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

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: August 3, 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, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

Board Members Absent: Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick; Sam Schneider;

ATTENDEES: Larry Chasteen, North Scott AD; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care; Katie Elam, Western MO Medical Center; Angela Fera, St. Mary's Blue Springs;. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director multiple EMS agencies, West Central Region; Michele Herndon, SL-CH; Laura Kemerling, CMH-KC; Bud Mantle, Mercy-SL; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Dr. Dustin Neel, TMC-KC; Jordan Palmer, CMH-KC; Bob Patterson, Mercy-Spfld; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Stephanie Reich, Belton-Research; Dr. John Russell, Cape County Private Ambulance Service; David Seastrom, CMH; Kevin Stuhlman, Pattonville FPD; Jason White, MARC.

DHSS Staff: Taz Meyer, BEMS Chief

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.

Introductions: Dr. Andrews introduced Dr. Dustin Neel, Truman Medical Center—KC, Trauma Surgeon. Dr. Neel has accepted the chair appointment of the Trauma Subcommittee starting in September. Dr. Neel was on vacation but spoke to the group about his background. His appointment was just a week ago, so he is still in the process of absorbing information. He provided his contact information: dustin.neel@tmcmed.org

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes June 28, 2021	<i>Mark Alexander moved to approve the June 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Second by Helen Sandkuhl. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>Trish Casey, unable to attend today. Jordan Palmer reporting. Discussion included:</p> <p>ATV incidents involving peds EMS Pediatric Medicine Does—Errors, or Accurate? Cardinal Glennon seizure and nebulizer treatments are most common medicines administered prehospital. Exploring was to review EMS documentation. Trish Casey is working with Dr. Sabina Braithwaite to get EMS data from NEMESIS.</p> <p>COIVD responses reviewed</p> <p>EMSC asking EMS agencies that have not responded to fill out the EMSC survey. 70% of the agencies have completed it but EMSC grants depend on the level of response, so they are encouraging more participation.</p> <p>CMH-KC had a College of Surgeons review recently, no results yet.</p> <p>For info contact Trish Casey: Patricia.Casey@ssmhealth.com Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Pam Jackson, Acting Chair	Pam Jackson unable to attend today, No meeting since last SAC meeting	

	<p>Dr. Andrews expressed thanks to Pam Jackson for serving as Acting Chair. And also, to Teresa Lienhop and Dr. Jeff Coughenour for their help in Dr. Neel’s appointment.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair starting September 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, reporting:</p> <p>FRA bill passed with special session in June.</p> <p>The legislative subcommittee has not met recently but will resume before the next SAC meeting.</p> <p>Political work going on to obtain COVID money that could be used for EMS—now FEMA grant and DPS have the reimbursement tied only to overtime. Many other expenses have been incurred due to the COVID response including vaccine clinics, but the rule parameters are narrow. Work continues to free up this money. This grant is different from the CARES money available earlier.</p> <p>Mark reviewed the Spfld response to recent COVID spike in that area. Staffing has been the main problem until just recently.</p> <p>FEMA’s help has been requested but takes time gets National Guard to review and to determine the response.</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 not in attendance. No report</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@bcfdmo.com 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>Ruby Mehrer reported no meeting since last SAC. Next meeting is Sept. 28, 2021</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0900. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
<p>Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl remarks:</p> <p>Everyone is urged to be vigilant with COVID as we deal with the Delta variant and early RSV. EMS is urged to keep PPE in place and take care of yourselves.</p>	

