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State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services

**MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: March 28, 2017**

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on March 28, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the Truman Building, Jefferson City MO, Room 493-494 with Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding. *A quorum was present.*

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: Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick,
Board Members Present by Phone: Joan Eberhardt, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David K. Tan

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

GUESTS: John Barclay, NTA-Bethany; Lori Beck, St. Louis Childrens Hospital, Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Noreen Felich, Research Medical Center; Dr. Brain Froelke, Wash U; Dave Gibson, Univ MO –Ambulance; Dr. David Gustafson, Medical Director multiple EMS agencies; Dr. Dee Hodges, SLCH / Wash U; Art Maxwell, NTA Ambulance; Jay McClintick, St. Luke’s Hosp-KC; Rande McCrary, MEMSA and National EMS Memorial; David Stahlman, Mercy-Jefferson; Anne Toenjes, SSM Cardinal Glennon

DHSS Staff: Terry Ellsworth, BEMS; Les Jobe, BEMS Chief; William Koebel, DHSS Health Standards and Licensure;

By Phone: Jeff Hawkins, Taney Co Amb. District; Debbie Leoni, Southeast Health;

Introductions were completed. Meeting to order at 1240

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes	<i>Wally Patrick moved to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes. Second by Mark Alexander. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on BEMS website	

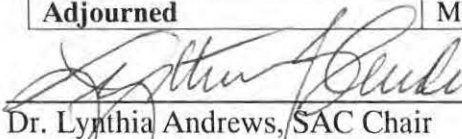
II. Subcommittee Reports			
A. Pediatrics Subcommittee Noreen Felich, Chair	<p>Noreen Felich reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey will be taken on pediatric main management. • There is discussion taking place on renewals of pediatric certification/readiness for EMS systems. More information will be available later. • Some discussion on EMSC activities. 		
B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Doug Schuerer, Chair	<p>Dr. Schuerer not present. No report.</p>		
C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair	<p>Mark Alexander reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 911 progressing • There is a need to add clarifying language defining requirements for paramedic programs that meets the federal student aid requirements. Most Missouri paramedic education programs have requirements that exceeds the 1500 hours cited in MO regulations as the minimum. Some exceed the minimum by 150%. An audit by the US Department of Education resulted in the conclusion that students in programs that exceed the minimum hours required in regulations will not qualify for financial aid. Paramedic training agencies have expressed concern about having to cut education requirements. Alternate avenues are being explored. The Legislative Committee is advocating SAC support opening up regulation .331 section I to change the wording. A second simultaneous effort would be to approach the issues legislatively. The Legislative Committee agreed the two prong approach would be best at this time. <p><i>Mark Alexander moved to support changing regulation language and support estimative efforts to correct the problem. Second by Wally Patrick. Motion passed.</i> Bill Koebel suggested write a letter to the director of DHSS and have it hand delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA has filed bills to correct TCD language. Some of concerns being addressed are the responsibilities directed to the Regional EMS Advisory Committees. It is thought those committees may not be able to accomplish requirements such as data collection and distribution of that data back to the region. Dr. Froelke said East Central EMS Reg. Committee is working on the ways to do data collection and to get funding for the project. Data sharing agreements have been drafted to 	<p>Dr. Andrews will draft a letter to Dr. Williams, DHSS Director addressing the needed regulation changes.</p>	

	<p>allow sharing of information. Some question what authority the regional committees have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA and DHSS have been reviewing doctor education requirement for the TCD system. HB 1153 addresses Board certified doctors in levels I and II –other education for levels 3 and 4. Original language said board certified physicians have to have extra training but new language will clarify that board certif. and the other education are separate requirements. Bill Koebel said discussion is continuing to clarify what is common throughout and what needs to be adjusted. 		
D. Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Doss reported a conference call was held March 7 to discuss the federal student aid issues cited above in the Legislative Committee report. Language is being drafted to adjust wording in .331 section I to put language in that will tie paramedic education requirements to accreditation requiriements. • Next meeting April 19 by conference call. 		
E. Air Ambulance Committee, Ruby Mehrer Chair	<p>Ruby Mehrer reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Air Ambulance Subcommittee met this morning. A presentation on drones was given by Chris Swisher, Boone Co Fire and KOMU. The committee continues to explore drone avoidance and safety. • Efforts continue to create a hand-off patient report form to be used for TCD patients. The subcommittee intends to distribute the form in an effort to improve patient hand-off information given by hospitals. Door to door time constraints have resulted in hurried and sometimes incomplete reports. Having a form completed may reduce omissions and misinformation. 		
F. Emergency Management Wally Patrick, Chair	<p>No meeting. There has been much discussion on the solar eclipse expected Aug 21, 2017. It is being called the eclipse of the century. The last time there was a solar eclipse of this caliber was 1776. St. Joseph MO will have a viewing period of 2 minutes 29 seconds. Hotels are sold out. 200 Israeli nationalist are expected as well as numerous religious faith representatives, scientists etc. . Diversity of people may bring threats. Planning includes law enforcement. Proactive planning in region and in the state of Missouri is taking place.</p> <p>Carbondale, Illinois has 2 minutes 41 seconds viewing period Wally indicated he needs other part of state to help. Exits south of</p>		

	St. Louis—across from Carbondale may be problematic. Wally said all vacation has been cancelled for EMS personnel to handle the potential call volume.		
Educational Offering	Dave Whalen, Disability Awareness		
	The state of Missouri has awarded Dave Whalen and Niagara University of New York a grant to bring Disability Awareness training to Missouri first responders. Train the trainer classes will be provided to 9-1-1 centers, Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS over the next two-three years. Mr. Whalen presented a summary of the planned project and provided handouts. He was accompanied by Vicky Davidson, MO Development Disabilities Council, spoke on the need for the education. The first training session will be June 21-22 in Kansas City at Police Headquarters on Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Whalen needs help with sites etc. for future training sessions. Please contact him if you are interested.	David V. Whalen Project Director First Responder Disability Awareness Training Niagara University 716-286-7355 dwhalen@niagara.edu frdat@niagara.edu frdat.niagara.edu	
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III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	Art Maxwell reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative issues and the SAC report from Feb were discussed. There training opportunities coming up in St. Louis and Columbia for disaster training. See Art for more information. Emergency response to a tornado touching down in Plattsburg this month was discussed. Next meeting is May 17th in Cameron. 		
B. Central			
C. Southwest	Mark Alexander said the March 17 th meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is in May.		
D. Southeast	Deb Leoni in attendance by phone reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SE Region members have been encouraged to use the STAR program. Question: Deb asked if CISD is needed, how is it accessed? Wally Patrick suggested local public health puts on classes. Greater St Louis has great CISM resources per Joan Eberhardt. Contacts can be 		

	<p>provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways to provide STEMI info to the cardiologist/cath lab directly and bypass ED area being explored. 		
E. East Central	<p>Dr. Froelke reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion included Life Saving Awards – nominations, evaluations, etc. • East Central Regional Plan got final approval from DHSS so it is being rolled out. 		
F. Region A	<p>Dr. Gustafson reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESO discussion about electronic health info sharing • Hosp closure or diversions are problematic in Region A. Discussion on how to alleviate the problem so the door stays open between the hospitals and EMS agencies... • Next meeting 1st Monday of May 		
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors Dr. Brian Froelke	<p>Dr. Froelke said the EMS Medical Directors met this morning and discussed the need for a united approach when multiple agencies/organizations are working together. That takes frank discussion by all so everyone is on the same page.</p>		
IV. DHSS-BEMS Report			
BEMS Report Mr. Les Jobe	<p>Mr. Jobe reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording in regulation .365 is being adjusted to bring it into line with statutory language. • .309 addresses ambulance specifications –the emergency rule went into effect Mar 26, will be published in May. • .375 electronic reporting—being reviewed again 		
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Center for Patient Safety Lee Varner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Forward booklet has been published. It includes 10 topics on safety and risk as well as culture etc. The booklet has been featured in several on line Journals. • CPS hosts EMS Safe calls every Thursday at 1pm • Held first boot camp—one day workshop –short 20 min talks on patient safety—implementation etc. People leave with actionable steps. Participants leave with booklet and electronic help. Boot camp at Expo in MO in July is planned. 		

New Business and Announcements		
Old Business		
New Business	<p>Position Papers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAEMSP has paper on protocol and direct med oversight for patients with special medical needs. Dr. Tan discussed how position papers are helpful to local medical directors. Position points help with talking points –will be included with the minutes, • Also a paper on Mass gatherings will be included. <p>Open Communication Solves Problem: Dr. Gustafson related a recent incident involving a child with a seizure disorder. The child has been seen at Mayo and had a specific plan from Mayo for EMS and the family. However the medical resources in the area did not have the information initially. The child was flown by helicopter ambulance to Kansas City before his chronic condition and treatment plan was known. The family, the local hospital, EMS and air ambulance have since all worked together to be sure a plan of action was established for this child. Dr. Gustafson said it was refreshing to see open communication can solve problems.</p>	
Informational Offering		
Next Meeting	The next meeting is April 25,2017 at 1230 pm Truman Building, Rooms 490-492, Jefferson City MO.	Agenda with meeting details will be sent prior to the next meeting.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:50 pm.	

 Date Approved 4-25-2017
Dr. Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer