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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

In person and virtual

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

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman presiding.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS: Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Dr. David K, Tan. Helen Sandkuhl.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair; Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl

Board Members Absent: Mark Alexander, Wally Patrick, Dr. David Tan

ATTENDEES: Lori Beck, SLCH; Dr. Matt Brandt, Cox Health; Dr. Erica Carney, KCFD & State EMS Medical Director; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Amanda Clark; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Megan Fitzgerald; Dr. Carl Freeman, SLU; Lori Freeman, Beth Gialde; Pamela Golden, SSM SL Univ Hosp; Rae Guinan; David Gustafson, Multiple EMS Med Director, Reg A Medical Director and Chair; Scott Linz, CMH-KC; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Mark Mueller; Kristi Mueller; Tom Modin SL Plaza-KC; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Chip Portz, CJC/FPD; Heather Pratt, Mercy; Eric Reeter Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Kayla Riel, CARES MU Health; Heather Scruton, CMH-KC; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffery Siegler, Wash U; Dr. Joshua Stilley, MU Health; Dr. Julie Stilley, MU Health; Bobbie Andrea Weber; Suzanne Weckman. Phelps Health; Jason White, MARC-KC; Sarah Willson, MHA; Ella; Keri

DHSS Staff present: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Craig Faith, Nicole Gamm, Michelle Harbert, Peggy Huddleston, William Koebel, George Miller, Natrice Romeo, Elizabeth Woodward

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 12:30pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes April 25, 2023 and May 16, 2023	<i>Helen Sandkuhl moved to approve the April 25th and May 16th minutes. Second by Ben Chlapek. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Liz Kendrick, Chair	<p>Pediatric Committee met this morning before SAC. Liz Kendrick said the bill addressing pediatric DNR has been sent to the Governor’s desk. An EMS panel will send a letter of support. Needs assessment has been completed. Trauma transports have been reviewed. This committee requesting support from other Trauma Programs. Conference plans at the MO EMS Conf & Expo reviewed. Survey will be sent to front line people, not administrators. Topic of discussion included ‘what age defines a pediatric patient’.</p> <p>For info contact Liz Kendrick kendrick@health.missouri.edu Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair	<p>Trauma subcommittee meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmed.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair	<p>Jason White reported the subcommittee met yesterday. Further discussion on medical directors reg. on hold. .342 Personnel Licensing .309 Licensing Ground Ambulance Newspaper, and insurance requirement in 309 seems outdated. EMS bills that passed have not been signed by the Governor yet. Balanced billing: national ground ambulance committee is meeting. They have 180 days to make recommendations. Jason said Texas has passed, and Gov signed, an interesting law. If ground EMS has an agreement with insurance companies then that EMS would get 325% of Medicare payment and no further billing would be allowed., Peer Review, did not pass this year. Probably will have tough time trying to get it passed next year. 911 got extra ARPA money to build out those struggling with rotary phones. Trying to make it work better. Will centralize money. Next legislative meeting not set yet. 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 reporting: Will meet July 17. Community Paramedics education time will be discussed. Reminder CoA people will be at the Sept 26 SAC meeting. Dr. Andrews will redo agenda so time can be spent on this discussion.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@health.missouri.edu Educ. Subcommittee meets 3rd Mondays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	
Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss reported the subcommittee met this morning. Mercy and Cox had a multiple aircraft response. No issues. MOAAMS awarding 6 scholarships for the MO EMS Conf & Expo registration and lodging. Rooftop helipad emergency egress project continues.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair	<p>Helen Sandkuhl's Emergency Management Committee met yesterday at 11:00 am.</p> <p>Helen presented on SL High School shooter incident that took place last fall. Four hospitals and numerous others are participating. All the schools and hospitals had previous training on active shooter scenarios. Immediate shelter in place because of training. The outcome may have been a lot worse if that training had not taken place. One improvement needed is better communication between the different agencies. Power point presentation available on request.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets 4th Monday virtually at 11:00am. For info: helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan	<p>Jason White reported for Justin—Matt Zavadsky coming to the MIH track at the MO EMS Conf & Expo. Missouri did not get the NIH grant they applied for. But other grants are coming in. In the last year, several MIH programs have been stood up in Missouri, bringing the total to at least 15 programs.</p> <p>Jason reviewed a USA Today Study originating in Maine regarding Ambulance Deserts. One of the researchers, Dr. Yvonne Jonk is coming to Expo to talk. Taz added the whole premise of study is if you are over 25 minutes from ambulance then you are in an ambulance desert. Missouri data provided was flawed because locations of stations have not been tracked, only headquarters. Steps are being taken to correct the info.</p> <p>Kirk Matthews will be at the Expo—talking to CMS to try to get reimbursement for non-transported patients.</p> <p>Congressman Luetkemeyer is coming by the conference at some point. He represents rural MO. Luetkemeyer and Rep Cleaver are trying to get federal money to MIH. Helen Sandkuhl said Rep. Luetkemeyer is also concerned about work place violence and was very attentive when ENA brought that up. Helen said Senator Roy Blunt used to be helpful in these types of topics as well.</p> <p>MIH meets virtually 2nd Mondays at 11:00am. For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
Behavior Health Kat Probst	<p>Kat Probst unable to attend. Discussion from attendees included that the Director of Mental Health needs a good definition of patients going straight to mental health facility. A problem to be addressed is that non-emergency transfers are low reimbursement. There are 5 million dollars for noninsured patients drafts floating around but how to capture that is elusive. FRA does not pay for non-emergency transfers.</p> <p>Contact info: kprobst@academs.us</p>	

Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney	<p>Dr. Carney allowed the Project Data Group to use her time slot and Zoom connection to have a meeting yesterday. Discussed Dr. Brandt’s suggestions on what do we want to do with the data. RMD committee is extremely interested in this project. Will get better format and send out.</p> <p>Liz Kendrick is doing a lot of work regarding the Center of Prehospital Care. Wants to be sure data means something for patient care and outcomes. MOU with DHSS and MU in progress.</p> <p>Jason White said we need to keep in mind there are 800 fire departments in addition to BEMS and EMS agencies. As this project progresses, we need to be sure all are talking to each other. Try to be sure everyone is ethical. A missing piece is EMS data. This project will get EMS included. Jason said this will complete the picture. Linking EMS Data with Hospital Data needs to be HIPAA compliant and would be good data for SAC, BEMS etc.</p> <p><i>Helen Sandkuhl moved and Ben Chlapek seconded to review and refine the position statement on data collection and then to send out an endorsement statement from SAC. Motion carried.</i></p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for July 24th. Meetings are the 4th Monday (the day before SAC) at 10 am—Zoom. For agenda and zoom information visit: https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p> <p>Contact for Inquiries: State Medical Director, Dr. Erica Carney, MD FAEMS Senior Administrative Assistant, Mendy Hull Office: 816-513-6262 mendy.hull@kcmo.org</p>	has
Project Data Dr. Andrews Bowman	See above. Contact Dr. Andrews Bowman if questions on the data project. Lynthia.Bowman@mymhc.com	
SAC Appointment Discussion Dr. Andrews Bowman	Dr. Andrews reported she and Steve Bollin met yesterday to discuss a number of issues including the SAC appointment process. They plan to continue to meet periodically to discuss pertinent issues.	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	Eric Reeter said NW has not met since May 17 th . The June meeting was rescheduled and will be held tomorrow in Cameron. A person from South Carolina is scheduled to speak on their project of importing ‘pods’ of paramedics from other countries in order to help address the staffing shorting in EMS in the USA. ereeter@chillcothecity.org NW meets 3 rd Wednesdays	
Central John Clemens, Chair	Met June 1 at U in Columbia. No report on discussion. jcclemens@mcadems.com	

Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	<p>Bob Patterson sent a written report: SW met June 23rd at Cox South. Topics discussed: -TCD was our major focus with Subcommittee review Dr. Brandt's recommendations for the new state group regarding activities, mission etc. -We had discussion and updates about our third annual TCD Conference coming up on November 17th in Springfield. Will be both in person and virtual. -A great educational presentation by a Cox Physician - Dr. Sam- around the evolution of cardiac care. - Also discussed Sepsis activations for the region and specifically better communication on fluid resuscitation.</p> <p>robert.patterson@mercy.net</p>	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	<p>No report.</p> <p>John.russell@ccpasvc.com</p>	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	<p>Mark Flauter sent a written report. EC last met June 9th.</p> <p>The committee's been looking at different applications for communication with receiving facilities (using an app instead of a phone call). The three main systems in the St. Louis area, BJC, SSM, and Mercy, are moving forward with E-Bridge from General Devices. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that the committee support this application and encourage all hospitals in the region to use this singular platform for ease of communication.</p> <p>The other item discussed was the regional guidelines on traumatic arrest due to hemorrhagic shock. The main change is the limited role of chest compression in these cases and mechanical compression devices should not be used in these patients. Priority should be given to stopping blood loss and improving blood flow through bleeding control, chest decompression, pelvic compression, and appropriate volume replacement. Sedatives should be limited in dose & usage due to the tendency to cause hypotension. Epinephrine has not been shown to improve survival to hospital discharge and may actually worsen outcomes. The plan is to vote on this new guideline at our next meeting, which will be August 11th.</p> <p>mflauter@fvfpd.com EC meets the second Fridays.</p>	
Reg A Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	<p>No meeting since the last report. Next meeting is July 10th.</p> <p>Paladin11ms@gmail.com Reg A usually meets 1st Mondays odd months</p>	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	<p>Taz reported BEMS busy with investigations and NEMSIS. Taz attended a recent NAEMSEO conference.</p>	
Interstate Compact Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	<p>Recent meeting was focused on rules for the compact. Donnie Woodyard named as new Director of IC.</p>	
TCD Advisory Committee Dr. Erica Carney	<p>Dr. Carney in Response vehicle in field. Brief statement from her: Supports various bodies doing data project. Dr. Carney said this data discussion has been the most fruitful of any EMS data discussions she has participated in. She said the Regional EMS</p>	

	Medical Directors are fully supportive of EMS representation in the discussions. She related that Steve Bollin supports the data project. The major issue with the MOU with DHSS is getting legal satisfied.	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC, Liz Kendrick	Report deferred secondary to length of meeting.	
CARES, Kayla Riel	Kayla reported will be at the be at state fair in Aug. Invites all to attend and assist with CPR for the public. . October 7 is the CARES Gala in Columbia. Invitations and tickets coming out soon,	
911 System, Jason White	Report deferred secondary to length of meeting.	
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	Bob will report on this at the next meeting.	
EMS Notification Apps Dr. Jeff Siegler	No update. Sieglerj@wustl.edu	
Association Reports	Reports deferred due to length of meeting. MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us . MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org MOAAMS—Christy Dressler CDressler@cmh.edu . ADAM--Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report. ENA--Helen Sandkuhl Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com	
New Business and Announcements	None	
Open Forum	None	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be July 25, 2023 , at 1230. Virtua only . An agenda with the meeting info will be sent prior. Subcommittee chairs should send room requests to Ruby Mehrer ruby@lifeflighteagle.org for in person meetings. Reminder: No meeting in August. Everyone encouraged to attend the Sept 26 meeting in person in Jeff City. Representatives from CoA will be at the meeting to talk about the concerns with the accreditation process for paramedic initial educ. programs.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:49 pm	

Lynthia Andrews AD FACE/FABS MHA

Date Approved: July 25, 2023

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