	<p>Helen is the Chief Nurse for SEMA. She was deployed to Springfield recently and worked with some true heroes taking care of all the patients. Helen was involved with a monoclonal antibodies infusion site that treated up to 33 patients a day that were sick but not needing hospitalization. They came feeling ill and dehydrated but after the infusion, people were reporting they woke up the next day feeling like a new person. Helen anticipates more clinics like this may be possible as COVID and the Delta variant spreads. One has already been set up in the NW region. Helen said ½ of the people seeking treatment at her clinic were vaccinated. Some of those that were sick were living with someone not vaccinated. Helen said boosters may be necessary,</p> <p>Emergency Management meets PRN. For info: Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>MIH Community Paramedics Dr. Melissa Kroll</p>	<p>Dr. Kroll not able to attend. No report.</p> <p>Contact Dr. Kroll at mkroll@wustl.edu with questions or comments.</p> <p>Meetings are 2nd Mondays at noon. Info and agendas at https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	
<p>Interstate Compact Jason White</p>	<p>Jason White gave an update regarding this subcommittee’s concerns about the security of the common data base of the 22-23 states participating in the Compact. Privacy and the potential sale of data to a vendor were the main concerns. Jason said the issues have been addressed by the Compact Commission fairly well and it is clear now that the data base will not be sold. The Compact is in the process of hiring an Executive Director.</p>	
<p>9-1-1 Jason White</p>	<p>Jason White serves on the state 911 Board and gave the report:</p> <p>Some PSAPs have frustrations with air ambulances not giving accurate estimated time of arrival. There has been a lack of clarity about how long it will take to get a medical unit, especially helicopters on the scene. When the usual closest asset is not available, sometimes air ambulance communication centers do not consider other programs and instead call the next closest helicopter in their own system—not considering another helicopter program that would be able to arrive at the scene faster . The Air Ambulance Subcommittee is engaged so there is transparency. As this is discussed, ground response may be explored as well by the 911 Board. Jason’s message to SAC was that the best practice and accepted principles of patient care should be the focus as discussions continue.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews supported Jason’s message to SAC. She asked about legislators wanting fewer PSAPs when they passed the 911 law. Jason responded that was accurate and Missouri has about 185 PSAPs now. Discussions about consolidations are difficult because it becomes a political issue on the local level. Also, Missouri is a ‘self-control state’ so support has to be garnered.</p> <p>Jason continued: Part of the 911 Board’s responsibility is to administer grants. They are focused on bringing PSAPS together. 25% to 40% don’t have EMD but there potential to transfer those medical requests within the system so the caller has appropriate prearrival instructions/information on how to help the patient. The 911</p>	

	<p>Board is trying to make the system work better to include AEDs locations and participation in the CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) data base . Companies that provide education for PSAPs are being explored.</p> <p>Dr. John Russel said he has worked with Jeff Clausen (EMD instruction cards). He identified a stumbling block as consolidations were discussed. He explained dispatch centers have two functions: One is call taking and two is dispatching. He said call taking can be regional, but people want dispatching to have their own local service involved. Dr. Russell said prearrival, dispatch and resource requirements—all lends to integration. While the sophistication in call taking has evolved, the idea of getting call ring downs from a call-taking center is different than dispatching the call. Dr. Russell encouraged all to separate the issues in their minds.</p> <p>Jason White said some counties seem hesitant to merge into the new concepts—they can see that send medical calls elsewhere but not some of the other services. Jason said much of what Dr. Russell said will be part of the discussion going forward. It is likely the process will be slow.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews reminded us that patient care needs to be the center goal of having the whole system work together.</p>	
<p>Regional Medical Directors Dr. Sabina Braithwaite</p>	<p>Dr. Braithwaite not able to attend today. It was reported that a small group of people joined a zoom call on July 21st, 3rd Wednesday, at 10am for her monthly Regional Medical Directors meeting. Nearly all those in attendance were associated with the air ambulance programs. The NAEMSP new document on Air Ambulance Utilization was discussed. Most had just received it and had not had time to read it.</p> <p>Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 10 am—Zoom. For repeating agenda and zoom information visit: https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/ For info: sabina@wustl.edu</p>	
<p>Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair</p>	<p>NW did not meet in July.</p>	
<p>Central John Clemens, Chair</p>	<p>Kat Probst said there was no meeting in July and August will be skipped as well.</p>	
<p>Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair</p>	<p>Bob Patterson reported the last meeting scheduled was cancelled. The next meeting will be in September.</p> <p>Bob Patterson also reported on EMS Mutual Aid and Strike Teams response: Arkansas strike teams have been on site since July 23 and have accomplished 176 long distance transports which allowed the local EMS to respond to the high volume of calls from 911 centers. Other strike team will be coming. The transition will be coordinated through SEMA. The strike teams have provided smooth transitions and relationships with the local personnel have been good. Bob said over 100</p>	

	<p>requests in US for strike teams. Missouri is very appreciative of the help.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked if Mercy is requiring vaccinations for staff. Bob said yes, by Sept 30. Mark Alexander, Cox Health, said his institution has not decided yet Helen Sandkuhl said SSM will require it by Sept. SLU and Wash U also will require it.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked if we should do Survey Monkey to see if ambulance services will require the vaccination. Jason White will follow up. Bob P said it is a difficult message—he had two medics resign. He also has two in hospital; one is intubated and the other is in rehab. Those medics may be able to help with the discussions as this goes forward.</p>	
<p>Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Russell said SE has not met recently but will in September.</p>	
<p>East Central Mark Flauter, Chair</p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl said the next meeting is in two weeks on a Friday.</p> <p>Life Saving Awards are scheduled for October, but plans are not definite yet because of COVID insurgent.</p> <p>There is an opening for person on the EC Committee since Taz Meyer resigned his position.</p>	
<p>KC/Region A/West Central Dr. David Gustafson, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Gustafson said WC met on July 12th.</p> <p>Main discussion was routing of 16 or 17 y/o trauma patients. The issues brought up were satisfactorily addressed. There was good discussion about getting people to right place.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked about 16 y/o 250 lbs. patient. Dr. Gustafson said KC metro have athletes in community hospitals Outpatient surgery or treatment at those hospitals is usual. Dr. Gustafson said the message is to clarify for EMS: If parent says kid should go to local hospital and EMS thinks they really need to go to trauma center and not the local hospital, then EMS will help guide the parents but ultimately the parents make the decision. EMS crews want to do the right thing the first time and will try to guide parents in the right direction.</p> <p>Dave Seastrom said discussion was open and honest. David thinking pediatric centers need to better job of communicating to EMS. He believes it would help if CMH would communicate with EMS when a pediatric patient has been taken to one hospital and then transferred to CMH later. It would give CMH and EMS to talk about why that happened. Dr. Gustafson pointed out --a 5 y/o or 16 y/o in extremist—may need to take to local facility to have life threat addressed before transfer to CMH</p>	

	<p>CMH has new Executive leadership. Trauma is on her scroll board as one of her priorities.</p> <p>Laura Kemerling said CMH often has had good communication with EMS when the patient had to stop somewhere before resuming the transfer to CMH .</p> <p>Dr. Andrews suggested the new Chair of the Trauma Subcommittee, Dr. Dustin Neel, be drawn into the conversations.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 13th. Not sure yet if it will be virtual or hybrid.</p>	
<p>BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS</p>	<p>Taz Meyer reported he is working with subcommittees on draft regulations.</p> <p>The last several weeks BEMS has been working on end user of licensing system. Ambulance renewal app is available on LMS portal. So now have individuals and agencies renewals on line. Will soon have training on line as well.</p> <p>Education portion has been difficult to navigate on LMS—has different language. Missouri has a category ‘electives’ but other states call them ‘state requirements’ so LMS has to be changed to reflect Missouri’s system. Image trend about to release new education modules. Tax has not seen it yet.</p> <p>Taz said around 90% of the EMS agencies in MO are now in compliance with data submission for NEMSIS. The 10% left are in East Central Region.</p>	
<p>Center for Patient Safety Shelby Cox</p>	<p>No report</p>	
<p>TCD Task Force Steve Bollin</p>	<p>Mr. Bollin unable to attend today. No report.</p>	
<p>Association Reports</p>	<p>MAA Board meeting tomorrow to decide if their conference in September will cancel or not. Board member training is taking place on line</p> <p>MEMSA National meeting of state EMS Assoc being hosted in February 2022. MEMSA also passed and circulated a resolution supporting EMS physicians and EMS associations working together to establish Treatment in Place (TIP) as a permanent reimbursable service.</p> <p>MOAAMS Chris Mattes said MOAAMS last met in June Next meeting is scheduled to be in Sept. Conversations are taking place with the 911 BOD regarding air ambulance response times to scenes.</p> <p>ADAM No report.</p>	

Next Meeting	Next meeting will be Sept. 28, 2021 at 1230. An agenda will be sent prior.	.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:57 pm.	

Lynthia B. Andrews DO, FACEP

Date Approved September 28, 2021

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