**MINUTES**

**State Advisory Council on EMS (SAC)**

Tuesday, September, 2025

1230-1400

In Person: Truman Building. 301 W High St, Jefferson City, MO 65101

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**State Advisory Council Members present:** Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Ben Chlapek,Ruby Mehrer, Dr. Josh Stilley

**State Advisory Council Members absent:** Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

**DHSS Staff present:** George Miller, Chief BEMS; Abby Boehns, John Clemens, Michelle Harbert, Reagan Wiser, Elizabeth Woodward, John Wymer

**Guest Speaker:** Corey Ricketeson, Sr. VP Pulsara

**Attendees:** John Barclay, NTA & N Harrison; Nikki Caldwell; Carrie Chismarich SSM DePaul; Amanda Clark, Mercy Hosp Jefferson; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Body Eller, Wash U; Ella Farrar; Christy Fernandez; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Sarah Hales, CMH\_KC; David Hurd, BJC; Pam Jackson, St. Luke’s-KC; Michael Kennedy; Leland; Dara Long, Mercy; Chris Mattes, Mercy; Dean Meenach, SCCAD; Michael Minter; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Dr. John Russel, SE MO Amb Service; Brian Schmelig, Mercy South; Paul Schuler, MU SOM; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Julie Stilley, MUHC; Amanda Straatman; Chelsa Sedlacek Me….; Elizabeth Szpatoski, BJC; Kyle Tapps, LifeFlight Eagle; James Thompson, SLFD; Holly Vitale, SSM STEMI; Suzanne Weckman, Phelps Health; Kayla Whiteaker, BJC; Jason White, MARC -KC.

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1. Introduction
   1. SAC Attendance as above
   2. Approval of Minutes ***Motion to approve by Ruby Mehrer. Second by Ben Chlapek. Motion passed.***
2. Presentations
   1. Review of Pulsara in Kerrville Tx Floods – Corey Ricketeson SVP Pulsara
      1. At Austin Travis County previously
      2. Pulsara is universal and standing operational platform
      3. All patients get band and picture
      4. Added entities for understanding and coordination – state medical operations center, Texas rangers
      5. Took picture of driver’s license of parent that took custody of patient
      6. Reunification hotline and missing person center – would look up and try to find victim
      7. Had a separate incident for missing persons
      8. Mass fatality management
         1. Moved from sticky notes to Pulsara
         2. Used labels to be able to query quickly
         3. Details about the patient put into Pulsara
            1. Location found
            2. Swab
            3. Dental identification
            4. Detailed photos
            5. Funeral home released to
         4. Forensic pathologist to help identify human v non-human
         5. Coded as black once had known full human remains
            1. Partial body parts coded as Red
            2. So as to not over-code deceased patients
3. Old Business
   1. Missouri Scope of Practice
      1. Re-edit for 331
      2. Pending edits
      3. 342 and 303
   2. SAC Appointments
      1. ***Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman moved to appoint Dr. Josh Stilley as Chair of SAC. Second by Mark Alexander. Roll call vote unanimously in favor. Motion carried.*** Legislation revising the appointment process for SAC was signed by the governor August 28th. Each organization: prepare and send two recommendations
      2. Submit to Dr Stilley – [stilleyjd@health.missouri.edu](mailto:stilleyjd@health.missouri.edu) Include:
         1. CV
         2. Statement of interest
         3. Statement of support
      3. Deadline for nominations is the next SAC meeting, October 28th.
4. Standing Reports
   1. State of Missouri
      1. Health Information Josh Wymer
         1. Health data consortium moving forward
         2. Gen AI pilots kicking off – 10 within HSS
         3. State OA has head of AI
         4. State has restricted to current functionality but limited learning from state data
      2. State/Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney (Dr Andrews Bowman)
         1. Dr Carney returning first of next month
         2. Pulsara discussion
         3. Dr Keddy is SE region medical director now
         4. Dr Helberg present as well now
         5. Rural hospital closure risk, AR and OK also at risk with > 10 hospitals each at risk of closure
         6. To help with FIFA World Cup, will need to be member of DMAT
            1. Practice Sites: Columbia, KC (2), St Joe, Springfield, St Louis (2)
            2. First Game June 11
            3. Quarter Final Game July 11
            4. Practices to start about 2 weeks prior
            5. 45 days of fan fare
            6. All Missouri bars allowed to be open 24 hours, June 11 to July 19. May serve EtOH from 6am to 5am.
      3. DHSS Bill Koebel
      4. Bureau of EMS George Miller
         1. Two positions open – Inspector and investigator
         2. Currently one position down
         3. John to be doing inspection and interim investigator
         4. Baby Box
            1. Ofallon Fire – Baby put in on 13th of the month
            2. 8-10 active in the state
            3. Project-safe-haven-babybox.vercell.app
      5. Time Critical Diagnosis Dr Schurer (Brody)
         1. STEMI and Stroke regs in process
         2. EMS (TCD) and Trauma (EMS) subcommittee to review NAEMSP Trauma Compendium position statements
   2. Programs
      1. Mo EMS AC Mark Alexander
         1. State Medicaid increased percentage of tax on FRA, still gap from the cap, but difficulty with distribution
         2. Actions for increasing base rates must be approved by legislature
         3. 350,000 wristbands purchased in addition to 60,000 on initial contract
      2. State Data Julie Stilley
         1. Looking at her rules, MIH data and analytics
         2. Looking to harmonize state reports with state reports – standardized reporting
         3. Discussion with MHA for statewide cardiac arrest registry progression
         4. Data committee met yesterday – discovery conversation with Pulsara
         5. Pulsara data overlap with EMS HER and Hospital data
            1. Where is data missed in one application or another?
            2. What is useful
         6. Maternal health data to present next month at subcommittee
      3. EMS for Children Danielle Lee (David Hurd)
         1. Childrens Miracle Network for pediatric safe transport
      4. CARES ~~Kayla Riel~~
         1. Looking for whole state data system in near future
      5. 911 System Jason White
         1. No 911 board grants this year – current funding obligations
         2. Committee to review available EMD programs – define
         3. 160 PSAPs in Missouri – How to extend EMD to these locations
      6. EMS Mutual Aid Bob Patterson
         1. Multiple major events in regions – did not require any outside of region support
         2. World cup planning in progress
         3. Dr Russell has been providing ES Chat
         4. Moving to Tango Tango from Osage ambulance
            1. Can link to MOSWIN talk groups
         5. Joan Drake – Air coordinator in Central region retiring
      7. Pulsara Angie Cunningham
   3. Committees
      1. Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan (Jason)
         1. Paraline (Clearing house for contracting with insurance companies) – discussion in process
         2. Healthcall
         3. Currently 30 programs
      2. Pediatrics Jo Finney (David Hurd)
         1. St Louis City Fire implementing pedimates
         2. Looking at trauma position statements as applies to pediatrics
         3. Will develop quarterly committee flyer
      3. Trauma Dr. Dustin Neel / Pam Jackson
         1. ATLS updating next year
         2. Will review NAEMSP Trauma Compendium documents on collaboration with TCD EMS committee
         3. Seatbelt checks in November
      4. Legislative Mark Alexander
         1. MIH statute reread – no significant changes, voted to support
            1. SAC approved – unanimous vote
         2. Ambulance district merger process statute
            1. Rough draft reviewed at length
            2. Identifies clear plan for consolidation with several mechanisms
            3. Allows for voter transparency with faster/smoother process
      5. Education Chuck Doss
         1. No meeting
         2. 331 updates
      6. Air Ambulance Chuck Doss
         1. See MoAMS
      7. Emergency Management ~~Helen Sandkuhl~~
      8. Behavioral Health ~~Kat Probst~~
   4. Missouri EMS Regions
      1. Northwest Eric Reeter (Andrews)
         1. No meeting
      2. Central Kat Probst or Chuck Doss
         1. Meeting 2nd virtual only
         2. New members appointed, processing
      3. Southwest Bob Patterson
         1. Annual TCD conference last Friday – 50 in attendance
         2. Pulsara discussion
         3. 3 new nomination
         4. Next meeting November
      4. Southeast Dr. John Russell
         1. Met 11th. Pulsara implementation – 90% signup but 3/14 hospitals
      5. East Central Mark Flauter
      6. West Central (Reg A) Kyle Tapps
         1. Revising bylaws
         2. New regional medical director, Travis Helberg (KCFD)
   5. Associations
      1. MEMSA Jason White or Ruby Mehrer
         1. Rural Health Transformation - $50b
            1. Each state disbursed over 5 years of bucket 1
            2. Bucket – CMS disbursed
            3. Missouri likely to benefit from some funding
            4. Can EMS help backfill lost hospital capacity
            5. Ask for $20m/yr for 5 years for Missouri EMS
            6. Potential Targets

Incentivize consolidation, collaboration, coordination

Alternative destinations

Rural EMD

Satellite EMS training

Blood

CP/MIH startup and software

* + - 1. Federal funding cuts – likelihood of loss of rural hospitals due to funding cuts
    1. MAA John Barclay
       1. Met Sept 3rd – legislative priorities
       2. Discussed board and administrator training – priority
          1. Board Options – MU and MAA
       3. Board training – Oct 2nd
    2. ADAM Roy Pennington
    3. MOAAMS Kyle Tapps
       1. Treasurer
       2. Doss – communication list for comm centers for updates
          1. Email list for distribution
          2. Helipad safety and closure list
       3. Ruby – Survey from Dr Coughenour about pressure to take flights
    4. ENA Helen Sandkuhl
    5. MHA
       1. New director in place
    6. ACEP Melissa Kroll (Stilley)
       1. Support for peer review
    7. NAEMSP Tom Lewis (Stilley)

1. New Business and Open Forum

**Join the email list-serve**

<https://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/bureau-of-emergency-medical-services>

**SAC Minutes**

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/minutes.php>

**View the Calendar for all meetings**

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=missouri.ems%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

**2025 SAC Calendar**

**Date Location Special Topic**

10/28/2025 Truman Building and Virtual

11/25/2025 Virtual

No December Meeting

**2026 SAC Calendar**

**Date Location Special Topic**

1/27/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

2/24/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

3/24/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

4/28/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

5/26/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

6/23/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

7/28/2026 Virtual

9/22/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

10/27/2026 Truman Building and Virtual

11/24/2026 Virtual

**Resources and Programs**

**Program Lead Email/Website**

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MU EMS Outreach Andy Mericle [americle@health.missouri.edu](mailto:americle@health.missouri.edu)

(Opioid/Mental Health/Rural)

MU EMS Echo Christopher Sampson, MD <https://showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services/>

Missouri Pulsara <https://www.pulsara.com/missouri-resources>

**Upcoming Training/Events/Conferences**

Oct 02-03. MAA Fall Seminar. Lake Ozark. Registration Closed.

<https://www.moambulance.org/leadership-development>

Oct 2-3. Priority 1 Conference. Marriott St. Louis West.

<https://stlemsconference.com/>

October 22. ABLS Course. Mercy Springfield.

<https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/register/4256-44403>

October 23 & 24. David Miller Memorial Trauma Symposium – Springfield

<https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/DM2025>

Oct. 27–29. Steven R. Hall, MD, Trauma Symposium. Lake Ozark.

<https://conferences.saintlukeskc.org/trauma/>

November 7. Mercy Joplin Trauma Conference – Joplin

<https://www.eeds.com/live/929265>