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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**

**MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022**

**Room 490-492 Truman Building Jefferson City MO**

*Virtual Connection*

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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, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl

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

**ATTENDEES: NOTE:** Technical difficulties unable to capture all that attended virtually. For correction, please email [ruby@lifeflighteagle.org](mailto:ruby@lifeflighteagle.org)  
Elijah Dahlstrom, Univ of MO; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Justin Duncan, Washington Co AD; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Shirley Gastler, Cardinal Glennon; Dr. David Gustafson, Medical Director of Multiple EMS; Jason Hesman, Air Methods; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's Plaza-KC; Dr. Melissa Kroll, WUSL; Debbie Leoni, SE Health; CMH-KC; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Stacey Miller, SSM Health; Clothilde Tilly Richard-Gard, North Kansas City Hospital; Kayla Riel, CARES, MU Health; Alli Riley, Southeast Health; Maria Stiffler, Southeast Health; Dr. Joshua Stilley, MU Health; Jennifer Swatek, North Co Fire & Rescue; Jason White MARC-KC; Gary Wilmoth, U of MO; Virginia Wilson, UMKC EMS Educ; Sarah Willson, MO Hosp. Assoc.

**DHSS Staff:** Taz Meyer, BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Craig Faith

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:33pm. A quorum was present.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
<b>Approval of Meeting Summaries: Mar 22, 2022; April 5, 2022; April 26, 2022; April 29, 2022</b>	April 26, 2022 meeting had technical difficulties, so no official business was conducted. The March minutes were tabled. April 5 and April 29, 2022 were special meetings to further discuss the thrombectomy capable amendment to 19 CSR 30-40.720 Stroke Center Designation Application and Review. <b><i>Mark Alexander moved the minutes from March 22, 2022 be approved and meeting notes of April 5, April 26 and April 29, 2022 be accepted as accurate reflections of the discussions. Ben Chlapek seconded. Motion passed.</i></b>	Approved minutes next month or at interim special meeting.
<b>Subcommittee Reports</b>		
<b>Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair</b>	Trish Casey reported a virtual meeting only today. In person meetings will resume soon. There was good attendance today. Increase of gunshot wounds and gun violence discussed. Gun locks needed to protect kids. Ambulance requirements for ‘pediatric ready’ certification discussed.  For info contact Trish Casey: <a href="mailto:Patricia.Casey@ssmhealth.com">Patricia.Casey@ssmhealth.com</a> Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.	
<b>Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair</b>	Pam Jackson reported today was the first in-person meeting since the pandemic. Three people attended in Jefferson City. Discussion included virtual surveys from the state. Future in-person meetings will be held quarterly. June’s meeting will be virtual only.  Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel <a href="mailto:dustin.neel@tmcmcd.org">dustin.neel@tmcmcd.org</a> Pam Jackson <a href="mailto:pjackson@saint-lukes.org">pjackson@saint-lukes.org</a> Contact directly for meeting information	
<b>Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</b>	Mark Alexander reported the Legislative Subcommittee met this morning and discussed concerns with the Medical Directors regulations. These concerns were also brought up during the Regional Medical Directors Subcommittee meeting yesterday and included questions about the required class/training for the medical directors. The Medical Directors requested another month to consider options. NAEMSP has an 8-hour course that may be the answer. More information and discussion are needed. An update will be given next month.  Training Regulation wording was discussed. The goal is modernization to new nomenclature so the regulation language will match updates on national level. A legislative fix is planned for next year.	

	<p>Community Paramedic discussion included rethinking if college credit and licensure is the best course or if a certification would be more efficient and meet requirements.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews thanked Mark Alexander and Jason White for all their hard work on getting the TCD bill passed this year.</p> <p><a href="mailto:RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com">RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jason.white3254@gmail.com">jason.white3254@gmail.com</a> Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
<p><b>Education Subcommittee</b> <b>Chuck Doss, Chair</b></p>	<p>Chuck Doss reported his subcommittee met on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the upcoming changes to registry testing on AEMTs and Paramedic candidates. It may become only a cognitive, computer-based testing.</p> <p>Chuck also reported that NAEMSE has a video out that addresses entry into paramedic level education without having EMT as a prerequisite.</p> <p>Fast Track bill that included Paramedic and EMT training passed this year. There are certain requirements that must be met to qualify for financial assistance for Paramedic and EMT students. The financial aid is a loan but converts to a grant if certain parameters are met. The program applies not only to colleges but also to Training Entities in Missouri.</p> <p>Next meeting is June 15.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: <a href="mailto:cdoss@health.missouri.edu">cdoss@health.missouri.edu</a> Educ. Subcommittee meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</a></p>	
<p><b>Air Ambulance Subcommittee</b> <b>Ruby Mehrer, Chair</b></p>	<p>Ruby Mehrer said discussion included methods to discourage birds from congregating near hangers therefore, diminishing the likelihood of a bird strike on take off or landing.</p> <p>Air Ambulance Utilization updated document will be sent to the Regional Medical Directors Subcommittee for review and comment.</p> <p>6 scholarships are being awarded to flight crew applicants. Registration and Hotel will be paid at the Mo EMS Conf &amp; Expo in St. Charles the last week of July.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: <a href="mailto:ruby@lifeflighteagle.org">ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</a></p>	
<p><b>Emergency Management Subcommittee</b> <b>Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</b></p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl reported this committee’s 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held yesterday. Additional members are being added. She would like the pediatric subcommittee and the trauma subcommittee members to attend so their perspectives can be included in the discussion.</p> <p>Yesterday’s discussion included hospital evacuation with EMS as well as pediatric triage education for evacuations.</p> <p>Helen’s committee is looking at disaster resources to consolidate them on a website all could view.</p>	

