



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

**State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services**

**MEETING SUMMARY  
 CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW  
 MEETING DATE: July 26, 2016**

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on July 26, 2016 at 4:30pm in Room Short Creek 1&2, Branson Convention Center, Branson MO with Dr. Lindy Andrews presiding and a quorum was present.

**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, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick  
**Board Members by Phone:** Joan Eberhardt, Ben Chlapek, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

**ABSENT:** Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Sam Schneider

**GUESTS:** Shelby Cox, Cardinal Glennon; Jay McClintick, St. Luke’s Hospital-KC; Tina Lybargerledyard, BJC; Rande McCrary, MEMSA; Dr. Brian Froelke, MO EMS Medical Director; Kathy Hahn, MO Poison Center; Mike Wallace, AMR; Dr. Dave Gustafson, Region A Chair; Joshua Dugal, SSM, CGCH; Dr. Jay Reich, KCFD; David Lewis, St. Charles Co Amb. Dist.; Taz Meyer (& wife Angie), St. Charles Co Amb Dist.; Lee Varner, Center for Patient Safety; Mike Bail, Show Me Safety Consultants; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Luke Walker, Mercy Springfield, Tom Lewis, Mercy EMS; Dr. Matt Brandt, Cox EMS; Shane Grooms, Mercer Co Amb Dist; Justin Duncan, Valle Amb Dist.  
 By Phone: none

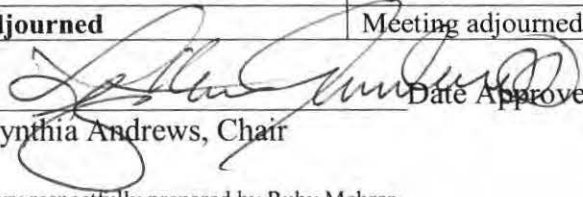
*Introductions were completed.*

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
<b>I. Review of Minutes</b>			
<b>A. Approval of Minutes</b>	<i>Wally Patrick moved to approve the June 28, 2016 minutes as written. Second by Mark Alexander. Motion passed.</i>	Dr. Andrews will provide approved minutes to DHSS.	
<b>II. Subcommittee Reports</b>			
<b>A. Pediatrics Subcommittee</b>	No report, Noreen Felich not present		

<b>Noreen Felich, Chair</b>			
<b>B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Doug Shearer, Chair</b>	No report, Dr. Shearer not present		
<b>C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</b>	<p>Mark Alexander reported SB 732 has been signed by the Governor. It contained several EMS issues were passed by the legislature including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clear obligation that hospitals and nursing homes to create a policy to make sure the EMS crew transferring at-risk patients (those that might be violent) is notified about the patient.</li> <li>• Emg Dept docs can now place certain patients under a legal hold prior to the implementation of the classic 96 hour hold. This new temporary legal hold is for the express purpose of getting the patient transferred to the psych facility.</li> </ul> <p>Also passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS Regional Medical Directors will have 4 year terms and will also be a voting member of their EMS Regional Committee.</li> <li>• Stroke Center reviews had caused some hospitals to build fences around helipads. Legislation to remove DHSS authority to require fences passed.</li> <li>• A bill passed that gives only the Board of Healing Arts the right to require physician education.</li> <li>• National bill HR 1818 passed provides language to facilitate military medics transitioning to civilian medics.</li> <li>• 2017 issues will be determined in the fall of 2016.</li> </ul>		
<b>D. Education Subcommittee Doug Randall, Chair</b>	No report, Doug Randall not present		
<b>E. Air Ambulance Committee, Ruby Mehrer Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meeting since last SAC meeting. Active Shooter Conference sponsored by Air Ambulance Programs in progress today.</li> </ul>		
<b>F. Emergency Management</b>	Wally Patrick involved in many EM projects. He has posted		

<b>Wally Patrick, Chair</b>	articles for people to read. The committee has not met since last SAC meeting.		
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<b>III. Regional Subcommittee Reports</b>			
<b>A. Northwest</b>	Ruby Mehrer reported NW Region is establishing an information hub where meetings, trainings and other events can be posted and shared by other agencies in the region.		
<b>B. Central</b>	No report.		
<b>C. Southwest</b>	Bob Patterson reported SW Region met earlier today. No quorum. Discussion included time of arrival and hand off documentation. Dr. Matt Brandt was in attendance.		
<b>D. Southeast</b>	No report.		
<b>E. East Central</b>	Dr. Froelke reported there are many vacancies on the East Central EMS Committee despite multiple applications sent to Jeff City. The TCD conference will be held on Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> .		
<b>F. Region A</b>	Dr. Gustafson reported Region A met July 11 <sup>th</sup> . There will be an EMSC mini conference in Region A this fall. Community Health workers class will form soon—using Central Jackson Co FPD facilities. Grossman Burn Center at Research Medical Center gave a report. ABLS classes will be sponsored by Grossman. Children’s Mercy Hospital also has ABLS classes. Education is needed for hospitals to understand the new legislation regarding psych transfers. This is under development in Reg A. Image Trend is working on a short form for patient hand off. Next meeting is Sept. 12, 2016.		
<b>IV. DHSS-BEMS Report</b>			
<b>BEMS Report Mr. Les Jobe</b>	No report. Mr. Jobe not in attendance.		
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<b>Center for Patient Safety Lee Varner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee Varner said the EMS Medical Directors Huddles have been very successful. The name will be changing to Safe Calls. In order for the EMS Medical Director to participate, the EMS agency must be contracted with CPS. Presently the calls are open only to the medical directors but QI people and others may be included at a later date.</li> <li>CPS and National Registry have worked together to produce a Culture of Safety Survey. It is a tool to measure the safety dimension of an organization. It will be ready to</li> </ul>	Lee Varner to report at the next meeting.	

	release soon.		
<b>New Business and Announcements</b>			
<b>State EMS Medical Director Issue</b> <b>Dr. Lynthia Andrews</b>	The State EMS Medical Director position was discontinued at the end of June due to a reported lack of funding. While the position was not identified in rules or regulations, the position was created by Dr. Bill Jermyn in 2008 as part of his TCD plan. Dr. Jermyn secured funding through a grant from Mo Foundation of Health. Questions were raised about other grant funds that might be available. Dr. Andrews said a structure needs to be developed to have an ongoing state EMS Medical Director as a first step. Funding could be addressed after the position is secured. It was recognized this is one of many issues facing DHSS/BEMS in regards to EMS. In the past there were at least 15 people in BEMS, now there are very few. Discussion about securing grants including acknowledgement that the state has authority to say how a grant gets administered. So a grant secured for a state EMS Medical Director could be channeled elsewhere. Creating the position in law may be the best approach. Dr. Andrews said EMS has pushed the envelope in the past to get things done. The health care business is very dynamic and the focus is to 'integrate care.' It needs to be recognized that EMS is at the beginning of patient care. EMS needs to be proactive to avoid unfunded mandates.	Dr. Andrews and other interested parties will continue exploring possibilities to establish a structure for a state EMS Medical Director.	
<b>State EMS History Site</b> <b>Mike Bail</b>	Mike Bail spoke about the established Facebook site that is dedicated to EMS History. He is trying to secure funds to expand it.		
<b>Next Meeting</b>	September 27, 2016, Truman Building, Jefferson City at 12:30 pm	Agenda with meeting details will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned approximately 5:20pm		

  
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 Date Approved  
 Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer