Next meeting will be May 22nd, 2023 at 10am.</p> <p>Meetings are the 4th Monday (the day before SAC) at 10 am—Zoom. For agenda and zoom information visit: https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p> <p>Contact for Inquiries: State Medical Director, Dr. Erica Carney, MD FAEMS Senior Administrative Assistant, Mendy Hull Office: 816-513-6262 mendy.hull@kcmo.org</p>	
<p>Data Concept Group Dr. Andrews Bowman</p>	<p>Dr. Andrews reported the Data Concept Group work is wrapping up. MU and DHSS are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow MU to analyze EMS data. Steve Bollin reported DHSS legal department is reviewing the MOU.</p>	
<p>SAC Members</p>	<p>Discussion regarding adding new SAC members and replacing those who move, retire, etc. has been taking place for several. Governors have been reticent to appoint anyone to many of the Councils including ours on EMS. Dr. Andrews had proposed a plan that would first have new appointments added and then over time would allow for current members to be replaced. Although there are many applicants, there have been no appointments to this Council in the last ten years. Some SAC members will be retiring in the next year or so. Discussion has taken place about changing the law so DHSS could do the appointments.</p> <p>Steve Bollin presented a power point that described his vision of having DHSS appoint SAC members. There was no further discussion at the meeting and no motions made to explore changing the process. Late entry: after meeting conversations included some SAC members not wanting to change the process. Value is seen in having the appointments by the Governor. While the current leadership at DHSS is engaged and knowledgeable, that has not always been the case—and may not be again when personnel changes. It has been suggested that applicants may need more help in overcoming obstacles in the current process. Dr. Andrews recognizes the need for unity as options are explored. She will continue to gather information and will provide updates and opportunities for input.</p>	
<p>Regional Subcommittees Reports</p>		

Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	<p>Eric Reeter unable to attend. Dr. Andrews reported discussion included legislative and other items reported on today and additionally: MHA has a Mobile SIM Bus that has been made available to EMS agencies north of I-70. Many hospitals have participated in the SIM Bus training with the local EMS agency. Hospitals can also be the primary requestor. Discussion included Mosaic having problems getting non-emergency patients transferred out of the hospital which results in a patient flow back up. People are being held either in in-patient beds or in the emergency department. The problem is not unique to the NW Region. EMS struggles with staff and reimbursement for non-emergency transfers. The TCD Advisory Committee members had not been appointed yet on the day of the meeting.</p> <p>ereeter@chillcothecity.org NW meets 3rd Wednesdays</p>	
Central John Clemens, Chair	<p>No report</p> <p>jjclemens@mcadems.com</p>	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	<p>Bob Patterson reported a meeting Mar 24th. SW has vacancies on their EMS Advisory Council. May 28 next meeting. Bob also said EMS Mutual Aid was losing a mainstay, Mike Latta, who is retiring at end of month.</p> <p>robert.patterson@mercy.net</p>	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	<p>No report</p> <p>John.russell@ccpasvc.com</p>	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	<p>Mark Flauter reported EC met March 10. They are looking at different platforms and different apps for EMS communication to hospitals. Next meeting is May 12th.</p> <p>mflauter@fvfpd.com EC meets the second Fridays.</p>	
Reg A Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	<p>Dr. David Gustafson reporting: West Central (Reg A) needs new members appointed. Inactive members have been removed from attendance sheets. Tina York has taken over secretarial duties and assisting Dr. Gustafson. Dr. Gus then related psych patients transfers that want the ambulance to stop withing a few blocks of the starting point and demand to get our of the ambulance. Medical Directors are worried about the liability of the issue. Discussion included that EMS is not paid to take psych patients to a Crisis Center. Many who present to ED with psych problems but don't need hospitalization. Hospitals cannot discharge some psych patients to Crisis centers. There are also not enough crisis centers to handle the need. There is a need to develop EMS protocols to allow EMS to take patients to Crisis Centers and to get paid for it. It is hoped this will improve with he expansion of Community Paramedics. Lori Freeman said she and others are in Washington DC this week working on Treatment in Place. Sarah Willson said current law may not provide protections needed. Scenes may be different than hospital transfers.</p> <p>Paladin11ms@gmail.com Reg A usually meets 1st Mondays odd months</p>	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	<p>Taz Meyer said he continues to work on regulations with the legislative committee and also on the legislative needs of MIH. Regs for licensing and relicensing will be worked on soon. Training for NEMSIS 3.5 is continuing.</p>	
Interstate Compact Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	<p>Taz Meyer said the Interstate Compact subcommittees are active. There is a general membership meeting in June.</p>	

TCD Task Force Steve Bollin, DHSS	Steve Bollin reported the TCD Task Force has had its last meeting. The TCD Advisory Committee has been appointed and will meet sometime during the week of April 24-28.	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC, Liz Kendrick	<p>Liz Kendrick was unable to attend but sent email during the meeting: EMSC grant requires an EMS survey. We are at 73% and need the following 58 agencies fill out their survey at www.emscsurveys.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abbot Ambulance Inc APS Ambulance Barry Lawrence County Ambulance District Cape County Private Ambulance Service Claycomo Fire Department Cole County Emergency Medical Services Cooper County Ambulance District Creve Coeur Fire Protection District Dekalb-Clinton Ambulance District No. 1 Des Peres Department of Public Safety Dixon Ambulance District East Carter County Ambulance East Wayne County Ambulance District Gerald Area Ambulance District Gladstone Public Safety Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare Grand River Emergency Services Inc Grundy County Ambulance Service Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District Kansas City (MO) Fire Department Knox County Ambulance District Lake West Ambulance District Morgan Lawson Fire and Rescue Protection District Liberty Fire Department Lincoln County Ambulance District Madison County Ambulance District Medic One Butler Co 	

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CARES, Kayla Riel	Efforts continue to have participation from more EMS agencies across the state so the data will be more valuable.	

911 System, Jason White		
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	See SW Region report.	
EMS Notification Apps Dr. Jeff Siegler	Dr. Siegler said East Central is evaluating different apps for EMS notification to hospitals. Results from different vendors being considered. Central region is served by Pulsara. Sieglerj@wustl.edu	
Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us Preparations for EMS Day at the Capitol. Board Training and Leadership classes available.</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Working on grants for MIH.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler ADAM -- Six scholarships available to MO flight personnel—to MO EMS Conf & Express</p> <p>Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report.</p> <p>Helen Sandkuhl asked to have ENA added to this section. She said ENA working with EMSC grant, ENA donated \$20,000 for ENPC class last year. Focus is on critical access hospitals</p>	
New Business and Announcements	None	
Open Forum	No discussion	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be April 25, 2023 , at 1230. Plans are to have an in-person meeting in Jefferson City, Truman Bldg. Virtual option will be available. An agenda with the meeting info will be sent prior. Subcommittee chairs should send room requests to Ruby Mehrer ruby@lifeflighteagle.org	.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 2:35pm	

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Date Approved: April 25, 2023

Dr. Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair
Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer