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

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on May 26, 2020 by <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/897177493> or One-touch: <tel:+18722403212>, [897177493](tel:+18722403212) or 1 (872) 240-3212
Access Code: 897-177-493 with 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, Helen Sandkuhl, Sam Schneider, Dr. David K. Tan.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Chair; Mark Alexander, Ruby Mehrer; Wally Patrick; Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

ABSENT: Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Sam Schneider.

ATTENDEES: Jamie Blackwell, Cox Health; Gene Bradley, ACAD; Dr. Sabina Braithwaite, State EMS Medical Director; Dr. Matt Brandt, Cox Health; Dr. Christie Brock, Centerpoint (HCA) Independence; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Mallory Clatterbuck, MU Health; Shelby Cox, Center for Patient Safety; Susan Crum, Cox Health; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Lori Freeman, SCCAD & NAEMT; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director, Reg A Chair; Jeff Hawkins, TCAD; Dr. Dee Hodge, SLCH/Wash U; Pam Jackson, SLH-KC; Kara Johnson, Medic One Amb; Kristen Jones, CARES/Wash U; Amy Keirse-Swindell, Air Evac; Dr. Melissa Kroll, Wash U; Dr. Jennifer LaPlante, SSM; Mike Lata, KCMO FD; Debbie Leoni, SE Health; Dr. Thomas Lewis, Mercy; Chris Mattes, Mercy Spfld; Art Maxwell, NTA Amb; Tracy McDonald, HCA Midwest; Dean Meenach; Tom Modin, St. Luke's KC; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Chip Portz, CJC/FPD; Kat Probst, Adair Co; Travis Richards, Air Evac; Kelly Riedel, SSMH; Dr. Jeffery Siegler, Wash U; Dr. Josh Stilley, MUHC; Dr. Jeff Umfleet, SE Health; Mike Wallace, Med-Trans

Note: If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, please email ruby@lifelighteagle.org for correction.

DHSS Staff: Sam Vance BEMS Chief; Chris Herring; Katherine Crockett; George Miller

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:40 pm.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes November 26, 2019, Jan 28, 2020 and Feb. 25, 2020 minutes	<i>Wally Patrick moved to approve the April 28, 2020 minutes. Helen Sandkuhl seconded. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>Pediatric Subcommittee met by Skype this morning. Trish reported they had a great discussion. The biggest concern is getting back on track after the response to COVID.</p> <p>EMSC has a graphic on social media with the message that going to the Emergency Department is safe. Children’s hospitals volumes are down in part because parents are waiting longer to bring children to the hospital. As a result, some of the children are seriously ill by arrival.</p> <p>Training opportunities have been limited so the committee will be discussing some options for monthly education and other initiatives.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked about the inflammatory response possibly linked to COVID in kids. Trish indicated there are educational links available and she will push them out to everyone.</p> <p>Helen Sandkuhl said as a manager she would like to see the Emergency Department full of patients. She recognizes not only hospital volume has been down but so has the EMS volume. However, as we begin to put messages out to reassure people it is safe to come to the Emergency Departments, we must recognize that the surgeon general is frequently on TV saying not to go to the ED, rather stay home and call your doctor. Our local</p>		

	<p>messaging has to be carefully worded so we are not in conflict with the national message.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked if all children's hospitals had a peds hotline for parents to call with questions. All indicated they did.</p>		
<p>B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Christie Brock, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Brock reported Trauma did not have a meeting this month but will begin next month. Trauma education and updated regulations will be the focus.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked if the Trauma Committee would consider sending a letter to oppose the No Helmet Law. The bill is currently waiting for the Governor's signature. Dr. Brock said she would support sending a letter to the Governor.</p>	<p>Trauma Committee will send letter opposing the No Helmet Law.</p>	
<p>C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander</p>	<p>Mark Alexander noted that the legislative bills that passed this year had lots of attachments. As a result, the majority of the EMS issues were passed. He noted that the Governor has to sign the bills for them to become effective. There is no 'line item' allowed in the law so the bill passes in entirety or not at all. Sometimes one issue can sink a bill.</p> <p>Some of the EMS issues that passed included AED (no longer requires CPR card or medical director; Physician Assistant can give orders or staff an ambulance; DNR passed affording the same liability protection on TPOPP or other forms; sales tax passed to increase it from ½% to 1%. Medicaid base will go up by \$45 on July 1st-part of the FRA funds.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked Mark to talk about Havron Consultants final TCD report. Mark indicated the report was reviewed by the committee at a meeting a couple of weeks ago and</p>		

