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

MEETING SUMMARY
CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW
MEETING DATE: Sept. 24, 2019

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on September 24, 2019 in the Truman Building Room 490-492 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, David Tan.

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

ATTENDEES: Erin Arcipowski, St. Louis Childrens Hospital; Lori Beck SLCH; Gene Bradley, Atchison-Holt AD; Dr. Sabina Braithwaite, Wash U and MO EMS State Medical Director; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; John Clemmons, Marion Co EMS; Shelby Cox, Center for Patient Safety; Josh Creamer, MU EMS; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Dr. Brian Froelke, East Central Reg Med. Director & Wash U; Shirley Gastler, SSM EMS; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director, Reg A Chair; Kristen Jones, CARES, Wash U; Dr. Melisa Kroll, Wash U; Mike Latta, KCFD; Bud Mantle, Mercy-St. Louis; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Art Maxwell, NTA Amb; Ryan Pratte, N. Jefferson Co EMS; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Debbie Stark, St. Luke's KC; Kyle Tapps, Life Flight Eagle, KC; Mike Wallace, Med-Trans; Jason White, MARC, KC; Shannon Watson, Christian EMS; Jason White, (MARC) Judi Wood, Central Jackson County FPD

Phone: Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Lori Freeman, SCCAD & NAEMT

DHSS Staff: George Miller, Interim BEMS Chief

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 June 25, 2019	Helen Sandkuhl <i>moved to approve the July 30, 2019 minutes as written. Dr. Tan seconded. Motion passed.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
Pediatrics Subcommittee Patricia Casey, Chair	<p>Trish Casey reported an EMSC meeting is being held today with some national speakers presenting. The meeting will run until about 2 pm today.</p> <p>Several Missouri peds representatives went to a national meeting recently. They found Missouri leading in some areas and not as advanced in others. They are bringing the info forward in their committee.</p> <p>National EMSC frustrated about trying to get data back to examine. Data collection and analysis continues to be challenging.</p> <p>Trish will do a detailed summary of the national meeting and of the EMSC meeting being held today.</p> <p>Liz Kendrick has an EMSC grant for equipment. Hi-Fidelity pediatric simulators are available for all in MO for training. See EMSC website for details.</p> <p>STARS model is available if anyone wants to explore it.</p>	Trish will email summary of national meeting as well as the meeting held today so all can benefit from the information.	
B. Trauma Subcommittee Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	<p>Dr. Gustafson reported the trauma committee is working through the regulations and will present their recommendations to physician organizations and others interested, including DHSS.</p> <p>Dr. Gustafson said the data collection company, Biospatial, did webinars at the July 30 SAC meeting and at the September meeting of Reg A/West Central. Biospatial has contracts with Florida, SC and AMR. They are funded by DHS and ASPR. Biospatial provides data at zero cost to states, etc. They are effective in doing trauma analysis in other states. MO DHSS would need to sign a letter of agreement with Biospatial to establish the collection of</p>		

	data in Missouri. Dr. Gustafson presented a letter to SAC as Trauma Chair and Reg A Chair asking SAC to support an agreement with Biospatial and MO DHSS	Dr. Andrews to correspond with DHSS to relay the support of Biospatial and DHSS working together for effective data collection/analysis in MO.	
C. Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander	<p>Mark Alexander reported the subcommittee met this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Greitens (before he left office) had ordered all regulations be reviewed and condensed if possible. The legislative committee met twice a month for over a year and finished the project last fall (2018). Mark said the revised regulations may be starting to move through the system at DHSS. State can now receive NEMESIS3 uploads. TCD statute has been rewritten. It changes the design of the TCD system so it will be more flexible to keep up with changes in the standards of patient care. It has not been introduced in the legislative process yet. There is a movement to ask for \$40,000 for each region to support data collection etc. In order to have sustainability, it would be requested to be a line item in the state budget. 	Mark Alexander will continue to monitor legislative issues and bring relevant issues to his committee and to SAC.	
D. Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss reporting. The meeting last week was cancelled when the speaker had an emergency. The meeting has been rescheduled for Sept. 25th at noon. Education standards and scope of practice will be discussed.</p>		
E. Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	<p>Ruby Mehrer and Christy Dressler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air ambulance met with the Regional Medical Directors July 30th and August 28th. Committees have been formed to update utilization guidelines and other documents. Today documents from a literature search were reviewed to determine what new information is coming out and to consider changes for our utilization and early activation documents. Work will continue in this 	Will continue to meet with Regional Medical Directors in order to have a synchronized effort in updating documents as well as legislative efforts.	

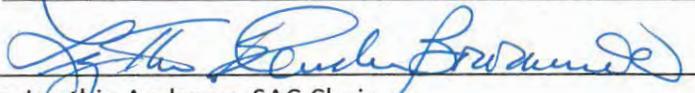
	<p>area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipated discussion with the Reg. Medical Directors did not take place due to Dr. Braithwaite diverted to the scene of an accident for possible amputation. (Person extricated successfully without amputation but arrival in Jeff City delayed). • Dr. Braithwaite and Jason White scheduling an appointment with Rep. Wiemann to explore his intentions for 2019 and also to discuss possible options. 		
Dr. Andrews Remarks on Biospatial	<p>Dr. Andrews briefly reviewed the Biospatial presentation at SAC July 30. She reiterated that the Biospatial product is free for state users. Homeland Security and ASPR pays Biospatial for reports from the scrubbed data.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews supports the data collection abilities of Biospatial and would like the opportunity to use it. At a state TCD meeting last week, Dr. Andrews and Dr. Braithwaite gave information on the product to Dean Linneman. He will spend some time reviewing Biospatial capabilities and then will make recommendations to the appropriate people at DHSS. Biospatial works through DHSS to collect data. An agreement would need to be signed by both entities.</p>	Dr. Braithwaite and Jason White to keep air ambulance and regional medical directors informed of legislative discussions.	Dr. Andrews and Dr. Braithwaite will report Dean Linneman's findings and recommendations.
F. Emergency Management Wally Patrick, Chair	Wally Patrick Absent.	No Report.	
G. TCD Helen Sandkuhl	<p>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.</p> <p>Survey is open for TCD. Over 600 surveys were sent out. Few returns yet, especially from EMS.</p> <p>Helen said some hospitals were having problems with trauma leveling. She is interested in those affected to correspond with her.</p>	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. NW met in August. Katrina Locke and Eric Reeter accepted the invitation to participate as voting members of the NW Region. Appropriate paperwork will be submitted to the state. Eric Reeter is new Fire and EMS Chief at Chillicothe. Darrell Wright has retired.	Next meeting planned for Oct 23 in Cameron	
B. Central	John Clemmons reported Central Region met last month. Will meet again next Thursday. Have subcommittee meeting one month and general meeting the other month.		
C. Southwest	Bob Patterson said SW Region will meet Friday this week. TCD education will be held first then meetings will follow. Have 80 registered from 4 states for the TCD education. SW Region members are looking at a diversion plan for SW. Bob Patterson also gave the Mutual Aid Coordinators report: Lack of ability to communicate during disasters was apparent during the tornados that hit across the state May 22 this year. The problem has been remedied and now the Mutual Aid Coordinators have radios on Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN) frequency and will be able to better communicate with each other.		
D. Southeast	Debbie Leoni or other representative not present	No Report.	
E. East Central	Helen Sandkuhl reporting. 125 were at TCD seminar. Small committee on trauma leveling being formed to address the issue.		
F. Region A / West Central	Dr. Gustafson present. Met September 10, 2019. Biospatial did a webinar presentation. After the presentation, the motion was passed to express support of Biospatial to DHSS (see Trauma meeting above.)	Next Meeting will be November 4, 2019	
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors -Dr. Sabina Braithwaite	Dr. Braithwaite reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHSS is willing to listen to Biospatial Kristen Jones is the new CARES program coordinator. She will be reaching out to EMS in the state. kristendjones@WUSTLU.edu 	Dr. Braithwaite will continue to report committee activity at SAC meetings.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Braithwaite has a list of motions passed by the Regional Medical Directors. Contact her for information. • Medical Directors meeting with Air Amb. Subgroups have been formed to work on how to support air ambulance transports without causing unintended consequences. Everyone wants the right people flown. Care needs to be taken as we develop this. A long list could be well intended but might allow insurance companies the ability to deny claims due to a variant. • A meeting with Rep Wiemann is scheduled for next week. 	Jason White and Dr. Braithwaite will send updates to the group.	
BEMS George Miller, Chief	<p>An updated system for licensure is being explored. NEMSIS 3.4 is nearly ready.</p> <p>Peggy Huddleston sending out information to set up accounts. Mr. Miller said about 40% of ambulance agencies are on NEMSIS 3.4.</p> <p>Mr. Miller will send data points to Dr. Andrews. Some errors are being reported in trial runs. Goal is to make the system easier to use.</p>	Will update as information becomes available.	
		Recommendation/Actions	
Center for Patient Safety Lee Varner	<p>Shelby Cox reporting:</p> <p>In July CPS staff went to Pinnacle and led a leadership pre con. They will be going to EMS World in October in New Orleans to do same.</p> <p>Nov 8th CPS is providing 2nd victim training to train the trainer.</p> <p>Alex Christin resigned as Exec Director and will do data management.</p> <p>CPS has contracted with GMR (Global Medical Response) and AMR to collect data as pilot program. CPS hopes to have data synopsis by Nov. on medication errors.</p>	No Report.	

Old Business	Oklahoma and Arkansas are considering entering into the EMS Compact.	Discussions continue on the national basis.	
New Business & Announcements	<p>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.</p> <p>Community Paramedics discussion. Dr. Stilley, in response to advanced practice paramedic efforts, reported NAEMSP chapter is drafting something to create a high-level paramedic. Wants to bring the group forward with a bill all can support. Idea is similar to the community paramedic education with an emphasis on chronic and on-going conditions. Education requirements would be a bachelor's degree for advanced and critical care paramedics. The proposal includes reimbursement to be able to be paid as health care professional. Licensure would be under board of healing arts. The push should be physician driven.</p> <p>Critical Care Certification would be determined by education and certification. More emphasis critical care education.</p> <p>Dr. Tan indicated there is national conversation within NAEMSP about community paramedics. Dr. Tan encouraged everyone to become a member of NAEMSP.</p> <p><i>Helen Sandkuhl moved SAC support Biospatial and encourage DHSS to move forward with an agreement with the company. Ben Chlapek seconded. The motion passed.</i></p> <p>Lori Freeman said she sat in on a committee meeting regarding Physician Assistants. She said all in attendance supported having PAs.</p>	<p>Dr. Andrews will follow up.</p> <p>Dr. Stilley will keep SAC and pertinent committees updated on his efforts.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews will correspond with DHSS to convey the support/motion for an agreement with Biospatial.</p>	
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019 in Jefferson	An agenda will be sent prior to	

	City at the Truman Building.	the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 1:43pm.		



Date Approved 10-22-19

Dr. Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair
Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer