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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: July 25 , 2022

St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles MO

Virtual Connection

SAC is very appreciative of DHSS for providing the Webex meeting platform

And Chuck Doss, MU Health, for his technical expertise

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, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Ruby Mehrer, Dr. David Tan

Board Members Absent: Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl

ATTENDEES: Dr. Erica Carney, State EMS Medical Director & KCMO Fire; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Shelby Cox, Center for Pt. Safety; Darrell Crooks, Adair County Ambulance; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Joshua Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Justin Duncan, Washington Co AD; Dr. David Gustafson, Medical Director of Multiple EMS; Laura Kemerling, CMH-KC; Dr. Melissa Kroll, WUSL; Debbie Leoni, SE Health; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Dean Meenach, SCCAD; Brian Maydwell, State 911 CEO; Chip Portz, CJCFFD; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Alli Riley, SE Health; John Romeo, SCCAD; Dr. John Russell, CCPASVC; Nathan Zabka, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Darlene Shelton, State EMSC Board; Mari Stiffler, SE Health; Jason White MARC-KC; David York, Lee's Summit Fire; Tina York, HCA--KC

DHSS Staff: Taz Meyer, BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm, Bill Koebel

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 12:35 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes	<i>Ben Chlapek moved to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Dr. Tan. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>Josh Dugal reporting for Trish Casey. The Pediatric Subcommittee goal is to be inclusive and have all Children’s hospitals, east and west, represented at the meetings. The next meeting is planned to be in person in Jeff City September 28. Josh reported that St. Louis Children’s and Cardinal Glennon COVID cases are ‘through the roof.’ They are expecting a lot of respiratory illness this fall and winter. The subcommittee continues to pursue trying to get reliable EMS data on a monthly basis.</p> <p>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>No report.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmcd.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair	<p>Mark Alexander reported a good legislative session. TCD, Fast Track and Lagers issues passed. The fix for GEMT also passed—it clarified that FRA funds are not used to determine the GEMT rate. MO Health Net and CMS are supportive. Peer Review did not pass. It will be submitted again in 2023.</p> <p>RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss reported the Education Subcommittee met last week. National Registry Resolution 22-15 was discussed. The resolution would allow students from non-accredited</p>	

school to take the NR test. The accrediting body, CoA, seems to be the focus of the discontent that led to the resolution. CoA's requirements and site visits are costly, tedious and seemingly meaningless. Reforming CoA or allowing other accrediting bodies may be a better answer. It was reported that accredited programs have a turn-over of program managers on average of every 3 years. The accreditation requirements are often cited as a problem with retention. Many see removing the requirements for testing as a step back and would like to have time to explore options.

Eric Reeter, Chillicothe, said Grand River tech school has 15 or less students and the paperwork is overwhelming and the cost is crippling. It was agreed that paramedics are in short supply across the state, especially the smaller agencies. Eric said having a school in his community is beneficial. He gets home grown paramedics. Other agencies in his area are in short supply of paramedics.

Dr. Gustafson asked if CoA is interested in coming to the table?

Jason White discussed efforts to learn why CoA has been the only accrediting agency allowed. His search of literature for 20-30 years back found terminology was a single certification or a single accreditation agency. Jason's other comments:

- Can have accredited program or accredited institution

- He didn't find why only one single accreditation – why the monopoly of CoA was allowed
- NAEMT letter says the accreditation question needs to be evaluated

Dr. Russell related a AAA professional standards conversation:

- Accrediting initially was pointed to non-university programs etc. so there was a great outcry for institutional accreditation

- Answer then was to get CoA accreditation.

Dr. Kroll commented about the need to figure out how paramedics can be qualified to work elsewhere.

Justin Duncan said people agree we need quality medics but having to jump thru hoops for CoA takes a person away from teaching. NAEMT put out a good statement that said they have no problem with accreditation, but CoA needs to revamp and go back to making sure quality is there. Most agree CoA is not cheap there are too detailed requirements.

Chip Portz pointed out NR has been interactive until now. Steps need to be taken to be sure they stay that way.

