

**EMS Regional Committee Southeast Region
Friday, December 11, 2020**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order (Nathan Wolk)

The meeting was called to order on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. by Nathan Wolk – Chair. The meeting was held as WebEx due to the current COVID pandemic.

Introductions (Nathan Wolk)

April Ostendorf-Morris, Amy Keirse, Amanda Straatmann, Brandon Graham, Chuck Ogan, Chris Newell, Debbie Leoni, Dustin Koerber, George Miller, Gina Pellerito, Jason White, Jeff Stackle, Jeffery Umfleet, Jenni France, John Russell, Kristen Jones, Ken Dicus, Larry Chasteen, Laura Bailey, Lisa Caldwell, Lori Merritt, Michael Huskey, Monica Kleffner-Pfau, Nathan Wolk, Nicholas Salzman, Randy Tucker, Stacey Hickey, Sue Tomlinson, Terry Cuellar, Tracy Wampler

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from October 15, 2020 were reviewed. John Russell made a motion to approve, Larry Chasteen second the motion and the group approved as written.

Legislative Update (Jason White)

Medicaid expansion will move forward. This will increase the reimbursement to near Medicare rates. GEMT for ambulance districts – Missouri legislation ½% - 1% filed. TIP is at a national level. TCD legislation – MHA has a draft that will be presented. The TCD taskforce has again started meeting again monthly to move forward with the legislation. As the hospitals reach capacity MHA is exploring more options in treatment in place and community paramedics.

Question: What is the status for out of hospital DNR orders? Answer: TPOP - The law had to be modified. The state wants a specific regulation related to out of hospital DNR.

For further information or questions please contact: Jason White jason.white3254@gmail.com

Behavioral Health and Intake Services (Michael Huskey)

Mike Huskey updated the committee on the progress of Southeast Behavioral Hospital. There are five members of the leadership team who are working on the development and plans for the new facility. EMS will be able to bring patients directly to the facility. The facility meets the guidelines and requirements to be considered a psychiatric emergency room. The emergency room will run with licensed therapists, social workers and registered nurses. Notification prior to arrival is helpful to determine if there are medical concerns that may need a medical evaluation at a hospital prior. They are starting interviews for employment opportunities. The first planned patient date is March 8, 2021. The facility will start out small with 7-8 patients and expand slowly to full capacity of over 100 patients.

Question: Do we want to put together a behavioral health subcommittee to put together an algorithm for EMS? Answer: A motion was made by John Russell, second by Nathan Wolk and approved by the group. Lori Merritt will organize a meeting to further evaluate the development of an algorithm.

Suggestions include involving the ED medical directors and an individual with CIT training. John Russell, Ken Dicus, Jenni France, and Jeffery Umfleet will assist in the development.

Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) Program (Kristen Jones)

Kristen Jones presented the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) data for the Southeast Region. The presentation can be viewed at:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wxuTOIcapQ07555TpUcJDXCms56SWgfuma3d9O-dkmM/edit?usp=sharing>

All agencies are invited to participate there is no cost. For more information please contact Kristen Jones at kristendjones@wustl.edu or 314-273-0819

STARS Program (Nick Salzman/Dr. Umfleet)

The STARS program was presented along with the current plan. Please see the presentation attached for further details. For more information please contact Nick Salzman at

Nicholas.Salzman@ssmhealth.com or 314-678-3055. Dr. Umfleet encouraged everyone to be involved in this program. It would best be served and developed by the individual medical directors rather than the regional medical director.

Treat and No Transport Protocols (Dr. Umfleet)

Hospital emergency department physicians would have to be willing to approve a patient not being transported. In speaking with several ED physicians they would not be willing to sign off on a patient that they have not seen or evaluated unless something legislative was put in place for protection.

Dr. Russell reported he has had a brief conversation with both hospitals administration. They are aware of the conversation and there may be some interest in building systems with a regionalized medical control or looping a PCP into the decision tree. This will be added as a standing item under old business and the group will be updated if future progress is made.

COVID-19 Updates (Nathan Wolk)

Hospital Update: The hospitals have seen significant increases in COVID patients and are adjusting their resources and staffing to meet the needs of the pandemic.

EMS Updates: Some agencies have seen increases in COVID positive or quarantined staff members. They are working through processes to meet the needs. The main delays are related to the transport of patients from hospitals back to facilities or other destinations.

EMS Updates (George Miller)

Steve Bollin is the new Director – Division of Regulation and Licensure. He has started virtual agency inspections which will continue into 2021. George reviewed the process for appointing new members to any vacant positions on the committee. He also encouraged the Southeast Region to have active participation in the State Advisory Council on EMS. This is a monthly meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021. All EMS agencies should make sure they are receiving the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services communications through the listserv. These are sent by Sam Vance, Chief – Bureau of EMS. Agencies should refer to the last communication sent related to missing demographic information and to verify their information.

For additional information or to be added please contact:

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George Miller: george.miller@health.mo.gov or 573-751-6369

TCD Updates (Debbie Leoni, April Ostendorf-Morris)

The TCD Taskforce is now meeting on a monthly basis. The first meeting was in October. The group is moving forward with review of the proposed TCD statute revisions. The group will be updated as with new developments.

Bylaw Review (Nathan Wolk)

The Bylaws were reviewed with the goal to have active participation from all 20 counties. The committee has requested that we seek engagement from the following counties: Crawford, Iron, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley and Wayne counties. If you have contact with the counties please reach out and invite them to participate. We need 8 elected members for a quorum for the meetings. We currently only have 8 positions. A recommendation was made to nominate a co-chair and additional member. The following individuals were nominated - Co- Chair: Tracy Wampler and Member: Dustin Koerber. John Russell made a motion for SEMO EMS Network to write a letter of recommendation for these individuals, Jeff Stackle second the motion.

Current Elected Member Review and Replacement (Nathan Wolk)

- Chair – Nathan Wolk
- Co-Chair – open position (Tracy Wampler – pending approval)
- Secretary – April Ostendorf-Morris
- Member – Kendall Shrum
- Member – Darick Day
- Member – John Russell
- Member – Larry Chasteen
- Member – Jenni France
- Member – Charles Ogan
- Member – open position (Dustin Koerber – pending approval)

2021 Meeting Dates (Nathan Wolk)

The 2021 meetings will be held on the second Friday of February, April, June, September, and December.

Meeting Dates/Locations:

- Friday, February 12, 2021 – WebEx
- Friday, April 9, 2021 – WebEx
- Friday, June 11, 2021 – TBD
- Friday, September 10, 2021 – TBD
- Friday, December 10, 2021 – TBD

Educational Opportunities (Open)

Debbie Leoni reminded participants that the mannequins for the learning lab are going to be circulated throughout the area. They are available if needed for education.

Terry Cuellar - The 2021 Midwest Pediatric Trauma Conference presented by Cardinal Glennon is scheduled for Friday June 4th at Orlando Gardens in St. Louis. They are hopeful that this will be a live event, but we'll see what happens considering our current COVID crisis.

Open Agenda

John Russell – COVID vaccination plan had EMS in phase 1B it has been lobbied that EMS personal be include in phase 1A of the plan.

Adjournment

Monica Kleffner-Pfau made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by John Russell. The meeting was adjourned on December 11, 2020 at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: April Ostendorf-Morris