

**Southeast Regional EMS Committee**  
**Friday, June 11, 2021**  
**Cape Girardeau Fire Department – Station 3**  
**1975 North Sprigg Street – Lower Level Entrance**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order (Nathan Wolk)**

The meeting was called to order on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 10:03 a.m. by Nathan Wolk. The meeting was held as the Cape Girardeau Fire Department – Station 3 with WebEx option.

**Introductions (Nathan Wolk)**

In-Person: April Ostendorf-Morris, Nathan Wolk, Larry Chasteen, Kendall Schrum, Lisa Caldwell, Jenni France, Chad Lowe, Kyle Killeen, Jay Porter, Monica Pfau, Nick Salzman, Michael Tanksley, John Russell, Dustin Koerber, Lori Merritt, Jeffery Umfleet, Randy Morris

WebEx Participants: Chris Huit, Jeffery Stackle, Darick Day, Lori Beck, George Miller, Jason White

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from April 9, 2021 were reviewed. Monica Pfau made a motion to approve, John Russell second the motion and the group approved as written.

**Legislative Updates (Jason White)**

- TIF - protection passed
- FRA - renewal did not pass
- GMET - regulations should appear soon, they are done, all government based EMS should look at GMET again and use a firm to do the cost reporting
- Medicaid Expansion - pending in the courts, more to come.
- SIREN Act - may get more funds and it is 100% for rural EMS
- Covid Wavers - expect them to expire soon

**Committee Chair Replacement (Nathan Wolk)**

Nathan Wolk is resigning as the EMS Committee Chair. This will be his last meeting as the Committee Chair. The group discussed potential replacements for this position. A motion was made to nominate Dr. John Russell to replace Nathan Wolk. Dr. John Russell accepted the nomination. The committee will move forward with the replacement process.

**STARS Update (Nick Salzman)**

Presented the STARS report (see attachment). They are working on identifying and grouping the nature of the of the STARS qualification of participants (vent, trach, medication, condition, etc.). They are continuing to gather data. If there is any items that you would like to see in the reports please notify Nick. Also, if you are aware of an individual within your district who would qualify for the STARS program please reach out to get them enrolled and a plan in place for your crews.

**Medical Director Update (Dr. Jeffrey Umfleet)**

- Medical Directors made a recommendation for a full time data analyst to provide and evaluate EMS data

- Medical Directors made a request to DHSS to evaluate NIMSIS to link hospital and EMS data
- High Flow Oxygen and Long Distance Ambulance Transport – We need to explore how to develop a tank exchange so when ambulance services are transporting a high flow oxygen patient they can stop at participating agencies/facilities to switch out oxygen tanks. Some patients are requiring 60-80 lpm
  - With I-55 we could potentially have 2-3 places who would be willing to be exchange points
    - Possibilities to explore Saint Francis Medical Center and Ste. Genevieve
    - We could potentially have SEMO EMS store tanks at a strategically located points where crews could stop off the way to facility then return a full tank on the return trip
    - Potentially cost prohibitive but may need to consider liquid oxygen for transports that requiring high flow oxygen – Other concerns related to the speed to which you are changing liquid oxygen to gas can cause valves to freeze
  - The committee will start looking into options to meet the needs of these patients – Larry Chasteen will start evaluating and follow up at future meetings
  - Must also consider unpredictable obstacles that occur during transport (MVC, traffic delays, etc.) which can change the planning for oxygen needs

### **HB 1295 (April Ostendorf-Morris)**

Unfortunately, HB1295 was in play during the closing days of the session, it was not enacted. The means the current TCD statues do not change. Stakeholders throughout the remainder of 2021 will be preparing to potentially refile in 2022. Discussions on needed regulatory changes will continue in the event the department decided to update the current regulations.

### **Educational Opportunities**

- Cardinal Glennon - Trauma Conference ongoing via WebEx
- Children's - Fall Trauma Symposium - Save the date coming out next week
- Air Evac and Arch/Air Methods are now starting to offering education again since COVID restrictions are being lifted
- Saint Francis Medical Center - Cardiac Symposium – November 5 – Details will be sent out soon
- Stoddard County will be hosting an EKG Couse with Bob Page

### **Open Agenda**

- George Miller – Bureau of EMS Updates:
  - Taz Meyer has been named the new Bureau Chief effective May 10, 2021  
 Taz Meyer, Bureau Chief  
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  - EMS Missouri Conference and Expo – St. Charles Convention Center (August 3-6, 2021)
    - Taz Meyer will offering BEMS Update

- LMS instructional sessions offered
- An email with more information on EMS Continuing Educations extensions (6 months) will be sent in the near future
- The BEMS is working through the process to resume in-person inspections

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 10 at South Scott Ambulance District at 10:00 with a WebEx option.

### **Adjournment**

Kendall Schrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Monica Pfau. The meeting was adjourned on June11, 2021 at 11:05 a.m.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: April Ostendorf-Morris