Dean Meenach said he has no problem with having paramedic programs accredited but CoA requires more of those programs that what is required for schools to be accredited.

Taz reported he was on call a week after the NR resolution went out and there were at least 70 public


	<p>comments withing the first week. Taz also said NAEMSEO going to submit an opinion/comment.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews said a letter opposing the resolution will be sent from SAC to NR reflecting today’s discussion.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@health.missouri.edu Educ. Subcommittee meets 3rd Wednesdays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	<p><i>Late entry: Letter submitted prior to Aug 17th deadline for comments</i></p>
<p>Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair</p>	<p>Kyle Tapps reporting. The air ambulance subcommittee has not had any follow up from the document submitted in Feb. 2022 to the 911 board. The document addressed the inaccurate ETE’s on scene flights.</p> <p>The air ambulance utilization document based on NAEMSP has not met opposition.</p> <p>MOAAMS (air ambulance state association) sponsored 6 flight crew members for MO EMS Conf & Expo. It included registration fees and the hotel costs, up to \$1000.</p> <p>Kyle said the response to the train wreck in Menden MO in June has been reviewed by several organizations. There were 16 aircraft requested that day. 8 patients were transported by air. No problems voiced by air amb programs. Dr. Andrews said this may be a good time to review/update the Multiple Aircraft response training developed by the air ambulance programs in Missouri about 10 years ago.</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>July meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets PRN. For info: Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan</p>	<p>Justin Duncan said the last meeting was July 11th. Good attendance. Discussion included: Managed Care Organizations should be engaged with MIH including a think tank on what is reimbursement</p> <p>Aug 9 Rural Health Conference will be hosting an MIH Summit. All payers from MCO programs will be there. It has been interesting to learn many MCO’s did not realize paramedics do more than transport patients.</p> <p>Justin also said MIH programs must have a strong relationship with their medical directors. Physicians must be at the table with MIH programs.</p> <p>For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
<p>Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney</p>	<p>Dr. Carney said the Regional Medical Directors had voted to support the Medical Director Regulation as it stands. There are concerns with it but the plan is to adjust it in the future.</p>	

	<p>A Data User group has been proposed to Steve Bollin to help collect meaningful EMS data. Steve is supportive.</p> <p>Discussion on National Registry Resolution 22-13 has been similar to what was reported earlier in subcommittee reports. Dr. Carney will use the NAEMSP response when she responds.</p> <p>988 is the new national suicide prevention number that went into effect earlier this month. 911 systems are working through the transition.</p> <p>Amtrak hotwash was hosted by Dr. Stilley at MU Health.</p> <p>Contact Dr. Carney at erica.carney@kcmo.org</p>	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	<p>Eric said Region H strike teams sent 10 ambulances to the Amtrak crash June 27.</p> <p>Paramedic shortages continue to plague the region. Justin Duncan commented he no crew for an ambulance one in three days. And sometimes there is no coverage.</p> <p>Darlene Shelton said the Rare Chronic Disease organization had been instrumental in getting laws passed to allow paramedics, in certain circumstances, to give medications not in their protocols and to transport to most appropriate hospital instead of the closest one when treating a person with a rare chronic disease. She said her group would be willing to help raise awareness of the shortage problem in Missouri. Dr. Kroll reminded everyone that unfunded mandates are not allowed in the state of Missouri.</p> <p>It was noted that the general public often has no idea they don't have ambulance coverage.</p> <p>The tax supported or fee for service system is not always well funded. When CMS writes the rules, they view EMS as a transport system—not a patient centered system.</p> <p>ereeter@chillcothecity.org</p>	
Central John Clemens, Chair	<p>John said he did not have anything to report.</p>	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	<p>Bob not in attendance today. SW met last Friday.</p> <p>Chris from SEMA reviewed CHEM Paks and the need to transport them in an emergency.</p>	

	150,000 are expected in the SW Region for a Vietnamese celebration.	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	<p>Dr. Russell announced a patient care hand off note has been developed and will soon be used throughout the SE region. The project was funded by SEMO and will be have a duplicate copy. The goal is to have all hospitals and all EMS in the SE region using the hand off note.</p> <p>Five new members have been named to the SE Region Committee.</p> <p>The next meeting is in August.</p>	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	No report	
West Central (Reg A) Dr. David Gustafson	<p>Dr. Gustafson reported Region A sent a letter to NR opposing their Resolution 22-13.</p> <p>The committee members list is being reviewed/revamped.</p> <p>Dr. Gus is getting calls from services asking how to change protocols to fit a BLS truck when they do not have a paramedic. The paramedic shortage is hard to combat when Taco Bell pays more than is paid to EMS people. He said we need to find an alternative source of funding and we need a better system to address problems.</p> <p>Next meeting is Sept 13</p>	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief	<p>Taz said legal is reviewing new language will bills that pasted in 2022 to be sure any conflicts established previously can be addressed.</p> <p>Taz continues working with the regions for new committee members appointments</p> <p>He has been active with National Registry and their Resolution 22-1</p> <p>ALS to BLS must have a plan in place and appropriate protocols in place if switching back and forth</p>	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief	<p>Interstate Compact</p> <p>Taz said the organization is still getting is legs. They are standing up committees including finance, bylaws, rules, etc. IC laws must not conflict with Missouri laws. Takes time to check that out.</p>	

<p>TCD Task Force Steve Bollin, DHSS</p>	<p>Steve Bollin reporting on TCD Task Force—met last year</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate moving to alternative pathways in order to get standard data. Develop benchmark data by region or other states—Georgia has a good program. EMS has good data---need to identify what measures Jason asked about putting data user groups together, Steve supportive. Diversion—striving for standardized diversion across state. Don't want people to drive around without a place to go <p>TCD Advisory Council—looking for 16 people across the state –will be selected by Director DHSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of talent with current TCD Form will be available online Nominate self or someone else Why do you want to be on TCD council Need up to 3 supportive letters <p>Funding formula for EMS-- Steve sent email to Director –need to look for grants etc.</p>	
<p>Affiliate Reports</p>		
<p>EMSC Liz Kendrick</p>	<p>No report</p>	
<p>CARES, Kayla Riel</p>	<p>No report</p>	
<p>911 System, Jason White</p>	<p>Jason reported 911 received funding from ARPA for GIS and money to develop a couple more mini regions. Working on getting small PSAPS to be able to transfer to larger units for EMD etc. AED registry—911 has signed on with pulse point—can help with AED locations. May hook up with Fire to track and check the AEDs.</p>	
<p>Special Needs, Darlene Shelton</p>	<p>Darlene Shelton introduced herself as a 'crazy grandma with 3 kids that have a bleeding disorder.' Darlene was active in 2018 with SB 503 that was to allow paramedics to give specialty medications to children with specific disease process (even though the medications were not in the medic's protocols) and to transport that child to the appropriate hospital, not necessarily the closest one. She is attending today to bring a refresher, statewide, of what the bill allows. Also, she continues to work to result in better patient outcomes.</p> <p>Darlene also offered help if it is needed in raising the public awareness of problems EMS agencies face with staffing, equipment and other needs to assure timely coverage in all parts of the state.</p>	

Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us 125 attended their seminar at the end of June. Had NAEMSP training course. Planning Leadership course Sept 29-30. Two virtual seminars for Board members are planned, one Sept and one Dec. Training for administrators regarding budgets will be offered quarterly.</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Heavily involved with MIH programs across Missouri are taking shape. Aug 9 MIH Summit in Camdenton in conjunction with the Rural Health Conference.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler cdressler@cmh.edu –Nothing beyond what is reflected above.</p> <p>ADAM -- Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report.</p>	
New Business and Announcements	Dr. Andrews reminded everyone to review their billing processes. Some claims are being rejected because someone besides the patient is signing on the Patient Signature line. When the patient cannot sign, have the significant other etc., sign online below—and state patient unable to sign.	
Open Forum	No further discussion	
Next Meeting	Next meeting will be Sept 27 , 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 2:45 pm.	

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

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