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**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

**State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services**

**MEETING SUMMARY  
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW  
MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017**

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on January 24, 2017 at 12:30 pm in Room 490-492 Truman Building; Jefferson City MO with Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding. *A quorum was not present.*

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Alexander; Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl, Wally Patrick.  
**Board Members by Phone:** Joan Eberhardt,

**ABSENT:** Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Sam Schneider, Dr. David Tan

**GUESTS:** Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon, Shelby Cox, Cardinal Glennon, Richard Dandridge, Children’s Hospital SL; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Noreen Felich, Research Medical Center; Pam Jackson, St. Luke’s KC; Debbie Leoni, Southeast Health, Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Rande McCrary, MEMSA and National EMS Memorial; Sharon Smith, Mosaic-St. Joseph; David Stahlman, Mercy-Jefferson

DHSS Staff: Terry Ellsworth, BEMS; Les Jobe, BEMS Chief; William Koebel, DHSS Health Standards and Licensure;

By Phone: Lori Freeman, Mercy; Jeff Hawkins, Taney Co Amb. District; Bud Mantle, Mercy; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield;

*Introductions were completed. Meeting to order at 1240*

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
<b>I. Review of Minutes</b>			
<b>A. Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>No quorum. Approval of minutes tabled.</i>	Will be put on agenda for Feb 2017	


<b>II. Subcommittee Reports</b>			
<b>A. Pediatrics Subcommittee</b> <b>Noreen Felich, Chair</b>	<p>Noreen Felich reported on the projects for 2017: Projects for 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website and resources disaster, pain management, special form for pediatric patients with special care plans.</li> <li>• Discussion about resuming ambulance inspections for pediatric equipment etc. to be marked as having passed special inspection.</li> <li>• John Clemens –Marion Co. EMS provides autism training. He is interested in training/speaking to you organization.</li> </ul>		
<b>B. Trauma Subcommittee</b> <b>Dr. Doug Schuerer, Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Schuerer not in attendance. No meeting.</li> </ul>		
<b>C. Legislative Subcommittee</b> <b>Mark Alexander, Chair</b>	<p>Amendments to existing law are being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .103—add state EMS director to language –non funded voluntary position</li> <li>• Sec 5 &amp; 6 adds state EMS med director with immunity language</li> <li>• Helen Sandkuhl asked for clarification about the state already having a paid state EMS medical director. (MO had EMS medical director 2006-June 2016, payment was through a grant). Helen said she hoped the person selected to be the state EMS medical director would represent the whole state and represent by example, not just in name. Helen wants commitment from state EMS medical director.</li> <li>• Les Jobe ask if the state EMS medical director would be selected from one of the 6 ems medical directors—discussion was unclear conclusion.</li> <li>• Les wants each region to send the medical director name so he can put it on the website</li> <li>• There was discussion about providing a safe harbor for medics when they administered a patient’s personal medication. This is important especially when the patient is a child with special medical needs.</li> <li>• HB 226 has already been filed. It has language address special</li> </ul>	<p>Mark Alexander will continue to update SAC on issues pertinent to EMS</p> <p>Mark Alexander understands Helen Sandkuhl concerns and will be monitoring the selection process. He will report to SAC with developments.</p> <p>Mark Alexander indicated the wording was unclear. He will seek clarification.</p> <p>Each region is to send Les Jobe the name and contact info of the current EMS Regional medical director.</p> <p>Joan Eberhardt said she wanted to review the legislative wording.</p>	

	needs patients, medical directors, peer review protection for docs etc. and other EMS issues	Lori Beck said she rec'd easy links to the bill. Mark Alexander said people can go to the General Assembly page of the state website and pull up HB226.	
<b>D. Education Subcommittee Chair</b>	Doug Randall accepted a job out of state. No replacement chair has been named at the point. No report.	Dr. Andrews will consider a new Chairperson for the Education Committee.	
<b>E. Air Ambulance Committee, Ruby Mehrer Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to the meeting this morning, the SAC Subcommittee on Air Ambulances met at the Capitol and presented plaques to Senator Will Kraus and Rep. Keith Frederick to thank them for their help with SB 988 last year—addressing hospital helipad safety.</li> <li>• There was discussion about a possible joint venture of all air ambulance programs creating a “hand-off” form to be used by sending hospitals. There has been concern about sending hospitals rushing to try to reach time goals for TCD patients and as a result, report is accelerated and sometimes information is incomplete. Having a standard form for hospitals to complete may be a solution.</li> <li>• Air ambulances are often asked to do a “fly-over” at a funeral or other event. When more than one air ambulance program is asked, the request becomes complicated. The FAA has strict rules about formation flying. The Air Ambulance Subcommittee agreed the programs should be in charge of the ‘fly-over’ details.</li> <li>• MO Association of Air Medical Services has new officers. The association is busy planning a pre-con at the MO EMS Conf &amp; Expo in July.</li> </ul>	<p>Programs are to bring forms to the February meeting they have been using or have been receiving for patient hand-off reports.</p> <p>Air ambulance programs will be proactive in arrangements for fly-over requests and will work with other requested programs.</p>	
<b>F. Emergency Management Wally Patrick, Chair</b>	<p>Wally Patrick noted that the emergency planning for the predicted ice storm did not directly include having EMS at the ESF desk. His concern is that EMS is the ground level response and they should be at the table for planning.</p> <p>Bob Patterson talked about the recent statewide face-to-face meeting that had lots of discussion along this line. Some of the concern was trying to get regional information streamlined back to the ESF desk.</p>		

	<p>He said email has been set up to have a real time response.</p> <p>EMS Regional coordinators should be funneling concerns to EOC according to Less Jobe. Less said 17 ESF tables were set up during the ice storm. Les said he communicated with multiple organizations during the incident—at the table but not actually on the floor.</p> <p>Wally reiterated he thought it was important to have someone with the practicality of someone with EMS experience at the ESF desk In answer to a question, Les indicated communication was a concern with any event.</p> <p>EMS regional coordinators need to funnel info to EOC. Les says communication is always a concern with any event. Helen Sandkuhl asked—do we have plan on how to transport patients in the event of a disaster? Bob Patterson answered that was part of the face-to-face discussion last week. The plan is being reviewed.</p> <p>Les says he thinks we will have good coverage in the event of a large scale event or disaster.</p> <p>Bob said the biggest component of planning is developing a unified plan so we are all doing the same thing. John Barclay’s (NTA Ambulance in Bethany) plan will be used as a template.</p> <p>Les Jobe says we are doing a lot to handle the problem.</p>		
<b>Educational Offering</b>	<p><b>Michelle Humphrey and Amanda Mabey from DHSS Senior Disability Survey Presentation on Adult Abuse –Law/Responsibilities for First Responders</b></p>	<p><b>For information contact Amanda M. Mabey, Aging Program Specialist <u><a href="mailto:Amanda.Mabey@health.mo.gov">Amanda.Mabey@health.mo.gov</a></u> Or 573-526-5391</b></p>	
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<b>III. Regional Subcommittee Reports</b>			
<b>A. Northwest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharon Smith reported the NW Region met last</li> </ul>		

	<p>Wednesday. Discussion included the state EMS medical director language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion regarding the transport of Ebola or other infective disease patients.</li> </ul>		
<b>B. Central</b>	No report		
<b>C. Southwest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Patterson reported SW Region met Jan 20 at Cox South.</li> <li>• A consistent report form to give to hospitals is being considered.</li> <li>• The challenges of diversion and how to address them was part of the discussion.</li> <li>• There was an update on health care coalition.</li> <li>• Three people have been recommended to the state to be appointed to the SW committee.</li> <li>• Mutual aid and Ebola or biologic transfers were topics for discussion.</li> <li>• ICE Spring Break Conference is the last week of March</li> <li>• Next meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> in Joplin. TCD will be the subject.</li> </ul>		
<b>D. Southeast</b>	Debbie Leoni reported new officers have been elected for the SE region. SE is working on TCD protocols. Debbie will be doing some teaching for hospitals and EMS agencies that don't come to meetings.		
<b>E. East Central</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joan Eberhardt said EC is working on the 2017 TCD conference.</li> <li>• Shelby Cox said the January meeting was cancelled due to TCD and clinical conferences.</li> </ul>		
<b>F. Region A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruby Mehrer reported Region A had been scheduled to meet on January 9<sup>th</sup> but cancelled when a number of participants were going to Jeff City to participate in Gov. Greitens inaugural events. Next meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>		
<b>G. Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Brian Froelke</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report. Dr. Froelke and others at the National Association EMS Physicians conference in New Orleans.</li> </ul>		
<b>IV. DHSS-BEMS Report</b>			
<b>BEMS Report Mr. Les Jobe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Les Jobe reported the Community Paramedics Regulations went into effect Dec 31, 2016.</li> <li>• Military Medics regs went into effect earlier.</li> <li>• BEMS has vacancy for inspector open. Applications will</li> </ul>		

	be taken until the end of this month.		
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<b>Center for Patient Safety Lee Varner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Report</li> </ul>		
<b>New Business and Announcements</b>			
<b>Old Business</b>	None		
<b>New Business</b>	None		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is Feb 28 at 1230 in Columbia at Boone Co Fire. A national expert there for discussion on Compact States / Replica... A report will be given on other states initiatives on this subject. It takes 10 states to form the EMS compact. Seven have already passed legislation to allow it. It is expected at least 10 will pass it by the end of 2017/	Agenda with meeting details will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:35 pm.		

 Date Approved 3/28/2017  
 Mark Alexander, SAC acting Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer