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**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**

**State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services**

**MEETING MINUTES  
 CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW  
 TODAY'S DATE: January 26, 2016  
 MEETING DATE: November 24, 2015**

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on November 24, 2015 at 12:30pm, in Room 490-492, with Dr. Lindy Andrews presiding and a quorum was present.

**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.

**PRESENT:** Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Joan Eberhardt, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl and Dr. David Tan.

**EXCUSED:** Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick and Sam Schneider.

**GUESTS:** See sign-in sheets.

| Topic                             | Discussion/Conclusion  | Recommendation/Actions   | Follow-up  |
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| <b>I. Review of Minutes</b>       |  |  |  |
| <b>A. Approval of Minutes</b>     | A quorum was present so minutes from October, September and June were all approved.  | Minutes pending approval will be brought to the January meeting. | N/A  |
| <b>II. Subcommittee Reports</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>A. Pediatrics Subcommittee</b> | They haven't met since the last SAC meeting. They will meet again in January.  | Will discuss at the next meeting.                                | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>B. Trauma Subcommittee</b>     | They have not met in awhile. The regs are still not through and they still do not have a protocol. They are working at the state | A representative will report at the next meeting.                | A representative will update at the next meeting in                |

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|                                    | level to develop a set of talking points. They plan to work on data collection because they are unable to get data from the state and are looking at going to a private source. The trauma centers do not seem to have a good liason within the department. They just met with MHA about entering guidelines in the state registry. The American College of Surgeons will start to use TQUIP data as a benchmarker.   |   | January, 2016.   |
| <b>C. Legislative Subcommittee</b> | They met this morning. We will see the ambulance manufacture standards in 2016. They are new standards developed by the fire protection agency. The group has determined to have a regulation that authorizes both standards in state of MO since they are familiar with them. There is confusion about the current standard. This will be redone in 2016. It is believed that they can move forward with the language as it is FPA language. There are potential statutory changes that would enable paramedics with CIT training to place psych patients under hold for a short period of time while diverting to the hospital. They will recommend that the SAC supports it. They discussed the concept of regional medical directors writing protocols for the region to cover special needs patients that they transport around the region. This would cover employees but would require some legislative change. They will recommend to support that once it is up and running. There are bills leftover from last year that will be re-filed. See packet for itemized list. The 911 bill will be prefiled in December. | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>D. Education Subcommittee</b>   | They met via conference call on November 18 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. They are working on changes with BEMS and want to assist entities that train ambulance services and accreditation. They are providing training for best practices for when inspection comes your way. They want to provide hot topics at MO conferences like online education for MO. The ICE spring break is April 26-28, 2016. There is a conference on December 8-11 in San Diego.   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>E. Air Ambulance Committee</b>  | They met before SAC. They discussed the incident with the drone getting close to the helicopter. It is projected that millions will be sold on Christmas. Only commercial drones have regulations. The generally public is not aware of the dangers of them. They are continuing to track issues. They are working with the FAA to figure out how to address issues. There is a speaker coming to the MO EMS conference in July   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |

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|   | to talk about drones. Legislative issues were discussed. The proposed substance act is a national level issue that is in development. Draft regs have been created but not distributed yet. The DEA is looking to control controlled substances. This doesn't apply to air ambulance much. They would like everyone to involve themselves in this so that national legislators are aware that they have different needs. The NEMS memorial funeral team is trying to get one in MO. Air ambulance had 10/20 in state of MO that died in the line of duty. See attached for hospital helipad brochure for guidelines for hospitals. |   |  |
| <b>F. Emergency Management</b>            | Wally is in San Diego and is unable to report.   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
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| <b>III. Regional Subcommittee Reports</b> |  |   |  |
| <b>A. Northwest</b>                       | They met in Cameron last Wednesday and went over legislative items. Several people went to AL for the FEMA training educational experience. They got a letter back from the state that lists directions on what to add to the Stemi/stroke protocols. They will have a meeting on December 16 <sup>th</sup> to discuss this.   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>B. Central</b>                         | Noone present to report.   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>C. Southwest</b>                       | They did not meet this past Friday as planned. There was not a quorum present. The next meeting will be in January. They made the changes the state asked them to do and are in the process of distributing it. The region will be using their plan in 2016. The stroke one will be coming through for review.   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>D. Southeast</b>                       | They have not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is on December 4 <sup>th</sup> .  | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>E. East Central</b>                    | The TCD Conference was successful with 120-130 registrants. There were more pre-hospital and nursing than physicians. They were able to offer 8 CEUs across the board for \$20. There is still some money available. The Life saving awards and TCD is in the fall. They plan to use the money for outreach. They are also investigating using it for a conference   | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016. |

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|  | line. Regionally, they are looking at TCD diagnoses. They have been able to use for stemi and stroke.  |   |   |
| <b>A. Region A</b>                                 | They had a meeting on November 4 <sup>th</sup> . They held a panel discussion by the major hospital systems in the region. They tried to clarify transport of stroke pts when they are outside particular windows and what resources are available in the region. There were several new people there. They were disappointed in the small number of outlying services who took part in discussion. The next meeting is in January.  | A representative will report at the next meeting. | A representative will update at the next meeting in January, 2016.        |
| <b>IV. Regional Medical Directors</b>              |  |   |   |
| <b>A. State EMS Medical Director – Dr. Froelke</b> | Since the last meeting, there have been a number of national events for EMS. MO is well represented at these. A lot of issues they bring up there are being discussed across the country and we are ahead of them on a lot. ACEP meeting and DEA update: An effort to carve out EMS as a portion of the controlled substances act. There was a suggestion to have our own area of legislation. We need to continue to be advocates for EMS. CARES data discussion: Providing outcomes and input for cardiac arrest and efforts towards state wide participation. There was discussion about compact for EMS. There were reminders from states that have protocols to make sure to use historical data for protocols as well. There are state wide-challenges of speed of process for TCD rollout. Program and state is receptive. Areas there are still challenges: Participation of regional med directors. They want to see how to utilize that group to provide better input into system and see how we can leverage stakeholder responsibilities. They are working with patient safety for MO to improve patient safety. They will pilot a type of huddle to work between med directors at agencies . Plan is to come up with outcomes and best practices on regional and state level. January 14-16, 2016 in San diego is EMS conference. | Dr. Froelke will update at the next meeting.      | Dr. Froelke will update the council at the next meeting in January, 2016. |
| <b>B. EMS Bureau Report - Mr. Jobe</b>             | Last month they were relocating offices. That is totally complete. They are now in the 920 building. The EMT/paramedics department logo was outdated. They updated the licenses to reflect the new logo so it looks a little different. The memo was posted on the website.  | Mr. Jobe will update at the next meeting.         | Mr. Jobe will update the council at the next meeting in January, 2016.    |

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| <b>VI. Old Business</b>               |  |   |   |
| <b>A. CALS Supplies</b>               | There used to be people in rural health working with Michael French. Funding was acquired and equipment was purchased for the program. We were able to provide 3 courses to 3 hospitals in MO. This was all done by grant monies. It was housed in Kirksville. They would like to find out how to recover the equipment. Bill will check with Rural Health to investigate where it is. | Will discuss at next month's meeting.       | Will discuss at the meeting in January. |
| <b>B. Patient Safety</b>              | Gaps have been identified in culture of safety and EMS for years back. The SOP survey was being used. They looked for grant funding until this summer when WASHU helped to facilitate with the national registry. They developed a survey for safety and EMS. The survey is being sent to IRB for a quick turnaround. They should receive it in the next few weeks.                    | Lee Varner will report at the next meeting. | Will add to the agenda.                 |
| <b>VII. New Business</b>              |  |   |   |
| <b>A. Reunification Meeting</b>       | Lindy attended this meeting from SEMA for peds patients. They are working on how to track children and reunite them with their parents.  | N/A   | N/A                                     |
| <b>B. State Wide Disaster Drill</b>   | August 22-26, 2016 will be a state wide disaster drill and will involve the New Madrid Fault Earthquake. It will start after the earthquake and work on the transfer of patients. They are working on other ideas to identify children in cities vs. rural. There were 271 children under state care in Joplin after the tornado. Within 24-36 hours, all children were accounted for. | N/A   | N/A                                     |
| <b>C. Annals of Internal Medicine</b> | There was a paper written that discussed BLS vs. ALS. This group will need to fight this paper as it is being discussed by many.   | N/A   | N/A                                     |
| <b>D. State EMS Memorial</b>          | Ron Rector will be remembered on May 21 <sup>st</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City. There was an awards banquet where Special Recognition awards were given to people who support funeral services. Lynthia Andrews was given an award because she was not there at the event. Congrats and thank you for all you do Lindy!  | N/A   | N/A                                     |

*Introductions were completed.*

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1357 hrs.

Respectfully submitted, Kristina Williams, MHA, RHIA

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews

Chair