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

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: February 27, 2018

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on February 27, 2018 at 12:30 pm at the Truman Building in Jefferson City, with Dr. David Tan presiding. There was no quorum.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Chair by phone, Mark Alexander, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl. Dr. David Tan, presiding.

ABSENT: Ben Chlapek, Joan Eberhardt, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick, Sam Schneider,

GUESTS: Lauren Alberts, SSM-DPHCC: Kristi Baden, BJC -Boone Hospital; Joan Baetz, Mercy Hospital St. Louis; Jami Blackwell, Cox Health Springfield; Gene Bradley, Atchison Holt Amb Dist; Sarah Brown, SSM-St. Joseph; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care Springfield; Angie Cunningham, Children's Mercy KC; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Joshua Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Jim Fingerhut, SCCAD; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Dr. Carl Freema, St. Louis U; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash. U; Shirley Gastler, Cardinal Glennon; Jackie Gatz, MO Hosp Assoc; Dave Gibson, University MO Ambulance; Pamela Golden, SSM SL Univ Hosp; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Med Director; Julia Hudler, LRHS Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Karen Kemper, SSM-SJ St. Charles; Mike Latta, KCMO FD; Teresa Lienhop, Truman Med Center KC; Crystal Lloyd, LRH; Bud Mantle, Mercy-SL; Lana Martin, CMH-KC; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Chris McCarthy, Fenton Fire District; Rande McCrary, NEMSMA; McTeer, Rozlyn. Cox Health Care; Taz Meyer, St. Charles Co EMS; Sharon Monical, BJC-SL; Ryan Pratte, North Jefferson Co EMS; Kat Probst, Adair County Amb Dist; Patty Richey, Western MO Med Center; Keith Schaefer, Mercy Springfield; Dana Spruell, Research Medical Center; Ray Staggs, North KC Hospital; Marsha Swinker, Lake Regional Hospital; Lee Varner, Center for Patient Safety; Charlie Vielhauer, Life Net-Air Methods; Mike Wallace, Med-Trans; Carolyn Wells, Liberty Hospital; Jason White, MARCER. **By Phone:** Lori Freeman, NAEMT; Debbie Leoni, Southeast Health; Judy Luesse, Mercy Hospital; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Shannon Roland, Mercy Hospital

DHSS Staff: Terry Ellsworth BEMS Chief; William Koebel, Deputy Director Licensing

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:35 pm. Introductions were completed

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes Sept 26 and Oct 24, 2017	<i>There was no quorum to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes. They will be tabled until the next meeting. (Meeting in January was cancelled based on weather forecast)</i>	The minutes will be posted on the BEMS website following approval and signature.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
A. Pediatrics Subcommittee Angie Cunningham, Chair Patricia Casey, Vice Chair	Angie Cunningham reported the Pediatric subcommittee is considering adjusting the meeting day/time since there are so many other meetings on the morning of SAC. No decision yet. There is discussion of doing a periodic newsletter on pediatrics to have better communication with people across the state. Next meeting is April 27 th . Details will follow.		
B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	Dr. Gustafson indicated discussion included pending funding cuts of the state TCD budget and its impact on trauma. American College of Surgeons has a lag time of 12-13 mo. to get a site visit scheduled then at least that much more time to have the review/visit. There may be as many as 26 hospitals affected in Missouri if the state does not do site reviews to determine trauma center levels. A letter will be drafted to the appropriate officials to explain the need for the state to allow a 5-year transition time before withdrawing from site reviews. Trauma said will write letter to budget to say needs to be Trauma and Triage regulation was discussed. The committee is not opposed to it but not sure the regulation will make a significant difference in current practice. No meeting in March. Next meeting April 24 th .		
C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair	Mark Alexander reported that the legislative subcommittee is working to advise DHSS as EMS regulations are being reviewed. There was a meeting Feb 13 at Boone County Fire Protection District in Columbia that was attended in person and on line. About 20 people participated. Licensing regulations for ground, air and EMRA were combined and ready to forward to the state. Believe it is ready for SAC to have its first reading. Next meeting at 1:00pm on March 13 th at Boone Co after EMS Day at the Capitol		

Medical Directors regulations were reviewed. Consolidation in process, not finished. Considering medical directors class on responsibilities of EMS Medical Directors. Board certification being discussed. Also, to be included is a contingency plan if a medical director quits. If there is no medical director, the EMS agency must call for orders. May not work off protocols. Up to 120 days is allowed to get medical director replaced.

Communicable disease regulation review includes working closely with MO Hosp Assoc. Will get consistent approach, so everyone protected when exposed.

A new regulation will address patient hand-off which is recognized as a high-risk time for error. Patient hand off was removed from .375. North Central Region has good form for a patient hand-off template.

Jason White reporting:

The first efforts to establish a statewide 9-1-1 system began 20 years ago. Efforts continue. Jason said letters in support of the bill this week would support the action anticipated on the floor. In the past certain Senators have not been supportive but the report that was mandated by SB503 that passed in 2017 is finished and has provided the Senators with data that is meaningful to them. Some Senators indicating more support is possible.

EMS Compact (Replica) Bill is moving. Fire Fighters concerns are being addressed.

General EMS bill—clean up language—moving
LODD –hearing Wed
Blood Draw—MO Hosp Association has a bill that is helpful with this issue.

Triage and transport regulation not discussed.

Communicable disease regulations are being combined into

	<p>one regulation. Deemed consent is already included in language so treatment for exposed health care workers should not be delayed. EMS working closely with MHA to coordinate requirements etc.</p> <p>The regulations rewrite group will meet every 2 weeks until spring. Any interested person can attend and participate.</p>		
D. Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss has tasked the Education Subcommittee to review all regulations affecting education and to participate in the regulations rewrite efforts.</p> <p>Next meeting is noon conference call on April 18th.</p>		
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• SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)			
• E. Air Ambulance Committee • Ruby Mehrer, Chair	<p>Ruby Mehrer reported air ambulance group met briefly this morning.</p> <p>There was an incident of an Air Evac pilot being pressured by security when preparing to lift from a children's hospital rooftop helipad in SL. Info will be relayed from the children's air representative in attendance today to the hospital.</p> <p>5 helicopters responded to a scene near Rolla recently. Not all aircraft transported patients, but the scene went smoothly.</p> <p>Group was asked to attend EMS Day at the Capitol March 13.</p>		
F. Emergency Management Wally Patrick, Chair	Wally Patrick not in attendance. No report.		
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III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	<p>Art Maxwell reported: Medicare Extenders passed Nodaway Co had tent disaster destroyed during an exercise A Neurologist attended and provided 2018 guidelines stroke treatment guidelines. Next meeting is March 21 in Chillicothe.</p>		
B. Central	No report		

C. Southwest	Bob Patterson reported SW Region last met Nov 17 th . Talked about a regional protocol for destination selection. SW has developed a TCD document with levels identified. Also working on a regional score card of hospitals. SW may sponsor a TCD preconf at Expo in July in Branson. Next meeting is March 30 at Cox South		
D. Southeast	Debbie Leoni reported SE Region has had two meetings since last SAC meeting. Scheduling a TCD conf June 8 th in their area. April 13 th next meeting.		
E. East Central	Shelby Cox reported EC met April 9 th . Data gathering conversation continued. Looking at opportunities to look at data sharing. They are having some success with legal system exploring ways to participate in data collection and sharing. Clinical Save banquet will be held May 16 th . Nominations in March for the award. Sept 14 th TCD conf EC area.		
F. Region A	Dr. David Gustafson reported next meeting March 5 th at 2 pm at CJC. No meeting since last SAC.		
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors -Dr. Brian Froelke	Dr. Brian Froelke reported the regional medical directors meeting overlapped with the legislative subcommittee. Reviewed medical directors' regulation. New doctor at Univ of MO is participating.		
IV. DHSS-BEMS Report			
Terry Ellsworth BEMS Chief	Two projects <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding in place for transitioning of MO Amb reporting from NEMSIS2 to NEMSIS3. Hope to have it on line in mid-summer. 2. Hired Karen Wallace—coordinator of Moore project-overdose –will give lots of info to prehospital for treatment of Overdose patients. Project in progress. Dr. Tan asked—how will info for data points for N3 be determined. Terry Ellsworth indicated it would work hand in hand with .375 and will work with N4 to match it to the appendix for definitions—will go faster if using reference.		
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Center for Patient Safety	Lee Varner said Patient Safety Awareness Week is		

Lee Varner	<p>March 11-17th. Celebration includes tool kits on the Patient for Safety website.</p> <p>March 14 is Forum in SL on Patient Safety. Afternoon will have respiratory compromise/insufficient presentation. CEUs offered for all disciplines. Cost is only \$50</p>		
Old Business	None		
New Business	<p>Mark Alexander gave an update about TCD. \$155,000 withheld from DHSS budget will reduce state site reviews for TCD centers. Letters from MHA, AHA and other disciplines needs to be sent to the Governor. There are great concerns on how this impacts TCD system. The goal is to continue to have good patient outcomes</p> <p>Bill Koebel DHSS said the reduction of about \$150,000 is in Sections for Licensing and Standards and affects all 3 staff—trauma, stroke, STEMI. Plans are just being developed. The reduction will not be shared by other departments.</p> <p>Helen Sandkuhl asked if this was a result of previous 50 and SB 501 language?</p> <p>Bill Koebel says governor’s recommendation came after legislation enabled facilities to go to nationally recognized bodies to get TCD Level designations instead of having a state site visit/review.</p> <p>Trauma Committee’s concern is the American College of Surgeons only evaluate resources and do not designate Levels I, II, III etc.</p> <p>Bill Koebel says SAC has a recommendation, then SAC get letter drafted and sent.</p> <p>General Assembly has to have budget back for Gov signature 1st week of May. Letters should be delivered no later than April 15.</p>		

Jason White said MAA's lobbyist and MO House budget committee needs to hear support of keeping those 3 positions justified. Support needs to be expressed.

Mark Alexander said the law remains for TCD system so doesn't make TCD system go away but does question how it would be able to function.

In answer to a question, Bill Koebel said he was not sure if Joint Commission assigned Chest Pain levels?

Jamie Blackwell met with Rep. Fitzpatrick—he said probably TCD money would probably be available for another year. Jamie said it takes 3 to 5 years to get ACS visit so some designations could lapse while waiting.

It was mentioned that \$38,000 for ACS first visit is prohibitive.

Helen Sandkuhl said there are national structures for Stroke and STEMI but not for trauma designations.

Dana Spruell indicated a need to have longer window to transition

Mark Alexander said to get these thoughts into words that can clearly communicate the impact to the Governor. SAC must do a letter but also Med Directors need to as well.

Dr Tan says SAC should advise Governor of importance of TCD system—great points can be made.

Trauma, Stroke and STEMI disciplines need to get important points together to put in letter to the Governor.

Trauma letter will be drafted by Jami Blackwell and Dr. Gustafson.

Stroke Bob Patterson will get his stroke people involved.

	<p>STEMI Kristi Baden, Central Region—Boone Hosp.</p> <p>Mark says to organize regions and hospitals to write letters. We need to communicate the impact of the TCD system to the Governor.</p> <p>Dr. Tan says 2018 is 10 years of the TCD system Need many letters from public and patients.</p> <p>Lori Freeman suggested every two-week meeting if working on critical issues.</p>		
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2018 in Jefferson City.	An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.		

Date Approved _____

Dr. David Tan, Presiding for SAC Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer

Approved 4/24/18
David Tan Chair