	DHSS would be releasing the next steps soon, probably at the June state TCD committee meeting.		
D. Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	Chuck Doss reported the majority educators are either on summer break or furloughed due to COVID, but he posed the question: What would happen if clinical sites would not let students back? Chuck wants feedback and ideas. Chuck also said Boone County Fire's volume nose-dived the 1 st of March but is up to normal status now.	Participants encouraged to contact Chuck Doss cdoss@bcfdmo.com	
E. Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	Air Ambulance Subcommittee met this morning. The group spent time reconnecting. Discussion included unmarked wind towers being erected NE of Kirksville and Helipad issue at St. Luke's East in KC. COVID-19 will leave a lasting impact on air ambulance infectious disease protocols. Hospitals and EMS were expecting to be overwhelmed by COVID but just the opposite happened. Hospitals and EMS volume was greatly reduced. As a result, there are now many furloughs or other cost cutting measures due to COVID. Other discussion included the recent TCD report from the consultants.		
F. Emergency Management Wally Patrick, Chair	Helen Sandkuhl has been working with SEMA and also with Wally Patrick on Emergency Management. Some teams had deployments to St. Louis Jeff City and St. Joseph. Wally and Helen agreed that after the COVID experience we should examine our best practices for EMS and adopt/improve them in the next crisis cycle. Wally said it is important to look at rural and metropolitan models that came out of the response to COVID.		

G. TCD Helen Sandkuhl	Topic discussed in other sections here.		
H. MIH Community Paramedics Dr. Melissa Kroll	Dr. Kroll said her group discussed innovation that occurred with COVID. At some point, a survey is planned to see what resources were used and what could be used in the future. Legislative language to create an Advanced Paramedic level is being worked on in order to try to get a better career path for paramedics established.	Contact Dr. Kroll at mkroll@wustl.edu with questions or comments.	
<i>Educational Presentation—CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) Kristen Jones- power point attached.</i>			
III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	Art Maxwell: Had zoom meeting May 20. SAC and Legislative reports given. FRA and GEMT discussed. Meetings continue on GEMT audits. PPE availability discussed. NTA used Battelle for disinfecting N95 masks. Turnaround at that point was slow. Testing for COVID in NW region continues. Applying for Great Western tent grant but process not finished. Several medical tents being used in NW region. EMS agencies reported volume down as much as 60% since pandemic hit.	Next meeting scheduled for June 17.	
B. Central	Kat Probst reporting. Preparations for pandemic has involved lots of planning etc. Have not met as a group since the last report.		
C. Southwest	Bob Patterson said SW met May 22. Chris Herring from BEMS attended. Mark Alexander and Jason White gave legislative report on EMS bills moving. Med Directors gave presentation. PPE availability discussed.	Next meeting in approximately one month.	

	<p>Bob Patterson reporting on State Mutual Aid: Had two strike teams on stand by but were not needed. Kept in close contact with other players including MHA. Josh Krull led a team in NJ— he will provide report later.</p> <p>Bob asked everyone to look at the BEMS website. It has Mutual Aid contacts etc. listed. He expressed appreciation to BEMS for hosting the info.</p>	Report pending on New Jersey deployment for pandemic	
D. Southeast	<p>Debbie Leoni said SE has not met since last SAC meeting. Next meeting in June.</p> <p>SE Region has had a few pockets of COVID but not many cases. PPE gowns were a weak spot. EMS has been transporting 1 or 2 COVID patients each day into SE region. In answer to a question, Debbie said she was not aware of any flooding in SE.</p>		
E. East Central	<p>Helen Sandkuhl: East Central held a virtual meeting on May 8.</p> <p>Much of the discussion was on COVID issues.</p> <p>Bylaws work continues, hope to vote on them next meeting.</p>	Next meeting June.	
F. Region A/West Central	<p>Dr. Gustafson: West Central met May 4.</p> <p>Trauma nurses reported there had been no increase in Gun violence. Dr. Gustafson wants to revisit this issue again in three months. There were concerns that the domestic violence etc. would escalate with the quarantine and nearly everyone home for long periods of time. So far, the data does not indicate that happened.</p> <p>Decontaminating rigs discussion about how to speed up turn around time after COVID transport</p> <p>Staffing discussed KCFD had less than a dozen COVID + personnel quarantined. Did not have a shortage of personnel.</p>	Next meeting is July 6	

<p>G. Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Sabina Braithwaite</p>	<p>Dr. Braithwaite had to leave before her report, so she provided the notes from her meeting earlier today.</p> <p>Regional Medical Director’s Committee Meeting Notes</p> <p>Meeting Date: May 26, 2020 at 1000hrs Meeting Location: Zoom meeting ONLY</p> <p>Committee Members Attending: Lynthia Andrews, Sabina Braithwaite, Matt Brandt, Jeff Coughenour, Brian Froelke, Jeff Umfleet</p> <p>Others Attending: Lori Freeman, Bob Patterson, Kristen Jones, Sam Vance, John Clemens, Mike Latta, Dave Tan MD, Ruby Mehrer, Kat Probst, Tom Lewis MD, Melissa Kroll MD, Jeff Siegler MD</p> <p>I. Old business</p> <p>a. COVID issues – waivers sunset June 15, we do not anticipate that they will be extended</p> <p>II. New business</p> <p>a. CARES Missouri update – Kristen Jones (presentation attached)</p> <p>i. Question whether it is possible to add this as a survey query point for TCD centers when they are visited by DHSS – will need to pursue with Sam / DHSS</p> <p>ii. Opportunity to address the identified low rate of bystander CPR within the state with various strategies</p> <p>iii. Question regarding PulsePoint potential statewide – Mike Latta pointed out that private residences are not shown for PulsePoint activations, only public locations. Significant penetration of PulsePoint in KC area, cost is</p>		
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	<p>based on call volume (> \$10K for KCMO Fire)</p> <p>b. Fall flu / COVID prep interventions- not felt needed at this time. Regional Medical Directors aware that under state regs, they may write protocol and provide education to providers so that they may do nasal swab testing (any level), fingerstick blood testing (any level), venous blood testing (ALS), or provide vaccines (ALS). No need for regional approach felt needed at this time</p> <p>III. Reports from Regional Medical Directors, Bureau Chief</p> <p>a. No issues from Regional Med Directors</p> <p>b. Sam Vance – Biospatial has been resuscitated – needed info has been obtained and is in OGC office for approval and moving forward.</p> <p><i>IV. On hold / parking lot (will not address this meeting)</i></p> <p>a. HEMS utilization</p> <p>b. Legislative updates – Jason</p> <p>i. DNR legislation SB 1010 https://legiscan.com/MO/drafts/SB1010/2020 - passed but not signed</p> <p>ii. Motorcycle helmet repeal – opposition letters written by state Comm on Trauma and other medical organizations</p> <p>iii. Mileage limit for trauma centers – did not move forward, but trauma centers were not aware of this and ask to be involved if concerns going forward before legislation introduced.</p> <p>V. Resources</p> <p>VI. Adjournment</p> <p>a. Next meeting June 23, 2020 at 1000, same Zoom</p>		
<p>BEMS Sam Vance, Chief</p>	<p>Mr. Vance reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Compact: No meeting this month. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waivers: By Executive order the State of Emergency has been extended through June 15 so waivers signed by the Governor remain in effect until then. • NEMSIS has identified some custom elements designated for COVID-19 and are available to state EMS agencies. They include exposure, PPE, recent travel, etc. In effect as off May 15. • License management system has ben postponed for EMS renewal licenses. Go live date pushed back to address some software issues. • NR removing the long board from skills testing but should be included in teaching in MO at this point. • NIEMT held 3 skills testing sessions recently. 77 students participated and passed. • Moberly Reg Med Center is a new Level III stroke center. • TCD Task Force: DHSS working on next steps after consulting company's report. Dean Linneman will be out of the office for a few weeks so the next steps may not be presented until July. • Biospatial delay in getting data elements identified. In office of General Counsel now. After review there, a data element agreement will be drawn up. • In answer to a question, a TCD community plan should be sent to Nicole Gamm at DHSS. Regional (community) plans are to be sent to the state and they will send to Regional Medical Directors Subcommittee of SAC. 		
		Recommendation/Actions	
Center for Patient Safety Shelby Cox	<p>Shelby Cox said she hoped all had good EMS week. Adjustments due to COVID-19 led to cancelling or postponing many events. CPS will be resuming education sessions by August hopefully.</p>		

Old Business	<p>Dr. Tan’s updates on national issues/NAEMSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAEMSP had a good discussion with DEA about being compliant with Pharmaceutical Privacy Act, designed to track certain drugs from manufacturer to user. The problem is small EMS agencies have to buy ‘a unit’ which is often too many, so it expires, and the agency has to dispose of the excess which causes waste and expense. The manufacturer determines what is in the ‘unit’ not the DEA. NAEMT and AAA are working together to determine if or how it affects opioids and, in addition, they are exploring how the problem affects distributors. • HHS gave \$350 million to FLO to make critical pharmaceuticals –a step in right direction to have manufacturing of drugs here in the USA. • NAEMSP approaching the COVID-19 situation as marathon instead of sprint. Position papers are difficult to produce because info is so dynamic. NAEMSP is trying to figure out what is best, put things on the web or something else to keep info current. www.NAEMSP.org for information. <p>Dr. Andrews reported that the Attorney General of MO office informed her that the opioid drug companies will be sending subpoenas to obtain SAC minutes. This comes as a response to the state of Missouri suing the opioid drug companies. Dr. Andrews gave the Attorney General’s office permission to accept the subpoenas for SAC.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews reported the Havron Consulting Firm provided its report on the TCD system in Missouri. The executive summary contained the statement that a ‘foundational program governance structure’ is needed to provide a management system. Dr. Andrews notes that</p>	<p>Dr. Tan will keep SAC updated on the Pharmaceutical Privacy Act developments as things progress.</p>	

	<p>the trauma, stroke and STEMI programs have been active due to EMS and hospital participation. The Office of Emergency Care is suggested as the home for the SAC and the TCD program as well as other subcommittees that address multiple different EMS Components. The recommendations are not new to us. The state TCD Task Force has discussed the data, standards, regulations, tools and need for subcommittee structure and funding issues. Dr. Andrews suggests the TCD structure should be augmented and have wide representation that would include a chair, vice-chair, secretary and would include EMS, hospital, legal, fire, legislative, data, funding, DHSS, association liaisons, professional societies and educational institutions. In this process Dr. Andrews said a question to be answered is ‘should the TCD committee stand alone or be a subcommittee of SAC?’</p> <p>Also, a suggestion from the consultant (that is not new) is TCD needs to be funded. Dr. Andrews reviewed what has been suggested as funding sources including sin taxes, marijuana tax, moving violations etc. Sources may be elusive, but needs are great. It takes money to provide staff, data collection, regional assistance etc.</p> <p>A 5-10-year strategic plan needs to be developed. Strong relationships and good communications are paramount to close gaps, have a smooth transition and establish a productive work environment. Dr. Andrews noted we need to start with reviewing the Mission and Vision statements and move forward. Much of our legislative language is in the works. Dr. Andrews closed her remarks by thanking Sam Vance and Bill Koebel (filling in for Dean Linneman) for their efforts.</p> <p>Mark Alexander reported that many more signatures than were needed were submitted to get Medicaid Expansion on the ballot.</p>		
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	There was no opposition voiced when Dr. Andrews said SAC will send a letter to Governor Parson asking him to veto the bill allowing motorcyclists to ride without a helmet.	SAC will send a letter to the Governor to ask him to veto the No Helmet Law.	<i>Late entry: Letter mailed June 2, 2020. Dr. Andrews received a reply from the Governor's staff.</i>
New Business & Announcements	None.		
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020, possibly a virtual meeting. We are not sure when the state will open the buildings in Jefferson City. We will notify people as soon as the information is available.	An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 2:12 pm		

Lynthia B. Andrews DO, FACEP

Date Approved 6-23-2020

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer