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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: October 22, 2019

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on October 22, 2019 in the Truman Building Room 493-4942 Jefferson City, Missouri with Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding. A quorum was present.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Chair; Mark Alexander; Ben Chlapek; Ruby Mehrer; Helen Sandkuhl.

ABSENT: Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick; Sam Schneider; Dr. David Tan

ATTENDEES: Dr. Erica Carney, KCMO FD; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; John Clemens, Marion Co EMS; Josh Creamer, MU EMS; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Joshua Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Dr. Brian Froelke, East Central Reg Med. Director& Wash U;; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director, Reg A Chair; Dr. Dee Hodge SLCH / Wash U; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Dr. Melisa Kroll, Wash U; Mike Latta, KCFD; Art Maxwell, NTA Amb; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Heather Scruton, CMH-KC; Jason White, MARC, KC;
Shannon Watson, Christian EMS; Jason White, (MARC) Judi Wood, Central Jackson County FPD

Phone: Debbie Leoni, Southeast Health

DHSS Staff:

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

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes September 24, 2019	***Ben Chlapek moved to approve the September 24, 2019 minutes as written.* Helen Sandkuhl *seconded. Motion passed.***	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.	
Dr. Randall Williams Director, DHSS	Dr. Williams thanked the group for their continued work. He said we may not be where we want to be, but we are closer because of the people in the room. As things progress, we need to be as efficient as possible. If we are to establish offices and positions, it is important to be engaged. He also said we may see the role of the small hospitals changing. They may not be as feasible as they once were. Pam Jackson asked who to send emails to regarding appointment to the State Advisory Council on EMS. Dr. Williams indicated he would be the appropriate person. Randall.Williams.@health.mo.gov He cautioned that the applicant had to be vetted by the Senate. That could cause a slowdown in confirmation to SAC.	Dr. Williams invites questions at the email cited.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	Trish Casey reported Liz Kendrick is attending Disability Awareness Training today. The national EMSC site visit went well. Work needs to be done to help hospitals exhibit pediatric readiness for 2020. The pediatric subcommittee is excited to welcome Sam Vance as BEMS Chief starting Oct 28. Sam has been very involved with EMSC and other children's projects in Missouri as well as Texas. Prepared car seat educational material is too costly to obtain so EMSC will try to develop their own. A review panel is ready to review protocols and other parameters to determine the level of readiness for ambulances. Bronze, Silver and Gold levels will be awarded. Appropriate stickers will be available for the ambulances to display.	Trish will continue to update SAC on important pediatric issues.	.
B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	Dr. Gustafson reported the trauma committee is working through the regulations. Their meeting has been moved to		

	next week. Dr. Gustafson will report on the progress at the next SAC meeting.		
C. Legislative Subcommittee **Mark Alexander**	Mark Alexander reported the subcommittee met this morning. • Havron consulting company held an update meeting on Oct 10th in Jeff City. Survey results were reviewed. • Revised statute proposed wording has been drafted. Hospital input is needed before moving forward with it. • Stroke, STEMI and Trauma groups are all working on regulations language. Each group anticipate being finished by the end of the year. • Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) and Transportable Physicians Orders Patient Preference (TPOPP) language is being reviewed for possible legislative adjustment.	Mark Alexander will continue to monitor legislative issues and bring relevant issues to his committee and to SAC.	
D. Education Subcommittee **Chuck Doss, Chair**	Chuck Doss reporting. • The subcommittee met last month. The scope of practice for medics was discussed. The changes are described as minor. • Dr. Stilley will lead a discussion tomorrow, Oct 23, on a similar subject as it applies to Missouri.	Chuck Doss will continue to lead this group in discussions and report pertinent information to SAC.	

E. Air Ambulance Subcommittee
Ruby Mehrer, Chair
	Ruby Mehrer reported air ambulance met this morning before SAC.
	• Dr. Braithwaite and Jason White reported on their meeting on Oct 1 with Rep. Wiemann to explore his intentions for 2019 and also to discuss possible options. Rep. Wiemann said he does not have legislative language drafted for 2020.There were two take-aways from the meeting.
	  ○ Rep. Wiemann wanted to know how many air ambulance programs have agreements with insurance companies. His benchmark was United Health.
	  ○ Rep. Wiemann wants the air ambulance programs to draft a utilization plan that he can review in December.
	• In answer to questions it was determined that all air
		Air Ambulance will continue to meet with Regional Medical Directors in order to have a synchronized effort in updating documents as well as legislative efforts.	

	ambulance programs either have and agreement with United or are in progress of establishing one. LifeFlight Eagle has a new agreement with United as of 2019. Cox Air and Mercy Life Line are hospital based, as are Children's programs, and therefore have agreements with multiple insurance companies, including United. Air Evac and Air Methods are large companies with a national footprint. Representatives at the meeting indicated that both large companies are in talks with United now. • The air ambulance people are proposing a Nov 8th date to work on the utilization draft. The meeting will be in Columbia. Sites are being explored now. Physicians and all interested parties are invited to participate. • DJ Satterfield (Mercy Life Line) gave an update on the EMS Mutual Aid plan. He and Joe Coons (LFE) have been working on the air ambulance aspect of the plan. A tabletop exercise will be planned early next year.	Progress report on utilization draft will be given at the next SAC meeting, Nov. 26th.	
F. Emergency Management **Wally Patrick, Chair**	Wally Patrick Absent.	No Report.	
G. TCD **Helen Sandkuhl**	TCD Update Webinar is the first Thursday of each month. Contact Helen Sandkuhl for information. Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com Minutes are on the MHA website. All disciplines working on regulation re-write.	Helen Sandkuhl will continue to update the group on state-wide TCD efforts.	
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III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	Art Maxwell reporting. No meeting since last SAC meeting.	Next meeting planned for Oct 23 in Cameron	
B. Central	John Clemens reported Central Region has adopted bylaws.	Next meeting is Nov 7.	
C. Southwest	Mark Alexander reported SW met the last Friday in September. 68-70 people attended the TCD annual conference in Joplin.	Next meeting is Nov 8 in Springfield.	
D. Southeast	Debbie Leoni reported the SE Conference on TCD was held in Sikeston and had about 45 attending. A grant has been applied for to provide Stop the Bleed Training in the SE area for both hospital and EMS personnel.	Contact Debbie Leoni if questions re SE Region.	

	Josh Dugal spoke about the TCD Conference and how the information given at the conference was used shortly thereafter on a scene involving a child run over by a car. The child was transported to the 'right place, first time' and had a very good outcome.	Mr. Dugal complimented the EMS crew at the scene.	
E. East Central	Helen Sandkuhl reporting. 125 were at TCD seminar. Small committee on trauma leveling being formed to address the issue.	Contact Helen Sandkuhl for more info.	
F. Region A / West Central	Dr. Gustafson wrote a letter of support to the Director of DHSS for Biospatial, a data collection company. (See Sept 2019 minutes for more info on Biospatial). No meeting since last SAC meeting.	Next Meeting will be November 4, 2019, 2 pm, at CJC.	

G. Regional EMS Medical Directors -Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Dr. Braithwaite absent. Dr. Andrews reporting.
	• Dr. Braithwaite has been proving information on Biospatial to Dean Linneman and others at DHSS. Dr. Andrews stressed the 'free' aspect of Biospatial.
	• Kristen Jones, CARES program coordinator, attended a MARCER (MidAmerican Regional Council on Emergency Response) in Kansas City last week. She is especially interested in connecting with our rural agencies. She will be reaching out to EMS agencies in the state. She would like to gather data from all areas. Her contact info is: kristendjones@WUSTLU.edu
	• Dr. Andrews suggested we invite Kristen to do a presentation to SAC to explain her project and the importance of data collection to us.
	  ○ Jason White asked if each agency had to provide data to CARES. Mark Alexander wondered why that data could not be gathered from what the state already requires.
	  ○ It was agreed that we need more information about this project. Dr. Erica Carney is willing to give Kristen input as to what is valuable info.
		Dr. Braithwaite will continue to report committee activity at SAC meetings.
		
		Dr. Andrews will invite Kristen Jones to give a presentation that includes teaching us about the system and the need for data collection etc. SAC participants may be able to contribute helpful information to Ms. Jones as well.	

BEMS **George Miller, Interim Chief**	No BEMS representative present. Dr. Andrews reported NEMSIS 3 data can be uploaded to the state now. Sam Vance to start as the new BEMS Chief next week.	Dr. Andrews will send a letter of welcome and an invitation to attend SAC meetings to Mr. Vance.	
		Recommendation/Actions	
Center for Patient Safety **Lee Varner**	Brian Froelke, MD, representing PSO: Dr. Froelke encouraged all EMS agencies to participate with a PSO. Prehospital peer review is not protected in Missouri. Belonging to a PSO provides an opportunity to protect data by going through a PSO (PSO a federal entity which supersedes state law). Participating in Missouri's PSO, the Center for Patient Safety, provides a portal and online data reporting possibilities.	EMS agencies contact Lee Varner or Shelby Cox with CPS for details, discussion.	
Old Business	**Interstate Compact** Oklahoma and Arkansas are considering entering into the EMS Compact. Jason White says Interstate Compact activity is quiet at the moment.	Jason White will continue to update on EMS Compact.	
New Business & Announcements	**TCD** Mark Alexander continued the conversation on TCD. He said the consultants reported on the survey sent out. Many thought it had conflicting info, sometimes from question to question. The goal has been to develop a robust system with data tracking from incident to discharge. He also discussed the Office of Emergency Care and recognized it needs to be funded. Legislatively, he sees the meetings and the broader terms being pursued will 'take the hand cuffs off the system'. Dr. Andrews agreed that meetings we are having to address the issues, are a strength. Dr. Andrews provided an organizational chart that reflected an Office of Emergency Care and SAC as important parts of EMS. She encouraged everyone to look at the chart and		

	make suggestions on how to develop it more. She recognized the need to fund the different sections on the chart and suggestion we explore how we can fit into the present sections/divisions that already have money allotted to them. Attention was drawn to the back of the organizational chart. The six regions are reflected there. **Child Fatality Review Program** John Clemens suggested we invite Haylee Musso, Child Fatality Review Program to give a presentation to SAC in the future. Her info was provided to Dr. Andrews. **Rural Hospitals and EMS Agencies** Dr. Andrews recognized that small, rural hospitals and EMS agencies have difficulty staying in business. She would like us to be able to help them more. **EMS Memorial** Dr. Andrews related she had attended the Oct 19 groundbreaking ceremony for the EMS Memorial site on the MO Western Campus in St. Joseph. The general contractor will be ready to start soon. She said the setting is lovely. Dr. Andrews will invite George Wright to do a presentation to SAC about the EMS Memorial. **Tourniquets for Law Enforcement** Dr. Andrews said Buchanan County EMS, Steve Groshong, identified a need for training and equipment for the Sheriff Deputies in his area. He organized a fund raiser in order to finance training and tourniquets for his law enforcement. Dr. Andrews supports having this expanded to other regions for increase the appropriate treatment for bleeding by initial first responders. She suggested we send a note to the regions outlining what Buchanan Co did and now to replicate it. **Mobile Integrated Paramedics** Dr. Erica Carney previously approached Dr. Andrew about		

	having Mobile Integrated Paramedics Subcommittee. Dr. Andrews encouraged Dr. Carney to organize the subcommittee and begin meeting. Central Jackson County FPD has taken their Community Paramedic program out of the EMS division and put into prevention. Dr. Carney is medical director of CJCFD and KCMOFD. **Data Committee** Dr. Andrews sees a need for a data subcommittee. It would be under the State and Reg Medical Directors. Regional Chairs and Subcommittee chairs should be on the data subcommittee. PSO or others are also invited to be on it. Efforts will move forward to form a working group. **Anthrax Pilot Program** Dr. Brian Froelke said DHS with CDC has a pilot program for anthrax vaccine to be given to first responders. Volunteers are needed to participate. The program may be extended if there is good response to the program. A grant is available. It will take two weeks for the grant to turn around. He will need a letter of support and volunteers. **Overdoses** Mark Alexander said there are groups aerosolizing Fentanyl. There have been over 40 OD deaths due to heroin laced with fentanyl. There was discussion on the use / misuse of Narcan and the violent responses in some patients. Some EMS agencies would like to promote education on how to bag a person until EMS arrives instead of how to give Narcan.		
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 26, 2019 in Jefferson City at the Truman Building.	An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:50 pm.		

Date Approved 11-26-19

Dr. Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer