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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

Virtual Connection

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding.

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

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

Board Members Absent: Ben Chlapek, Eric Latimer

ATTENDEES: Megan Ashlock, Mercy SL; Amada Clark; John Clemens, Marion Co EMS; Josh Creamer, MU EMS; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Dr. Joseph Finney, Wash U; Lori Freeman, SCCAD and NAEMT; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash U & East Central Med. Director; Dr. David Gustafson, Medical Director of Multiple EMS & Reg A Medical Director; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Dr. Melissa Kroll, WUSL; Mike Latta, KCFD; Scott Linz, CMH-KC; Tom Lewis, Mercy EMS; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Brian Maydwell, 911 Administrator; Dean Meenach, SCCAD; Brian Maydwell, State 911 CEO; Tom Modin St. Luke's KC; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Donna Pond; Chip Portz, CJC/FPD; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Kayla Riel, CARES-MU Health; Alli Riley, SE Health; Shari Riley, Sedalia Hospital; Dr. John Russell, CCPASVC; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffery Siegler, Wash U; Mari Stiffler, SE Health; Dr. Josh Stilley; Kyle Tapps, LifeFlight Eagle; Mike Wallace, Med Trans; Jason White MARC-KC; Sarah Willson, MHA.

DHSS Staff: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Sarah Brooks; Katherine Crockett, Nicole Gamm, Michelle Harbert; Peggy Huddleston, Natrice Romeo

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 12:33 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes	<p>Wally Patrick moved to approve the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Mark Alexander. Motion carried.</p> <p>Frank Foster presentation by Jason White. Frank was Missouri’s EMS lawyer. He wrote much of the EMS law when serving at DHSS under Ken Cole. Eventually he established his own practice and provided counsel to numerous agencies across the state. Frank was so much more than legal counsel to those of us in EMS. He was a friend with a brilliant mind and a great sense of humor. His passing August 13, 2022 left a profound void for many. A gathering to remember Frank will be held Sept. 28th at the Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark.</p>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>David Seastrom reported the discussion included DNR for terminally ill pediatric patients at home. The subcommittee members are willing to review any EMS peds protocols. EMSC is completing their Advisory Committee. For info contact Trish Casey: Patricia.Casey@ssmhealth.com Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair	<p>Pam Jackson reporting. Discussion included TCD bill in effect as of August 28th. Some trauma centers in MO have national certifications. Discussion about inclusive and exclusive trauma systems. Dr. Coughenour has the proposed trauma regulations drafted by the TCD trauma subgroup. He is cross walking MO regs with the trauma surgeon’s new ‘Gray Book’</p> <p>The subcommittee meets monthly. Once a quarter they will have an in-person meeting, otherwise it will be virtual.</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 Alexander reported the legislative subcommittee met last week and again today. The requirement in the Medical Director’s proposed regulation to require taking a class in order to be an EMS agency’s medical director was removed because DHSS looked at it as causing a fiscal note. The medical directors will be encouraged to attend available classes but it won’t be mandated.</p> <p>The data collection regulation proposed language would change the pattern of submitting charts to BEMS. Now the requirement is to submit a chart only for all life threats. Many EMS agencies submit all runs now. The proposed regulation will require a chart submitted for every patient encounter including refusals. The current time frame to submit charts is 30 days after a quarter’s end. The new is twice a month. Today served as the first reading of the data collection regulation proposed language. A second reading will be in October.</p>	

	<p>Mark said he intends to have two legislative meetings a month, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.</p> <p>RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com</p> <p>Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
<p>Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck Doss reported the Education Subcommittee met last week. He reported the National Registry resolution to discontinue the requirement of graduating from an accredited school has been withdrawn. The discussion is leading to addressing problems with the accrediting body, CoA.</p> <p>In the past there was a limited number of on-line education classes allowed for relicensure but the limit on virtual education hours has been lifted by National Registry.</p> <p>FAST Track money should be available before long for paramedic applicants meeting certain requirements.</p> <p>New meeting dates being explored. The third Wednesday at noon is not working well.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews said she hoped schools would increase their recruitment for EMT and paramedic students. Dr. Gustafson mentioned there were 19 in the JCAD (Warrensburg) paramedic class.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@health.missouri.edu</p> <p>Educ. Subcommittee meets 3rd Wednesdays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	
<p>Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair</p>	<p>Air ambulance discussed air medical utilization. The NAEMSP guidelines were already adopted at an earlier meeting. Today the time and distance graph was reviewed and accepted by the subcommittee. It was part of the NAEMSP article as well.</p> <p>Bird strikes continue to be a problem.</p> <p>The MO Association of Air Medical Services will be updating the website to reflect base locations and contact info. Kyle Tapps will represent Air on the BOD for the MO EMS Conf & Expo.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
<p>Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</p>	<p>An after-action report on the Amtrak train wreck in June is being discussed for a possible presentation later.</p> <p>A disaster list for the state is being developed.</p> <p>Monkey Pox: 25,000 cases in the US reported. 86 in Missouri. Signs, symptoms, isolation requirements including using N95 are all similar to COVID.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets PRN. For info: Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan</p>	<p>Justin unable to attend today. Activity continues across the state to get MIH funded.</p> <p>For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	

Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney	No report. Contact Dr. Carney at erica.carney@kcmo.org	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	Art Maxwell reported NW has open positions. New members have been nominated. People reminded TCD Advisory Committee applications opened until October 7, 2022. Discussed LifeNet base in St. Joseph closed. Grant applications discussed. \$30 million ARPA funds available. DPS handling grants \$10 million for each Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement. Info indicates the grants will be given in \$20,000 increments and a match will be required. Process to apply being developed. May be ready by October 15 th . ereeter@chillcothecity.org	
Central John Clemens, Chair	Next meeting is October 6.	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	Annual TCD conf had good attendance, virtual and in person. Next meeting is Nov 18 th . Community diversion is focus.	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	Dr. Russel said the patient hand off model has been well received. TCD law was discussed. Regional TCD con Oct 21 will be free of charge. Impact of Medicare extenders not getting passed was discussed. Extra Medicare reimbursement for urban, rural and super rural would stop December 31 and Jan 1 there would be an automatic 8% sequestration payment in effect. CMS info proposed rule making may effect 4 critical access hospitals that have closed in SE region. Rural EMS Hospitals are being discussed. Next meeting in Nov.	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	Met Sept 9 th . Data Collection discussed. Life Saving Awards will be in October.	
West Central (Reg A) Dr. David Gustafson	Met Sept. 13 th . Dr. Gus elected as the Regional Medical Director. Working on getting new members appointed. ARPA grant discussed. Legislative discussion included the need for Peer Review protection. It did not pass in 2022 but will be filed again for the 2023 session. MIH discussion included a concern from a physician that it could take business away from the emergency departments. Other discussion included recognizing the need to educate on how MIH can help, especially with psych and drug abuse patients. Data collection and Data Utilization were discussed	

	<p>Rep from DMAT reviewed activities at the State Fair. 70 x rays were taken during the course of the fair—lots of ankle injuries.</p> <p>Next meeting is Nov 7th at CJCFPD and virtual.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews commented that MIH has shown us how it can save hospitals repeated admissions and in the process save the hospital money.</p>	
<p>BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief</p>	<p>Taz reported mid-term practice license reviews are available. The 5 yr. licensing period gives lots of opportunities for changes. The mid-term practice will provide recommended changes and may identify some changes that need to be made immediately.</p> <p>BEMS worked with Steve Bolin to submit a request to the Governor’s office to access money for training, especially in services that have a lot of challenges.</p> <p>Region A/West Central regional medical director election orchestrated, resulted in Dr. David Gustafson being elected.</p> <p>Region A and Region H each have had new members approved.</p>	
<p>BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief</p>	<p>Interstate Compact</p> <p>Taz reported subcommittees have been formed. Bylaws and rules in development. Continue to work with numerous states.</p>	
<p>TCD Task Force Steve Bollin, DHSS</p>	<p>Steve unable to attend.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews reported TCD Advisory Committee applications are being accepted until October 7th. The TCD Task Force will continue to meet until the new committee is formed. State site surveys of TCD centers vs. national reviews has caused conversation.</p> <p>TCD data and data in general needs to be discussed to determine what data points are needed and who needs to participate so meaningful results can be obtained. This would include EMS and Hospital data. Data needs to reflect patient outcome.</p>	
<p>Affiliate Reports</p>		
<p>EMSC Liz Kendrick</p>	<p>EMSC Advisory Committee being established.</p>	
<p>CARES, Kayla Riel</p>	<p>Oct 7 Gala in Columbia. Will be a fund raiser for CARES registry.</p>	
<p>911 System, Jason White</p>	<p>Jason White said the 911 board is creating AED registry. An agreement has been signed with PulsePoint to help track locations of AEDs. Local PSAPS need to be able to tell 911 callers where to find the nearest AED.</p> <p>Money for the GIS system has been allotted. Also money for the 911 networks is available. When the networks are established, smaller agencies will be able to shift EMD calls for caller medical instructions.</p>	
<p>EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson</p>	<p>No recent activity on state level.</p>	
<p>Jeff Siegler on East Central Project</p>	<p>Focus in East Central is quality improvement. Excellence in Prehospital Care (EPIC) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) education is projected to reduce mortality. Problems include hypoxia, hypotension and hyperventilation.</p>	

	Goal is to address these issues to correct prehospital actions. Over time, these efforts will improve outcomes. Stephanie Ashford is involved in the project. Dr. Andrews asked that this stay on the agenda.	
Association Reports	MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us Leadership conf starts Thurs this week as well as a Board meeting. MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Very involved with MIH and also Data projects. MOAAMS—Christy Dressler cdressler@cmh.edu – Revising bylaws and website. ADAM -- Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report.	
New Business and Announcements	None	
Open Forum	No discussion.	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be Oct 25, 2022 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 1:55pm.	

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Date Approved: October 25, 2022

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