	<p>Paperwork has been completed to request a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 11:00am by Zoom. For info: <a href="mailto:Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com">Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</a></p>	
<p><b>MIH Community Paramedics Subcommittee</b> <b>Justin Duncan</b></p>	<p>Dr. Andrews thanked Dr. Melissa Kroll for her service as the MIH Subcommittee Chair the past few years. She announced Justin Duncan, Washington County Ambulance District Administrator, has accepted the appointment as Chair to replace Dr. Kroll.</p> <p>Justin reported several of the MIH programs across the states was being supported by MO Health Net before COVID hit. With the pandemic subsiding, Justin said partnerships have been formed with MIH programs and MO Primary Care Association as well as Federally Qualified (FQ) Health Clinics. Local grants for MIH have been established. On a national level, money is being earmarked by HRSA and CDC for MIH programs. An alliance is being formed with Missouri Rural Health Association. An MIH Summit will be held on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a MRHA conference.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews thanked Justin for his report and said she wanted Dr. Kroll to stay engaged with her and Dr. Carney as projects continue to develop.</p> <p>For info: Justin Duncan at <a href="mailto:jduncan@wcadems.org">jduncan@wcadems.org</a> or Visit <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</a></p>	
<p><b>Regional EMS Medical Directors Subcommittee</b> <b>Dr. Erica Carney</b></p>	<p>Dr. Carney reported her subcommittee met yesterday. The following minutes were provided by her.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional Medical Directors Committee</b> <b>Monthly Meeting Agenda</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: May 23, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zoom: <a href="https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/96761358349">https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/96761358349</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting ID: 967 6135 8349 <b>Passcode: 052259</b> +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p>Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Andrews, Dr. Brandt, Dr. Umfleet Others in Attendance: Dr. Gustafson, Mark Alexander, Chris Mattes, Jason White, Dr. Stilley, Veronica Fischer, Stephen Duncan, Mike Wallace, Steve Bollin, Dave Kelsey, Taz Meyer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions: <b>Attendance listed above.</b></li> <li>2. Approval of Minutes</li> <li>3. Old Business</li> </ol>	

a. Metrics

i. Biospatial Update: **Transitioned to NEMSIS. See below.**

ii. NEMSIS and Quality metrics for TCD / reporting to Med Direction

1. STEMI, Stroke, Trauma examples: **Excellent discussion with plan to connect the RMD group with NEMSIS reporting group / data subcommittee. Will invite Peggy and Nicole next month for further discussion. Future goals: choose potential data points for aggregation, reviewing TCD data components to decrease redundancy, continued discussion on ESO HDE and use.**

iii. Data Analysis Personnel: **FTE approved – position to be filled.**

b. Medical Directors Proposed Regulation: **Continued discussion on potential requirement of Medical Directors’ course – pros and cons discussed. Will review Ohio regulations, research question about fiscal requirement and course description requirements, and continue discussion next month.**

4. New Business: **MO NAEMSP will be providing a Medical Directors’ course on 6/28 at MAA June Seminar.**

5. Legislative Update

a. Peer Review: **Did not pass. Next steps - broadly distribute information and utilize a pro-active approach to educate key service stake holders, EMS Directors, Medical Directors on importance of Peer Review.**

6. Reports from Regional Medical Directors: **Dr. Carney / Gustafson – discussed hospital shortage on contrast. Good working relationship between EMS and hospitals currently. Dr. Andrews – discussed APR (potential use for community paramedicine, behavioral health components, radios, etc). Dr. Brandt / Mark Alexander – nothing to report. Dr. Umfleet – trialing a short form to communicate between EMS agencies and hospitals.**

7. Next Meeting, 6/27/22 at 10am

*Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (the day before SAC) at 10 am—Zoom. For agenda and zoom information visit: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/>*

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**Regional Subcommittees  
Reports**

<b>Northwest</b> <b>Eric Reeter, Chair</b>	<p>Art Maxwell reported there was discussion on legislative issues that passed. Non-emergency transfers from hospital settings were discussed. Hospitals and EMS have different views and must work together consider each other's resources for these types of patients.</p> <p>June 15 is the next meeting  <a href="mailto:ereeter@chillcothecity.org">ereeter@chillcothecity.org</a></p>	
<b>Central</b> <b>John Clemens, Chair</b>	<p>Next meeting scheduled for June 2.  <a href="mailto:jclemens@mcadems.com">jclemens@mcadems.com</a></p>	
<b>Southwest</b> <b>Bob Patterson, Chair</b>	<p>Bob reported there was some activity with 2 strike teams being requested. Next meeting is a week from Friday. TCD will be discussed later.</p> <p><a href="mailto:Robert.patterson@mercy.net">Robert.patterson@mercy.net</a></p>	
<b>Southeast</b> <b>Dr. John Russell, Chair</b>	<p>Five candidates have been nominated to fill gaps in the SE Region EMS Advisory Council. TCD was discussed. A written format for patient hand off has been agreed upon in the SE Region. Next meeting in June.  <a href="mailto:John.russell@ccpasvc.com">John.russell@ccpasvc.com</a></p>	
<b>East Central</b> <b>Mark Flauter, Chair</b>	<p>Mark Flauter reported no new candidates have been appointed to the East Central Regional Advisory Council. The group is modifying and updating field guidelines to get the right patient to the right hospital. Next meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>.  <a href="mailto:mfjauter@fvfpd.com">mfjauter@fvfpd.com</a></p>	
<b>West Central (Reg A)</b> <b>Dr. David Gustafson, Chair</b>	<p>Dr. Gustafson reported Reg A met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The DHSS website listing members of the regional EMS appointees is inaccurate. Some members listed have retired or moved on. Dr. Gustafson said the 'dead weight' needs to be removed. Region A need a new medical director since Dr. Erica Carney has now become the State EMS Medical Director. The Next meeting is July 11.  <a href="mailto:Paladin11ms@gmail.com">Paladin11ms@gmail.com</a></p>	
<b>BEMS</b> <b>Taz Meyer, Chief</b>	<p>Taz reported he is working with DHSS attorney on regulations language. License Management system is another ongoing project. Taz has received 5 recommendations for 5 openings on the SE Region EMS Advisory Council. He has also received one from the SW Region. Taz encouraged West Central to send candidates for their vacancies. He also requested each region to send him and updated list of members.  <a href="mailto:Taz.Meyer@mo.health.gov">Taz.Meyer@mo.health.gov</a></p>	
<b>BEMS</b> <b>Taz Meyer, Chief</b>	<p>Interstate Compact: Work continues slowly as they address each state's needs etc. Texas laws are different from Colorado and Colorado is different from Missouri, etc.  <a href="mailto:Taz.Meyer@mo.health.gov">Taz.Meyer@mo.health.gov</a></p>	

<p><b>TCD Task Force</b> <b>Steve Bollin, DHSS</b></p>	<p>Steve report the TCD bill passed allowing the formation of a TCD Advisory Council. The state Task Force members have finished their job. However, the group added two members and another is pending.</p> <p>Thrombectomy center wording was presented to SAC in April (see previous minutes). Steve said work would continue going through the process of getting the TCD Advisory Council stood up. Discussion at the Regions Medical Directors meeting about collecting data. Dr. Carney and Steve had further discussion. Peggy Huddleston will reach out the NAEMSE. Steve indicated Missouri is getting the same data with NEMESIS as Biospatial would collect.</p>	
<p><b>Affiliate Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>EMSC Liz Kendrick</b></p>	<p>EMSC—There is a zoom meeting on May 25 on mental health. Registration still open. There are efforts to try to push the Antevy pediatric information statewide. They are pursuing grant funds</p>	
<p><b>CARES, Kayla Riel</b></p>	<p>Kayla indicated there up to 56 agencies participating in CARES now. CARES is accepting application for their Advisory Council until June 1. The CARES annual report is posted to the CARES site. June 11 and 12 CARES involved with event that includes hands only CPR.</p>	
<p><b>911 System, Jason White</b></p>	<p>Jason reported the state 911 board was awarded \$18 million ARPA funds. Geographic Information System (GIS) is lacking in rural Missouri. EMD legislation did not pass. It would have transferred EMD from DHSS to 911 for oversight. There was no significant opposition but only a very few bills were passed in 2022.</p>	
<p><b>Association Reports</b></p>	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst <a href="mailto:kprobst@academs.us">kprobst@academs.us</a> Mark Alexander said MAA’s spring meeting is June 28-30. They will be conducting Ambulance and Fire Board of Directors training. They are also holding a leadership training course at the Lodge of the Four Seasons</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan <a href="mailto:President@memsa.org">President@memsa.org</a> Justin said the MEMSA Board meets tomorrow. Preparations are underway for the MO EMS Conf &amp; Expo being held the last week of July.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler <a href="mailto:cdressler@cmh.edu">cdressler@cmh.edu</a> Kyle Tapps said the group met this morning. The main discussion centered around the six scholarships being offered to flight personnel to attend the MO EMS Conf &amp; Expo. The winners will be notified next week</p> <p>ADAM -- Ray Antonacci <a href="mailto:ray@lcad.net">ray@lcad.net</a> Art Maxwell said a Zoom meeting is planned for Jun 17. Main topics will be legislative issues.</p>	

<b>New Business and Announcements</b>	None	
<b>Open Forum</b>	No discussion	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting will be <b>June 28, 2022</b> , 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 1:21 pm	

*Lynthia Andrews Bowman*

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 Chair, State Advisory Council on EMS  
*Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer*

Date approved: June 28, 2022