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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2023

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

Virtual Only Today

Virtual Connection see agenda page 3

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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; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl

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

ATTENDEES: Gene Bradley Atchison Holt AD; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Katie Doll, Mercy Joplin; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Lori Freeman, SLC Fire; NAEMT; David Gustafson, Multiple EMS Med Director, Reg A Medical Director and Chair; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Teresa Lienhop, University Health-Truman Medical Ctr; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Sharell Questelle-Eddy, Mercy-Joplin; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Eric Reeter Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Kayla Riel, CARES MU Health; Ali Riley, SE Health; Shari Riley, Bothwell-Sedalia; Bobbie Weber; Kayla Whiteaker Sarah Willson, MHA;

DHSS Staff present: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm, Michelle Harbert, William Koebel, Natrice Romeo

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 12:32 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes April 25, 2023	<p><i>Tabled until the next meeting.</i></p> <p>Ben Chlapek, SAC appointed member, has been dealing with a broken bone the last six months—had surgery yesterday with hardware put in. Is healing now. He offered apologies for not being more involved lately.</p>	<p>Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.</p>
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Liz Kendrick, Chair	<p>Liz Kendrick sent a note saying Peds will meet next week at its usual time.</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>Theresa Lienhop said the trauma subcommittee did not meet today—will meet next week.</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 on the EMS legislation being considered this year. The session ended Friday, May 12th. PTSD bills passed, one establishes a fund. The other has it as a workers comp. Police Union in KC had leadership on these bills. DNR passed with language addressing pediatric DNR, TPOPP and some out of state DNRs.</p> <p>Nomenclature bill is on 3 pieces of legislation now on the governor’s desk—also has language that NREMT determines what accreditation is required for EMT and Paramedic initial education. EMD oversight has been shifted to DHSS. That provides a better medical oversight.</p> <p>Telecommunicators now included in the definition of first responder—that will make them eligible for LODD and other benefits provided to first responders.</p> <p>Six communities moved to public safety sales tax.</p> <p>ARPA funding passed again. \$30 million allotted but not sure yet of the rules and the cap on the grants. Local match amount not clear yet.</p> <p>Peer Review did not pass. Trial attorneys are always against this issue.</p> <p>½ to 1% sales tax increase failed this year. Three years ago the issue passed but the Governor vetoed a bill the tax increase was attached to.</p> <p>Mark reported the subcommittee met this morning. .342 Personnel Licensing .309 Licensing Ground Ambulance were on the agenda. The subcommittee will ask regional medical directors to weigh in on scope of practice wording.</p> <p>Next meeting legislative meeting not set yet.</p> <p>RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	

<p>Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck Doss said his committee met yesterday. Fast track program for paramedic candidates is back logged. Accreditation for EMT and Paramedic initial education programs was reflected in 3 bills. They all passed. Language was changed to shift to NREMT to approve accreditation. Two people from CoA, including the Executive Director will attend the September 26th SAC meeting in Jeff city. They will be answering questions and providing information about their accreditation process. Next meeting June 19th at noon. Dr. Andrews ask Chuck to attend Regional Medical Director’s meeting May 22.</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>	
<p>Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair</p>	<p>Ruby Mehrer reported the subcommittee met this morning. The May 1st dust storm on Interstate 55 was reviewed. There were 72 cars that piled up. 7 fatalities. Two incident command posts, 11 miles apart. Neither knew the other existed. Nine helicopters responded. Only one patient transported by air. Hot washes continue. Chuck Doss said Rooftop helipads egress in emergencies was also discussed. The intention is to provide information about each rooftop helipad in Missouri. MOAAMS sponsoring six \$1000 scholarships for flight personnel in Missouri. The scholarship is to pay for conference registration and hotel. The application will be distributed to all Missouri programs.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
<p>Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl reporting. Emergency Management Committee meet yesterday at 11:00 am. Preparing for presentation next month 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. Helen said she read there have been 222 mass shootings in this country since the first of the year.</p> <p>Emergency Management meets 4th Monday virtually at 11:00am. For info: helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan</p>	<p>Jason White reported for Justin—Matt Zavadsky in Ft. Worth spoke to the MIH subcommittee on Monday May 8. Matt says his MIH service does nothing for free. His MIH programs have multiple funding streams. They have lots of data to make their business model successful. Working on getting him to MO for further interaction. Dr. Andrews asked if he might be willing to speak at SAC—Jason said if have issues for him to address he likely would.</p> <p>MIH meets virtually 2nd Mondays at 11:00am. For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
<p>Behavior Health Kat Probst</p>	<p>Kat Probst unable to attend. No report.</p>	
<p>Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney</p>	<p>Dr. Carney is working in the Emergency Department today and unable to report. Next meeting scheduled for May 22, 2023 at 10am. 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>	

Project Data Dr. Andrews Bowman	<p>Dr. Andrews said she and Liz Kendrick are working on this project. Several people have indicated an interest in participating. A reminder email will be sent soon to invite anyone interested.</p> <p>Steve Bollin reported the MOU from MU was not in the format DHSS is used to so it is taking extra time to work through the agreement so MU can begin the process of analyzing MO EMS data. Steve said that the busy legislative session is over so there will be more time to focus on this project.</p>	
SAC Appointment Discussion Dr. Andrews Bowman	<p>.Dr. Andrews reported she and Steve Bollin will meet in person, in June to discuss strategies for getting SAC replacements and additions. Governors have been reluctant to appoint any Advisory Boards the past several years.</p>	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	<p>Eric Reeter said NW will meet on May 17th.</p> <p>Eric reported enrollment for initial paramedic education is less than half of what it was previous years. His Grand River program has only 5 students. In past years there have been 10 or more. The next class has only 3 students enrolled at this point. Eric also said that a Chief from KC was travelling around North Missouri and South Nebraska etc. within 5 hours of KC. He was recruiting for his organization. The Chief said the largest class he spoke to was 5 people. While a boost in salaries may help, there seems to be a lack of interest in the field right now.</p> <p>Eric also added that the hospital in Chillicothe, Hedrick Medical Center, is closing its in-house OB unit due to a lack of staffing. There will be information provided in the near future to the public as well as EMS.</p> <p>ereeter@chillicothe-city.org NW meets 3rd Wednesdays</p>	
Central John Clemens, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss said next meeting is June 1 at U in Columbia</p> <p>jcclemens@mcadems.com</p>	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	<p>Have not met recently. Will meet after EMS week.</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>Helen Sandkuhl said EC met last Friday. Discussion included changes with TCD. Next meeting is July 1st.</p> <p>Life Saver awards scheduled for Oct 13th.</p> <p>mflauter@fvfpd.com EC meets the second Fridays.</p>	
Reg A Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	<p>Discussion included balance billing issues for ground EMS.</p> <p>Also the need to be recognized as medical providers, not just transportation.</p> <p>Community Paramedics/MIH working to obtain grants to help establish a robust MIH system across Missouri.</p> <p>CoA representatives coming to SAC meeting in September 2023 to answer questions about the accreditation process for EMS initial education in MO. Everyone encouraged to travel to Jeff City to be in person Sept 26th.</p>	

	Paladin11ms@gmail.com Reg A usually meets 1 st Mondays odd months	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	Taz reported he has been extremely busy. There are several investigations being conducted now. Also working on transition to Elite 3.5. Midcycle reviews of EMS agencies licenses offered so the recovery process would be faster if a deficiency was discovered.	
Interstate Compact Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	Ray Mollars retiring as Executive Director of the Interstate Compact on July 1. Donnie Woodyard has been selected as the new Executive Director to start on July 1. Donnie has been involved with the Interstate Compact since inception. His most recent position is the "Taz—in Colorado".	
TCD Advisory Committee Steve Bollin, DHSS	Steve said TCD Committee met April 27. Elected Chair Doug Schuerer Vice Chair Dr. Moy and David Seastrom Secretary Monthly meetings planned. May do it next week, taking poll. Bylaws template provided. Steve and Dr. Andrews are working on a system/ having meeting to set up reporting to each other. Dr. Schuerer said he is depending on the Committee to work on everything. Not sure exactly what they want to do first. Wants to have liaison from and to TCD and SAC. Important for SAC And TCD work together. Dr. Andrews said she has asked Dr. Carney to attend both meetings as liaison to each. She will look for an alternate to help Dr. Carney.	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC, Liz Kendrick	No report today.	
CARES, Kayla Riel	Kayla reported on the 2022 CARES data. Power point attached to these minutes. Or the public can view the 2022 national report at https://mycares.net/sitepages/uploads/2023/2022_flipbook/index.html?page=1 Kayla reviewed several point regarding Missouri data including Missouri is #2 in AED Public use. June 7 at 10am is a virtual CARES Town Hall meeting. Contact Kayla for the link. October 7 is the CARES Gala in Columbia. Invitations will be out soon.	
911 System, Jason White	Budget funds from ARPA reauthorized GIS statewide project going on. \$21 million to push out. Struggling with requirements for match. Hope to get counties without 911 hooked to the other counties that have 911 system established. Could run all 911 calls in the state from, one system theoretically. Would keep resources at full potential. EMD moved from DPS to DHSS so now need to define and how to make things work together. The goal is to link PSAPS together so they can share resources and could help the smaller systems.	
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	Bob reported several strike teams on stand by for NFL draft but they were not needed. Reg E and Reg F have had bad weather calls lately . An EMS Representative will be on the floor at the State Emergency Operations Center when handling disasters. Bob said there is a new EMS Mutual Aid coordinator for the SE Region.	

EMS Notification Apps Dr. Jeff Siegler	No update. Sieglerj@wustl.edu	
Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us June 20, 21 Med Director Course. Reimbursement meetings for FRA and GEMT and other reimbursement sources. Amb District Board training for new and repeating AD board members. All at Lodge 4 Seasons.</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Working on grants for MIH—will benefit the state EMS agencies. Busy with EMS Conference.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler CDressler@cmh.edu Assoc will offer 6 scholarships to cover registration and hotel for MO EMS Conf & Expo. Working on emergency egress from rooftop helipads.</p> <p>ADAM--Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report.</p> <p>ENA--Helen Sandkuhl Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com Working on ways to promote Stop the Bleed in the regions. Now have about ½ million people trained. Stop the Bleed kits includes tourniquets. Kits have been placed in some buildings. Also Stop the Bleed as a requirement for High School graduation being considered,</p>	
New Business and Announcements	Dr. Andrews acknowledged a letter signed by several organizations and sent to DHSS earlier this month. The letter addressed problems perceived in the TCD hospital survey process. Dr. Andrews said SAC's focus is on the patients in our state and how best to serve them. Rural hospitals have an important part to play in the TCD system. Having quick access and appropriate initial treatment leads to better outcomes. When hospitals close down, there are many ripple effects including longer transport times for patients and less EMS coverage for citizens when ambulances from their district are traveling long distances to get patients to initial hospital care. Dr. Andrews said SAC will continue to serve as a resource and is interested not only in getting patients the care they need as rapidly as possible but also to help address problems including lack of reimbursement for EMS.	
Open Forum	No discussion	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be June 27, 2023 , at 1230. In person and virtual. 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.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:49 pm	

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Date Approved: June 27, 2023

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