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

**Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair**

**MEETING SUMMARY of SPECIAL MEETING re Thrombectomy Capability**

**MEETING DATE: April 5, 2022**

**Virtual by Zoom**

*SAC appreciates Chuck Doss and MU Health for the Zoom connection*

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, Dr. David K, Tan. Helen Sandkuhl.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Chair; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl

**Board Members Absent:** Eric Latimer, Dr. David Tan

**ATTENDEES:** Megan Ashlock, Mercy SL; Aaron Bradshaw, Air Methods; M. Brown; Erick Direk, Pettis County AD; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; S. Figa; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Dr. Jennifer Flint, CMH-KC; Dr. Carl Freeman SLU; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash U; Chad Garner, St. Francis Medical Center; Pamela Golden, SSM SL Univ Hosp; Dr. David Gustafson, Medical Director of Multiple EMS; Jason Hesman, Air Methods; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's Plaza-KC; Debbie Leoni, SE Health; CMH-KC; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Mike Muller; Jan Muschany; Keith Pantaleo; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Donna Pond, MU Health; Chip Portz, CJCSPD; H I Porter; Stacey Robertson, Air Methods; Julie Sell; R. Stiles; Dr. Josh Stilley; Wendy Watson, Mercy Spfld; Jason White, MARC—KC; Tina York, HCA--KC

**DHSS Staff:** Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm,

**Note:** *If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, or if your information is incomplete, please email [ruby@lifeflighteagle.org](mailto:ruby@lifeflighteagle.org) for correction.*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:01 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

<p><b>Purpose of the Special Meeting called by Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman</b></p>	<p>DHSS requested Dr. Andrews to determine if a proposed amendment to <b>19 CSR 30-40.720 Stroke Center Designation Application and Review</b> would be acceptable to the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services. DHSS wanted a determination before the next scheduled SAC meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order approximately 12:01pm. Attendees as above.</p>	
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>		
	<p>The amendment to 19 CSR 30-40.720 (B)2 would add language (bold below) to read:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The department shall designate a hospital a level II stroke center <b>with thrombectomy capability or a primary stroke center</b> by either the Joint Commission, DNV-GL Healthcare or Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program; or</p> <p>Nicole Gamm and Steve Bolin explained that this language would then match language in national standards. They said that the wording would technically put such a hospital at a 2.5 level—which, of course, is not a recognized level in Missouri.</p> <p>Discussion from the participants ensued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While no one wants to have a patient to have a bad outcome related to triage and transport, unintended consequences must be considered.</li> <li>• If Missouri is behind the national standards, then we may have to change statutes, not the regulations if an alternate pathway is added.</li> <li>• Is there need for changes in Missouri as the national approaches evolve.</li> <li>• This may be better addressed on a regional basis since not all regions would have the same stroke capabilities available.</li> <li>• There were questions if this addition was beyond statutory authority in 190.241--does that language need to be tweaked so it is broader.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was expressed about putting a ‘band aid’ on to fix a problem or should we take a broader look.</li> <li>• Should further changes be made to include Pediatric Stroke Centers?</li> <li>• Should we engage legal counsel in this discussion?</li> <li>• In answer to questions, Nicole Gamm said there were no hospitals ready to apply as a ‘thrombectomy capable’ center.</li> <li>• Further discussion included reference to a table in the AHA Journals identifying Levels and Capabilities of Hospital Stroke Certifications.  <a href="https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/STROKEAHA.120.033228">https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/STROKEAHA.120.033228</a>  The table shows thrombectomy-capable stroke centers meet all the requirements of a primary stroke center and some of the comprehensive stroke centers. Participants wanted to be able to look at the table. It will be sent with this summary of the discussion. It can also be accessed by the above link.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Andrews asked if SAC members wanted to vote today or to continue the discussion at the next SAC meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>Helen Sandkuhl moved to continue the conversation at the next SAC meeting on April 26, 2022. Ben Chlopek seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no one dissenting.</i></p> <p>Participants were encouraged to ask for input from others in their regions and bring it to the next SAC meeting.</p>	
<b>Legislative Update</b>	Jason White reported Dr. Jeff Coughenour did a great job testifying yesterday at the Peer Review hearing in the House of Representatives. The trial attorneys who have opposed such legislation before, did not testify.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be April 26, 2022, 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 <a href="mailto:ruby@lifeflighteagle.org">ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</a>	.
<b>Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned approximately 2:10 pm.	

*Lynthia Andrews Bowman*

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman DO, MHA, FACEP  
Chair State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services

Date accepted: May 24, 2022

*Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer*