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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: October 25 , 2022

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

Virtual Connection

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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, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

Board Members Absent: Wally Patrick

ATTENDEES: Megan Ashlock, Mercy SL; Sarah Brown, SSM; Dr. Erica Carney, State EMS Medical Director and KCFD; Marc Carr, Boone Hosp EMS; Patricia Casey Cardinal Glennon; Amada Clark; Mallory Clatterbuck, MU Health; Kelly Cope, SCCAD; Dr. Jeff Coughenour, MU Health; Josh Creamer, MU EMS; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Josh Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Megan Fitzgerald; Pamela Golden, SSM SL Univ Hosp; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Liz Kendrick, EMSC MU Health; Ryan Koehler, KCFD; Mike Latta, KCFD; Teresa Lienhop, TMC-KC; Scott Linz, CMH-KC; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Dr. Dustin Neel, University Health, Truman Medical Center; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield;; Donna Pond; Chip Portz, CJCFPD; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Sharell Questelle-Eddy, Mercy Hospital-Joplin; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Kayla Riel, CARES, MU Health; Alli Riley, SE Health; Shari Riley, Bothwell Hospital; Dr. John Russell, CCPASVC; Nicholas Salzman, Cardinal Glennon; Lisa Scanlan; Brian Schmelig; Dr. Josh Stilley, MU Health; Tiffany Taylor, SSM Health; Jason White MARC-KC; Virginia Wilson, UMKC EMS Educ.; Tina York, HCA Midwest

DHSS Staff present: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm, Michelle Harbert, 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	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes	<i>Mark Alexander moved to approve the Sept. 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Second by Ben Chlapek. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>Meeting Minutes provided by Trish Casey, Chair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pediatric Subcommittee of SAC October 25, 2022</p> <p>In attendance: (Zoom option only)</p> <p>Liz Kendrick, Josh Dugal, Michele Herndon, Dr. Finney, Peggy Huddleston, Dave Seastrom, Tiffany Taylor, Laura Kemerling, Dr. Andrews, Nick Salzman, Danielle Lee</p> <p>Pandemic Update</p> <p>All concurred that while COVID-19 remains active, the impact of positive cases is minimal to our hospitals. The more serious threat is the drastic increase in RSV, Enterovirus, and upcoming influenza season. Pediatric pulmonary admissions are already overwhelming MO hospitals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dave Seastrom reported MO at 90% pediatric bed capacity - Dr. Finney reported that Dr. Sectorsky's absence from the meeting was due to her presence in an incident command meeting at SLCH to prepare for the upcoming surge. - Tiffany Taylor reporting while we were discussing the issues, Glennon was holding 10 admissions in the ED. - Michele reported the pulmonary illness surge is being compounded by trauma admissions continuing to rise with a 15% increase. <p>EMSC Update with QI Committee - Liz, Dani & Nick</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMSC to report to the main SAC separately. - Annual NEDARC survey coming in January - Anticipated grant for safe transport devices for EMS agencies. The hope is to be able to bulk the money with additional funding in order to support a larger number of services. - KC also reported receiving grant funding for safe transport. KC offered to have Phyliss from their injury prevention group to present to our group as an expert on car seats and EMS transport. - Dr. Andrews mentioned there are plenty of grants in MO that we need to explore to assist in this effort. <p>2023 Ideas – All</p> <p>Medication dosing is still accepted as a focal point for 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peggy provided input on what she could provide as far as data - All agree that pediatric respiratory training should be prioritized. - Dr. Finney suggested a survey, one question being “what is your pain protocol, what do you use, what is your comfort level?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trish suggested the survey be delivered widely via social media to ensure we collect information from the paramedics actually practicing in the field and not their administrative staff speaking on their behalf. <p>Open- Very brief mention of school shooting in St. Louis that had occurred the day prior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November 18th is safety prevention day. - Laura Kemerling interested in including gun safety to improvement initiatives. <p>For info contact Trish Casey: Patricia.Casey@ssmhealth.com Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
<p>Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair</p>	<p>Dr Neel reported the trauma subcommittee had a good discussion today. They plan to set up meetings in advance including a quarterly meeting in person. Dr. Neel asked Pam to give the report of today’s meeting. Pam Jackson said discussion included Nicole Gamm giving an update on the effect of HB2355 being signed into law on August 28th. Nicole did overview of how trauma regs were affected including a 3-year licensing cycle instead of 5. Conversation regarding inclusive and exclusive trauma systems—this committee wants all hospitals to be included in trauma system—don’t want only national certification because will exclude some hospitals. Data conversation concluded trauma data is not mandated to be sent to state as long as it is sent to a national organization.</p>	

	<p>Josh Dugan gave update from pediatric subcommittee regarding the school shooting in St. Louis Oct 24th.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmcd.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
<p>Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</p>	<p>Mark Alexander said the Legislative Subcommittee met this morning and reviewed 3 regulations. The Medical Directors reg (.303) needs some clarification on BNDD and DEA wording. Data Collection (.375) needs more work. Licensing (.342) is under review. Regulation regarding EMS regional advisory committees also pending.</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 the Education Subcommittee meetings time has been changed to 3rd Mondays at noon. The Subcommittee has been working on regulation regarding EMS education. Some of the Subcommittee members will participate in a meeting with CoA to discuss concerns with the accreditation process for prehospital education. Arrangements are being made to host a webinar to introduce and explain the Fast Track funds available for potential paramedic students.</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>Chuck Doss reporting. Bird strikes continue to be troublesome but no adverse outcomes. Air Ambulance Subcommittee and MOAAMS (MO Association of Air Medical Services) are working closely together to update the website and to add information. There was discussion on how to distribute helipad updates in a timely manner to all that need them. Different options are being explored.</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: The Amtrak presentation planned for today on the wreck in Mendon MO on June 27, 2022 has been postponed until next month. Ebola outbreak in Africa. WHO and CDC have activated the emergency response system. Risk is low in US, but we should be prepared if cases increase. Transport agencies and hospitals were identified with earlier outbreak. Monkey Pox continues to be tracked in the US. Precautions for EMS same as COVID. The school shooting in St. Louis October 24th was reviewed. Helen said that the reunification of the children went very smoothly because the SL School District implemented a plan they had developed. Children were bussed to an off-site place. Parents were directed there. The FBI and other law enforcement were on site. The parent was verified before the child was released to that person. People were sent to the holding area instead of the hospitals. In all about 600-700 people were at the offsite location. All available police responded,</p>	

	<p>including off duty, arrived at the school with hand guns, shotguns etc. The shooter was taken down within 8 minutes. Helen said every one of the first responders St. Louis did great job.</p> <p>Mark Alexander commented SW is doing Ebola screens now. He also said the state plan is still active and could be reinstated. Dr. Tan said his area (East Central) has been reviewing the plan to be ready as well. Dr. John Russel said the plan is on EMResource.</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>Justin unable to attend today. Jason White said securing more funding has been the focus since the last SAC meeting.</p> <p>For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
<p>Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney</p>	<p>Dr. Carney said the RMD meeting scheduled for yesterday was cancelled due to time conflicts. She reported KC has had a huge spike in kids needing to be hospitalized. Most have respiratory illnesses, including RSV. Short staffing and other factors have contributed to the problems. When polled, KS, MO, OK and TX had only 8 pediatric beds available collectively. MHA participated in a threat assessment on this subject yesterday. Illinois reported being at 94% capacity for pediatric patients. Dr. Carney believes the coming holidays may contribute to more meeting cancellations. She said it is ok to share her contact info if someone needs help.</p> <p>Contact Dr. Carney at erica.carney@kcmo.org</p>	
<p>Regional Subcommittees Reports</p>		
<p>Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair</p>	<p>NW met October 19th. Legislative issues, SAC report and the issues with CoA were discussed. Next meeting is Nov. 16th</p> <p>ereeter@chillcothecity.org</p>	
<p>Central John Clemens, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck Doss said Central met virtually Oct 6th. Discussion included much of what has been discussed today.</p>	
<p>Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair</p>	<p>Bob Patterson reported SW has not met since the last SAC meeting. Next meeting is Nov 18th, location to be announced.</p> <p>Bob reported all Missouri teams deployed to Florida are home safely.</p>	
<p>Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair</p>	<p>Dr. Russel said SE has not met recently but they had a TCD conference last week. Attendance was good. Attendees gave high marks on the organization and speakers at the conference. Prehospital pediatric readiness is a goal of the region. FEMA is re-writing lists/plans for ground amb services. A broad range of folks, including EMS, are participating.</p>	
<p>East Central</p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl said EC has not met recently but had a very successful event for the Life Savers Awards. Several</p>	

Mark Flauter, Chair	families attended. A touching part of the event was remember a lady who died but gave live to many others through organ, skin, etc. donations. EC meets the second Fridays.	
West Central (Reg A) Dr. David Gustafson	Dr. Gustafson unable to attend. He sent a report that said his region has been discussing the data users' group. Next meeting is Nov 7.	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief	Taz reported he is working on regulations with Mark (see legislative above). Multiple service areas have staffing shortages. Some EMS agencies will start treatment with BLS and arrange mutual aid if ALS is needed. Peggy Huddleston—accepted TCD data management so her Elite duties going to Teresa Bates. Website updates are being made.	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief	Interstate Compact Rules development meeting was cancelled. Next full commission meeting is this Thursday Liz Kendricks asked if BEMS knew about how many paramedics have left the field in the last year. Taz said he did not have that info. Some interest has been expressed in having AEMT developed but not many programs using them. Dr. John Russel says Western Kentucky has an AEMT program, so they recognize some interest. Dr. Andrews mentioned Gene Bradley, Atchison Holt, has sponsored EMTs to go to paramedic school. As they are graduating, other EMS agencies are offering to buy-out contracts the EMTs had with Atchison Holt EMS. It makes it difficult for the small rural agencies to stay staffed.	
TCD Task Force Steve Bollin, DHSS	Steve Bollin reported there was no TCD Task Force meeting this month. The group will meet next month as usual. If needed they will meet in Dec as well. The last changes addressed the site surveys. TCD Advisory Committee is in process of being formed. 34 nominations have been received. The law spells out qualifiers for people to serve on the Advisory Committee. Steve said the nominations received have at least one representative in each specified role. Steve will have a committee review the nominations before things are sent to Paula Nickelson, Acting Director DHSS, to make appointments. Ruby Mehrer asked Steve if BEMS/DHSS had received the trauma regs from Dr. Coughenour. He was making sure the MO trauma regs did not conflict with the new 'trauma /grey book.' Steve said he had not received them yet. (Stroke and STEMI regs were received earlier this summer.)	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC Liz Kendrick	Liz reported this is the grant renewal season. EMS readiness standards supported. EMSC survey will be distributed in Jan.	

	<p>MO DOT awarded grant to CMH to pursue goal of safe transport of kids in ambulances. Children’s Miracle -- can help prehospital agencies being ‘kids ready.’ MO PEEK Pediatric Excellence in Emergency Care—goal to certify up to 8 hospitals per year.</p>	
CARES, Kayla Riel	<p>Liz Kendrick reporting for Kayla. CARES Gala October 7 was awesome. Raised \$7,000. Still \$3,000 short on being able to pay CARES registration fees. EMS teams and survivors were celebrated at the Gala. Those in Missouri participating in CARES include increase to 58 EMS and 99 Hospitals.</p>	
911 System, Jason White	<p>911 Board set up state wide AED program using Pulse Point to register. GEMT survey out; hope to have 30% increased participation of EMS agencies next year Jason commented that CMS wants data—ok with using some CMS money from GEMT for QI. This could be beneficial if a method to collect data and generate reports could be identified. An example is the reports from the CARES data. Dr. Carney said the EMS Regional Medical Directors are very interested in getting meaningful data. Mark Alexander said meaningful data would include hospitals, EMS and CARES.</p> <p>Jason also reviewed a grant program opening. \$30 million available, \$10 million is for EMS. DPS is overseeing the grant. They intend to open applications in early Nov, close applications in early Dec. The grant money must be spent by the end of the first quarter of 2023.</p> <p>Jason reported there may be up to two billion dollars in ARPA funds being held in Jeff City. Explore the DHSS website to see if there are funds your agency could qualify for.</p>	
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	<p>See SW Region report</p>	
Jeff Siegler on East Central Project	<p>EPIC--Excellence in Prehospital Care and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) education is projected to reduce mortality. Problems include hypoxia, hypotension and hyperventilation. Goal is to address these issues to correct prehospital actions. Over time, these efforts will improve outcomes. Discussion about mental health, social workers etc. Telehealth has been helpful.</p>	
Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us Kat reported there were 98 at Leadership Conference. Frank Foster’s memorial was held in conjunction with the conference. Ongoing Board Member training is taking place; it is required for all elected ambulance board members. MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Focus on MIH efforts, MEMSA 40 yr. anniversary in 2023. MOAAMS—Christy Dressler cdressler@cmh.edu MOAAMS webpage updates (see Air Amb report above) ADAM -- Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report.</p>	
New Business and Announcements	<p>None</p>	
Open Forum	<p>No discussion.</p>	

Next Meeting	Next meeting will be Nov 22, 2022 , 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 ruby@lifeflighteagle.org	.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:55pm.	

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Date Approved: November 22, 2022

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer