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

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: September 28, 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; Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl

Board Members Absent: Mark Alexander, Sam Schneider; Dr. David Tan

ATTENDEES: Lori Beck, SLCH; Sarah Brown, St. Joseph -Lake St. Louis; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Mallory Clatterbuck, MU Health-TPM; Kelly Cope, SCCAD; Dr. Jeff Coughenour, MU Health; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Josh Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Justin Duncan, Washington Co AD; Katie Eisenbeis, Christian Hospital; Russell Flick MU-Air Evac; Dr; David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director multiple EMS agencies, West Central Region; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's Plaza-KC; Laura Kemerling, Mike Latta, KCFD; Mike Lehman, Debbie Leoni, SE Health; CMH-KC; Bud Mantle, Mercy-SL; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Dr. Dustin Neel, TMC-KC; April Ostendorf-Morris, St. Francis Medical Center; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Kelly Riedel, SSM Health; Dr. John Russell, Cape County Private Ambulance Service; Ryan Verch, Cox Health, Jason White, MARC-KC.

DHSS Staff: Katherine Crockett, Nicole Gamm, George Miller

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.

MU Health, Josh Creamer, presented planned changes at their system, including moving their pediatric services back to University Hospital. Other changes are planned as well over time. For questions or further information: creamerjr@health.missouri.edu

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendations /Actions
<p>Approval of Minutes Aug 3, 2021</p>	<p><i>Helen Sandkuhl moved to approve the Aug 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Second by Ben Chlapek. Motion carried.</i></p>	<p>Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.</p>
<p>Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Neel reporting that both trauma and COVID numbers have been up. He said trauma cases usually decrease as it gets cooler.</p> <p>Dr. Neel said Nicole Gamm provided data on trauma during the meeting earlier. Dr. Neel’s sense of humor was apparent when he said that he had been in his position for only 6 weeks and already was receiving data (obvious reference to frustrations shared by others in the past). He also said he hope to have pediatric data included before long.</p> <p>The following trauma minutes were provided by Pam Jackson: State Advisory Council Trauma Subcommittee WebEx Meeting September 28, 2021 10:00 AM Click to join: https://slhs.webex.com/meet/pjackson</p> <p>I. Introductions There were no new members on the meeting.</p> <p>II. Trauma Regulation Update Nicole Gamm reported that there is a waiver to do virtual Trauma reviews only for the initial trauma reviews for centers.</p>	

	<p>III. Trauma Statute update No new updates.</p> <p>IV. Data Nicole Gamm, the TCD Manager for the state, presented some trauma statistics from 2020 out of the Missouri Trauma Patient Registry. The presentation is attached and has been sent out to the members.</p> <p>Nicole discussed that one of the goals of TCD committee is to work more with other groups. She has been working with MO DOT and presented fatality data from them. As of August 23rd, there have been 623 fatalities and 66% were unbuckled, which is slightly decreased from 2020. So far this year there has been 95 motorcycle crashes compared to 75 in 2020. Of those 51 were un-helmeted compared to 2 in 2020. There have been 58 pedestrians killed in 2021 and 71 in 2020.</p> <p>Nicole reported that all 232 EMS agencies are reporting to the state. She shared data out of the state NEMSIS data. This data can be access through this link https://nemsis.org/ In order to receive data from the state this is the link to request the data: Sunshine Requests Health & Senior Services (mo.gov). The time frame may be a couple weeks.</p> <p>V. Trauma Education a. Kansas statewide symposium: Regional Trauma Council & Advisory Committee on Trauma will be October 5th.</p> <p>VI. Around the virtual room Josh Dugal reminded everyone that November 18th is National Injury Prevention Day. The goal is to “shine a green light on injury prevention”. He suggested that everyone add a piece of green paper to all of the follow up letters to increase awareness. Also lighting up buildings and facilities on that day to raise awareness.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmcd.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org</p>	
<p>Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</p>	<p>Mark Alexander absent - Jason White reporting:</p> <p>Now is the time to be thinking about next legislative season.</p> <p>DHSS has agreed to allow EMD oversight to be transferred to 911 laws.</p> <p>DNR discussions are on hold but will start again before long.</p>	

	<p>There are efforts on the Federal level to make Treatment in Place (TIP) permanent. AAA, NAEMT and Fire are engaged but don't have NAEMSP at table. Physicians are needed for QI and protocols.</p> <p>Surprise Billing—NAEMT and AAA and others sent letters of concern to legislators about ground EMS being included but more recent information indicates ground EMS may not be included.</p> <p>Federal money, up to \$12 Billion may soon be available to 911systems. Broad Band has about \$400,000,000 allocated for upgrades. Jason said there are 20 PSAPs in Missouri that don't have broadband.</p> <p>911 Board is working with the air ambulance SAC subcommittee to address an issue they have identified regarding inaccurate ETAs on scene flights. Inaccurate ETAs complicate the PSAPs work. DPS Grant program has money for COVID expense reimbursement, but it has been hard to disperse. There efforts underway trying to get language changed so money can be used more readily.</p> <p>Paramedic Shortage: MEMSA and MAA working together to get AEMT (EMT-I) webinar to explore filling gaps created by lack of paramedics.</p> <p>SAC membership is appointed by Governor. There is some interest at the state level to fill some open slots. Dr. Andrews encouraged anyone interested to apply on the Missouri Boards and Commission website.</p> <p>Mark Alexander led a regulations committee meeting recently. Med Director and Data Collection regs were discussed. Mark took the patient hand off language out of the data collection regulation language. It will be handled as a separate regulation. Regulation on Regional Committees not discussed. Chuck Doss is continuing to take input on the Education regulation</p> <p>For information contact: RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
<p>Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck Doss said his subcommittee hasn't met for a while to work on the .331 regulation. They are waiting on a national document to be finished so they can reference it.</p>	

	For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@bcfdmo.com Educ. Subcommittee meets 3 rd Wednesdays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/	
Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	Ruby Mehrer reported a meeting on Sept 8 th to discuss the 911 Service Board resolution regarding air ambulances requested for scene flights. Inaccurate ETAs were the main issue. Further discussion took place this morning. Some of the documents previously created for the TCD system will be reviewed and updated. The new NAEMSP position paper on air ambulance utilization will be reviewed as well. Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0900. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org	
Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair	Helen Sandkuhl reported booster shots are now available around the state. Health care front line workers will be eligible. Some vaccine clinics are planning to offer flu shots at the same time. People over 65 are eligible for the boosters, Emergency Management meets PRN. For info: Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com	
MIH Community Paramedics Dr. Melissa Kroll	Dr. Kroll not able to attend. No report. 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/	
Interstate Compact Jason White	Jason White An Executive Director has been hired. Ray Moller started Sept 20. Mr. Moller will be invited to our subcommittee meeting in Nov or Dec.	
9-1-1 Jason White	See Legislative and Air Ambulance above.	
Regional Medical Directors Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Dr. Braithwaite unable to attend today. No minutes provided. Meetings are 3 rd Wednesday at 10 am—Zoom. For repeating agenda and zoom information visit: https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/ For info: sabina@wustl.edu	
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	Art Maxwell reported the NW Region met Sept 15. Discussion included a monoclonal infusion center is in Cameron for at least 30 days, may be extended. Starting Friday, October 1, Students of NW MO Univ will drill with first responders for disaster response.	
Central John Clemens, Chair	Kat Probst reported Central Region will meet next week. She said things status quo in her area.	
Southwest	Bob Patterson not in attendance. No report.	

Bob Patterson, Chair		
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	Dr. Russell reported SE met in Sept. Covid Vaccinations were discussed. SE is working on a patient hand-off to be universal at all hospitals.	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	Helen Sandkuhl said EC met Sept 17 th . A group is reviewing Stroke protocols. Traditional in-person ceremony for Life Saver awards will not be held this year. Alternate plans are being made.	
KC/Region A/West Central Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	Dr. Gustafson said the West Central meeting on Sept 13 th was cancelled because COVID was creating challenges in the area. Strike teams were called in. Dr. Andrews inquired about the COVID cases in Pettis County. Dr. Gustafson said it had been bad for adults. He was not sure about the pediatric population. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 1 st at 2pm, virtual and in-person planned.	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	George Miller reporting in Taz Meyer's place. Image Trends updated their education platform on Aug 31 which caused some problems with education and relicensing process. It has been corrected. On line training entity renewal will be ready soon. BEMS working on regulations (none specifically named) Art Maxwell complimented BEMS on the ease of renewing his paramedic license.	
Center for Patient Safety Shelby Cox	No report	
TCD Task Force Steve Bollin	Mr. Bollin unable to attend. Nicole Gamm reporting: TCD Annual Report is slated to be out in November. Nicole reported 100% of prehospital agencies are submitting NEMSIS data in the proper form now. Nicole said Stroke and Thrombectomy centers requirements are being reviewed.	

	Initial site surveys may be virtual if the emergency waiver continues.	
Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst -- A fall in person seminar was cancelled. There are 2 board training sessions planned. The one in October will be on line and November's will be in person. She also said the survey on vaccinations and work shortages for EMS agencies had a good response. At the time of the survey hardly any employers reported mandating vaccines. Staff shortages were reportedly mostly due to retirements or leaving the field altogether. The results were emailed to all EMS agencies. For info contact kprobst@academs.us</p> <p>Wally Patrick referenced paramedic and EMT—2009-2010—and asked about institutional immunity. Jason White said he will get Frank Foster looped into that issue. Helen Sandkuhl said the duty to act needed to be considered. Wally said in Richardson vs. St. Louis immunity is given to the institution but does not apply to individuals unless an emergency is declared.</p> <p>MEMSA—Ruby Mehrer—We continue to work on Treatment in Place (TIP) to have it as a permanent reimbursable service. On a national level, MEMSA continues to try to bring EMS and the Physicians groups back together so a united front can be presented to the legislators.</p> <p>MOAAMS--Chris Mattes—No regular meetings since June. MOAAMS is assisting the air ambulance subcommittee with 911 project regarding ETAs to scene flights.</p> <p>ADAM No report. Next meeting is Oct 25 at Fulton at 11am Callaway Co EMS.</p>	Jason White will follow up with Frank Foster re immunity question
Open Forum, New Business and Announcements	<p>Dr. Andrews said Mosaic Hospital in St. Joseph won the gold award from Get with the Guidelines/Stroke. Dr. Andrews said credit goes to EMS systems that helped get the time reduced to CT scan etc.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews said she has invited the new director of DHSS to our SAC meetings. She believes it is important that he sees what we are doing and that we get his support.</p>	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be October 26, 2021, at 1230. An agenda will be sent prior.	.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:38 pm.	

Lynthia B. Andrews DO, FACEP

Date Approved October 26, 2021

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