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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: July 25, 2017

A meeting of the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services was held on July 25, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Branson Convention Center Room Fall Creek with Dr. Lynthia Andrews presiding.

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 Chair, Joan Eberhardt (by phone), Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick (by phone), Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan
ABSENT: Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Sam Schneider

GUESTS: Tom Allen, SSM-SLUH; Dixie Blatt, Mercy-St. Louis; Karen Christenson, SSM-SLUH; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash U & E. Central Med. Director; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD, Gale Gastler, Taxpayer; Shirley Gastler, Cardinal Glennon; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director; Bud Mantle, Mercy St. Louis; John Romeo, SCCAD; Sharon Smith, Mosaic-St. Joseph; Lee Varner, CPS Organization; Jason White, MARC; Doug Woods NIEMT;

DHSS Staff: None

The meeting was called to order approximately 6:10pm. Introductions were completed.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Recommendation/Actions	Follow-up
I. Review of Minutes			
A. Approval of Minutes	***Helen Sandkuhl moved to approve May 23rd and June 27th minutes. Motion passed.***	The minutes will be posted on the BEMS website after Dr. Andrews signs them.	
II. Subcommittee Reports			
A. Pediatrics Subcommittee	Noreen Felich not in attendance. No report offered.		.

Noreen Felich, Chair			
B. Trauma Subcommittee **Dr. Doug Schuerer, Chair**	Dr. Schuerer not in attendance. No report offered.		
C. Legislative Subcommittee **Mark Alexander, Chair**	• Mark Alexander reported Governor Greitens signed SB 503 which included 911 issues, medical directors expanded role, and special medical needs of patients at home. • All the departments have been asked to go through all the regulations to make sure still valid. Some open meetings may take place. • SB 50 (TCD) bill passed. It was sponsored by MHA and allows using a national designation instead of going thru state inspection to attain a level designation. However, DHSS has indicated they will continue inspections to designate TCD levels until the regulations for the SB are in place. Letters citing concerns regarding the designation of stroke and STEMI centers have been issued from MHA to DHSS and to Governor Greitens. Helen Sandkuhl said MHA as sent email to hospitals concerning this issue. Sarah Wilson is the contact at MHA for questions. SB50 also allows more empowerment to EMS regions and the regional plans. It provides an opportunity to improve the TCD system including data collection and peer review. Hospital participation remains voluntary while EMS participation is mandatory.,		
D. Education Subcommittee **Chuck Doss, Chair**	Chuck Doss was unable to attend SAC today. He sent a report to Ruby Mehrer to relay as follows: The educational subcommittee met on July 19 via conference call. The primary discussion centered around the federal financial aid issue. We are currently circulating among the educators some proposed language for feedback. The proposed language would update the current regulations to be more in line with current educational standards and best practices. Our next conference call is scheduled for August 16th at noon.		
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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (Continued)			
E. Air Ambulance	The air ambulance subcommittee has not met since the last		

Committee **Ruby Mehrer, Chair**	SAC meeting. The air ambulance programs sponsored a preconference today the MO EMS Conf & Expo on CISM and also Rapid Access Casualty Treatment and Clearance, Response to Active Violence Incident.		
F. Emergency Management **Wally Patrick, Chair**	Wally Patrick encouraged people to be alert during the eclipse day Aug 21. There will be large concentrations of people and potentially may have issues. Swath for eclipse is a good part along I-70. Large gathers are anticipated. There are 14 states involved, Missouri is the main state to experience the full eclipse. Cell phones may be knocked out. Consider having cash on hand instead of depending on debit or credit cards. It is advised to get full tank of gas prior to the event.		
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III. Regional Subcommittee Reports			
A. Northwest	Art Maxwell reported NW Region met July 19th in Cameron. Discussion focused on preparations for the eclipse. NW Region agencies will be sending letters to Senator Hegeman to support the LODD issue.		
B. Central	No report		
C. Southwest	Bob Patterson reported SW met today. Jason White reviewed plans for the 2018 legislative season. Response to eclipse needs discussed. SW will send two strike teams to NW to help. EMS Mutual Aid will have conf call Friday to plan activities involving the eclipse. Next meeting is in September.		
D. Southeast	No report		
E. East Central	Helen Sandkuhl reported the East Central TCD conference is Sept 22 in St. Louis. The conference generates money to give back to the area.		
F. Region A	Dr. Gustafson reported Region A met July 10, 2017. • Todd and Jodi Ganovski from the Armed Forces Benefit Association presented information on the Armed Forces Benefits Association regarding a $5000 death benefit that is free to EMS and other first responders. The death benefit has no exclusions and is paid within 24 hours. Todd and Jodi are available to present info to EMS agencies. • Discussed hand-off reports. Still needs a lot of work. • Some hospitals in KC metro adopted health system exchange, ESO. There are gaps in the system and		

	information is not coming back to EMS until the pt. is dismissed. • Next meeting is Nov 6 (no Sept meeting).		
G. Regional EMS Medical Directors -Dr. Brian Froelke	• Did not meet this month. • Dr. Froelke indicated the Regional EMS Medical Directors have been empowered by SB 503 to take a more active role in their regions.		
IV. DHSS-BEMS Report			
BEMS Report **Mr. Terry Ellsworth**	Mr. Ellsworth not present, no report		
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Center for Patient Safety **Lee Varner**	• Les Varner reported CPS held a boot camp today in conjunction with Mo EMS Conf & Expo. It was well attended. Feedback was positive. Lee thanked all including Dr. Froelk, saying his presentation was very well prepared and well received. • Dr. Froelke is now the CPS medical advisor and will be working with the center on efforts for pt. safety in EMS. • Sept 19-21 Just Culture training to become a trainer will be held. Mark Alexander is teaching. Lee says Mark one of the best JC trainers in the country. Contact Lee Varner for more information.		
New Business and Announcements			
Old Business	• Chief John Romeo from SCCAD and Mark Flauter from Florissant Valley FPD spoke regarding state funding for NEMSIS 2. It is believed $30,000 is needed. A small group of people approached the East Central Region to talk about grants. No response yet. It came to light today that there is work in progress to get the hardware in place to handle NEMSIS 3. Many EMS agencies have already transitioned to NEMSIS 3. DHSS cannot receive info from NEMSIS 3 so it makes it difficult to meet the requirement of sending reports to the state. There was		

	some discussion on whether the $30,000 was a one-time fee or an annual fee. Jason White said if the state can't find $30,000, then the industry needs to step up to pay it. Mark Alexander expressed concern to Dr. Williams, DHSS Director and he was surprised. Mark still sending his data to the state so he concluded someone must be paying for Image Trend. Shirley said it used to come out of out of EMSC. Data submission can make servers go down if not provided on staggered submission days. Mark Flauter said your Medicare payments could be affected if the reporting of data not completed. Could lose up to 55% of revenue. Joan Eberhardt asked if any request for grant money has gone to Missouri Foundation for Health. Mark Alexander said they tried that a year ago and MFH took it off their plate. It is a touchy situation because of the political implications. Jason White said it is just a phone call and we should make it. • Dr Andrews asked two years ago about helping financially to get trauma regs going. The state indicated the money would have to go into the general fund which might result in it being used for other things. It was suggested donating the server if we couldn't be assured money goes to the right expense. • Dr. Froelke said we need to know if we are keeping the lights on or if we are addressing a problem that needs a solution. He said we need to look at the bigger picture and revisit charging for licenses and fees. Must have revenue to make things work. • Dr. Andrews wants to prepare bullet points for Governor Greitens to give him information. Dr. Chuck Sheppard said we need to create a top 3-4 issues. Dr. Andrews says she has stated a list. Data is one of her key issues. Dr. Andrews indicated we are off to a good start with the governor. SB 503 signed in fire station. • Dr. Andrews would like to see more MO emergency doctors do more networking. Docs identified as ones who could ignite a movement are Dr. Scott Gilmore., Dr. Froelke, Dr. Gustafson, Dr. Sheppard, and Dr. Tan. Dr. Andrews would like to have more doctors and more EMS people active in discussions and networking. She said the		

	regional medical directors need more opportunities to network as well.		
New Business	Dr. Brian Froelke spoke about strategic planning needed since the Governor signed SB 503. Physicians area empowered but getting them together is hard. Dr. Froelke wants to use this group to assist with all the needed tasks in relationship to this issue. Local medical directors etc. may identify some goals that need to be achieved. The regional medical directors may be able to help. The regs and rules of SB503 need to be developed as a joint effort of all disciplines in order to get them right. Best practices need to be implemented from the beginning. We have law but no implementation yet. Some places are needing help as asap. A time table would be beneficial. We need to engage enough people to work on different tasks as parallel groups to expedite the process. Dr. Froelke met with EMS providers and said they express wanting more timely and more detailed information from hospitals so prehospital patient care can be evaluated. Dr. Andrews said her EMS providers are given opportunities to watch cath labs and stroke procedures. The experiences increase their awareness of need to save time. 60% of EMS is working perfectly fine per Dr. Froelke which he said used to be just the opposite. Dr. Andrews encouraged contacting Chuck Doss with thoughts about the education subcommittee and training issues.		
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018 in Jefferson City. No August meeting.	An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting.	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned 7:38 pm.		

Date Approved 9-26-17

Dr. Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

Summary respectfully prepared by Ruby Mehrer