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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: February 23, 2021**

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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, Sam Schneider, Dr. David K, Tan. Helen Sandkuhl.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Chair; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Ruby Mehrer; Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. David Tan

**Board Members Absent:** Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick; Sam Schneider.

**ATTENDEES:** Lori Beck, SLCH; Gene Bradley, Atchison Hold AD; Dr. Christy Brock, Independence; Patricia Casey, Cardinal Glennon; Carrie Chismarich, SSM DePaul; Josh Creamer, MU Health; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care; Chuck Doss, Boone Co Fire; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Joshua Dugal, Cardinal Glennon; Katie Elam, WMMC; Dr. Brian Froelke, Wash U & EC Medical Director; Kevin Grimshaw, Rock Community Fire; Dr. David Gustafson, EMS Medical Director multiple EMS agencies, West Central Region; Michele Herndon, SL-CH; Pam Jackson, SLH-KC; Kristen Jones, CARES; Laura Kemerling, CMH-KC; Liz Kendrick, U of MO—EMSC; Dr. Melissa Kroll, Wash U; Tom Lewis, SCCAD; Bud Mantle, Mercy-SL;; Chris Mattes, Mercy-Spfld; Taz Meyer, SCCAD; Tom Modine, St. Luke's KC; Bob Patterson, Mercy-Spfld; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Kelly Riedel, SSM Health; Dr. Doug Schuerer, BJC & Wash U; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffrey Siegler, Wash U; Mike Wallace, Med-Trans; Jason White, MARC.

*Note: If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, please email [ruby@lifeflighteagle.org](mailto:ruby@lifeflighteagle.org) for correction.*

**DHSS Staff:** Sam Vance, BEMS Chief; Nicole Gamm; George Miller

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:34 pm.

| Topic  | Discussion/Conclusion  | Recommendation/Actions                               | Follow-up |
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| <b>I. Review of Minutes</b>                                |  |  |           |
| <b>A. Approval of Minutes</b><br>Jan 26 2020               | <i>Ben Chlapek moved to approve the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes. Mark Alexander, Second. Motion carried.</i>  | Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website. |           |
| <b>II. Subcommittee Reports</b>                            |  |  |           |
| <b>Pediatrics Subcommittee</b><br>Patricia Casey, Chair    | Pediatric Subcommittee did not meet this morning. Liz Kendrick said EMSC needs responses to a survey being sent to EMS agencies.   | Next meeting March 23.                               |           |
| <b>B. Trauma Subcommittee</b><br>Dr. Christie Brock, Chair | Met this morning.<br>Mark Sonnenmoser, Mosaic, joined the meeting.<br>David Seastrom discussed CMH Trauma.<br>The committee is reviewing/revising Level IV regs in detail.<br>Awaiting ACOS changes due out this spring.<br>Educational opportunities are being scheduled.   |  |           |
| <b>C. Legislative Subcommittee</b><br>Mark Alexander       | Mark Alexander reporting.<br>Subcommittee met this morning.<br>Three proposed regulations distributed by Sam Vance earlier this month were discussed. The wording was compared to the regulations this committee drafted when revising regulations was directed by Governor Greitens. A meeting has been scheduled from 8am to noon on March 10 to review the regs as proposed. DHSS wants feedback by March 8 <sup>th</sup> in order to incorporate comments for the March 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting. The regulations are on Medical Direction, Regional Committees and Data Collection. |  |           |

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|  | <p>The Medical Director regulation has a limit of 10 agencies being led by the same medical director. A waiver can be requested.</p> <p>The Regional Committees regulation wording is what the legislative committee submitted earlier but now also includes criteria for regional committees which may be too prescriptive.</p> <p>Data collection—requirement to have data submitted in 24 hours is controversial, hard to meet.</p> <p>MHA TCD legislation proposed. Creates TCD advisory committee. Dr. Braithwaite sent concerns about this. Dr. Andrews discussed possible TCD prehospital subcommittee if MHA doing TCD Advisory Committee. It is recognized that hospitals and EMS have unique needs that need to be addressed. The relationship between hospitals and EMS needs to be coordinated and helpful to each.</p> <p>Dr. Braithwaite does not want SAC to take position on the language in the MHA TCD language proposed.</p> <p>MHA is looking for sponsor. The process is ongoing.</p> <p>HB 1022 Establishes the offense of interference with a health care facility and the offense of interference with an ambulance service.</p> <p>Out of hospital DNR-- disagreement between DHSS interpretation of law and the intent. Period of comment is open. Palliative care doctors are engaged.</p> <p>Treatment in Place (TIP) is being discussed by several national groups. Senate bill was filed to direct base rate payment for calls. If TIP payment can be secured during</p> |  |  |
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|   | the pandemic, it will be easier to continue after. May become part of COVID bill. Info will be sent out today.   |  |  |
| <b>D. Education Subcommittee<br/>Chuck Doss, Chair</b>      | Chuck Doss reported the Education Subcommittee has been engaged in the discussion about EMTs giving vaccinations. A waiver is being considered. Next meeting is March 17 <sup>th</sup> at noon.  | For info contact Chuck Doss<br><a href="mailto:cdoss@bcfdmo.com">cdoss@bcfdmo.com</a><br>Educ. Subcommittee meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/em/s/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/em/s/</a> |  |
| <b>E. Air Ambulance Subcommittee<br/>Ruby Mehrer, Chair</b> | Ruby Mehrer reported the Air Ambulance Subcommittee met this morning. Safety issues with blowing snow discussed. Dr. Braithwaite gave an update on the air ambulance utilization document being drafted by NAEMSP. It should be finished by April. The MHA TCD proposed legislative language was discussed. Mission Control was discussed.           |  |  |
| <b>F. Emergency Management<br/>Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</b>    | None   |  |  |
| <b>G. TCD<br/>Helen Sandkuhl</b>                            | Helen Sandkuhl reviewed the MHA TCD language:<br>p. 9 MHA draft, TCD advisory committee<br>p. 12 TCD make up<br>p. 15 12 months to comply if out of compliance DHSS, survey every 3 years, not 5.<br>National designation would be recognized as state designation<br>P. 21 no additional educ requirements for doctors.<br>P. 22 190.243.1 added PA |  |  |
| <b>H. MIH Community Paramedics<br/>Dr. Melissa Kroll</b>    | Dr. Kroll reporting. Consolidating vaccination programs<br>Dr. Kroll reported there was enough vaccine to provide but very hard to get reimbursement. Sustaining volunteers for vaccination clinics has been very  | Contact Dr. Kroll at <a href="mailto:mkroll@wustl.edu">mkroll@wustl.edu</a> with questions or comments. Meetings are 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays at noon. Info and agendas at  |  |

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|   | <p>exhausting.<br/> Sites have been using Pfizer vaccines but are transitioning to Moderna.<br/> Dr. Gustafson reported Pettis County Ambulance District volunteered to work with county health officials.<br/> Dr. Kröll said the biggest challenge was the operational aspects, not access to vaccine.</p>  | <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/">https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</a> |  |
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| <b>III. Regional Subcommittee Reports</b> |   |   |  |
| <b>A. Northwest</b>                       | <p>Gene Bradley reported COVID vaccine clinics in NW. Ambulances have been sent to standby, not a requirement but a recommendation.<br/> Regulations sent by BEMS were discussed.</p>   | Meetings are 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed at 10am  |  |
| <b>B. Central</b>                         | <p>Kat Probst reported Central Region discussed proposed TCD Advisory and statute language changes. They continue to try to get feedback and more participation. Looking to have the subcommittees more active by March.<br/> Multitude vaccine clinics across the region taking place.<br/> Dr. Andrews expressed the importance of gathering data and stats regarding the clinics.<br/> Kat said CARES money is available and there is payment for event coverage available.<br/> Next meeting is in April.</p> |   |  |
| <b>C. Southwest</b>                       | <p>Bob Patterson reported Southwest met Jan 22. Education provided by Dr. Ben Lyle on Strokes.<br/> Discussed TCD language, share concerns with other regions.<br/> Vaccine clinics are over coming challenges.<br/> Med Directors focusing on transports and trauma metrics.<br/> Also looking an EM Resource manual, Looking a diversion in the state.<br/> Next meeting March 26 virtual.</p>  |   |  |

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|                                 | <p>Dr. Andrews inquired if there have been requests for State Mutual Aid. Bob reported a low level of activity in general. Nursing home event in Monett MO resulted in residents being evacuated to Cox Health Care facility recently vacated.</p> <p>Mercy was also involved in a Cassville fire evacuation. AMR and SEMA have had requests from the coasts. Cole county sending resources to East. Overall, not a lot of resources are leaving the state.</p> <p>Coordinators looking at structure, formalize with regulations to be part of the bigger picture. Want to become more formalized next meeting</p> |   |  |
| <b>D. Southeast</b>             | <p>Debbie Leoni reported SW had meeting week ago Friday. SE has concerns about TCD. Issues seem to be the same as what has been discussed today.</p> <p>ICU COVID patients: volume way down.</p> <p>Dr Russell said EMS helping with vaccines.</p> <p>Had some challenges with ice and snow.</p> <p>Next meeting April</p>   | Next meeting is in April  |  |
| <b>E. East Central</b>          | <p>Mark Flauter, Chai, reporting:</p> <p>Primary focus Feb 12 meeting was TCD. Dr. Braithwaite outlined concerns with the committee. Will look at it further before EC takes a stand on TCD.</p> <p>Three Fire Departments are assisting with vaccination clinics.</p>   | Next meeting March 13, virtual  |  |
| <b>F. Region A/West Central</b> | <p>Dr. David Gustafson reporting:</p> <p>No meeting since last SAC.</p> <p>Pettis County doing standbys for COVID vaccinations. At this point less than 20% of the Pettis County population has been vaccinated.</p> <p>Carroll County initially had problems getting the vaccine.</p> <p>Mission Control originated in Kansas. Serves as an</p>   | Next meeting is March 1. Meetings are first Mondays, every other month. |  |

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|   | <p>umbrella resource for patient transfers, arranges a bed and transport. Offered service free of charge pending negotiations with the state. Rolled out a month ago in West Central. No requests to this point from hospitals for help from Mission Control.</p> <p>Dr. Andrews asked about a Medical Director being limited to serving only 10 services in proposed regs sent by BEMS. Dr. Gustafson said he was not sure why that was added. Most contracts are renewed in Jan. None of the agencies, training centers etc. have expressed any job performance problems to him. All his agencies have wanted to renew. Many have said 'we don't care who you give up, just not us.' Dr. Gustafson said he has had no conversations with anyone but Jason, none from state or any services have expressed any problems to him. The issue will be watched closely, and input will be provided.</p> |  |  |
| <p><b>G. Regional EMS Medical Directors</b><br/><b>Dr. Sabina Braithwaite</b></p> | <p>Regional Medical Director's Committee Meeting<br/>Minutes provided by Dr. Braithwaite:<br/>Meeting Date: Feb 17, 2021 at 1000hrs<br/>Meeting Location: Zoom meeting ONLY<br/><a href="https://wustlhipaa.zoom.us/j/96145050684?pwd=bHRKbIRkdGNrOCs4aEdmZFNJb2p2Zz09">https://wustlhipaa.zoom.us/j/96145050684?pwd=bHRKbIRkdGNrOCs4aEdmZFNJb2p2Zz09</a><br/>Meeting ID: 961 4505 0684<br/>Passcode: 0526<br/>One tap mobile:<br/>+13017158592,,96145050684# US (Germantown)<br/>+13126266799,,96145050684# US (Chicago)<br/>Attendees: Matt Brandt, Lindy Bowman, Erica Carney, Brian Froelke, Sabina Braithwaite, Tom Lewis<br/>I. Old business<br/>a. TCD update:</p>   |  |  |

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|  | <p>Extensive discussion of planned legislation by MHA and what areas of focus should be from the clinical / medical director side.</p> <p>Plan for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Everyone to review the latest MHA proposed language (emailed) and share thoughts on areas of potential compromise or areas that need change</li><li>· Reach out to EMS professional organizations to look at development of a cohesive “clearinghouse” group of clinical EMS professional entities so that the current state of fractured / ad-hoc / word of mouth messaging and individuals claiming to represent the EMS position can be dealt with for a more unified advocacy voice when possible.</li><li>· Look at previous proposed language and see if there are components that could be pulled that we could advocate for inclusion in this legislation – most specifically interested in vesting more authority / latitude in the regional EMS committees as the “workhorse” of the system as well as the peer review protection and the data availability components.</li></ul> <p>b. Legislative update / regulatory discussion:</p> <p>i. Proposed regulation changes sent by Sam yesterday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Medical Direction – limit on agencies is of concern that rural fire agencies will get pushed back to non-engaged physicians rather than regions -SW region has gotten numerous small rural FDs under same protocols and are active, similarly Dr Gus in</li></ul> |  |  |
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|   | <p>NW – seems difficult to create a new structure that would immediately require waivers for a number of docs/agencies that are not problematic. There may be other areas that could use tweaking.</p> <p>1. Will circulate and ask for comments from all, collate by next week to send to SAC on behalf of the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Data</li> <li>· Regional Committees</li> </ul> <p>II. Reports: N/A</p> <p>III. Parking lot</p> <p>i. 9-22: ACTION-- Think about what reports this committee would want Sam to run to monitor specific items on a regular basis.</p> <p>ii. HEMS utilization</p> <p>IV. Adjournment</p> <p>a. Next meetings as previously posted.</p> |  |  |
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| <p><b>BEMS</b><br/><b>Sam Vance, Chief BEMS</b></p> | <p>Three proposed regs were sent out by Sam Vance. They address Medical Directors, Regional Committee and Data Collection. Informal comments due back by Mar 8<br/>A townhall will be held March 10 to review them.</p> <p>Sam said the proposed changes in the Medical Director regulation were introduced because some medical directors don't provide oversight to their services, some are stretched beyond limits to do policies, protocols, and staff competencies.</p> <p>No waiver has been issued to allow EMT-B to give COVID Shots. The request has not gone to the Governor's office yet.</p> <p>The open Inspector Position has been re-posted.</p>   |  |  |

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|   | <p>Biospatial Data elements excluded has been sent to Steve Bolin he will send out and privacy laws that are problematic for Missouri.</p> <p>Mission Control made a presentation to DHSS. Received a quote yesterday, it was forwarded to administration for evaluation.</p> <p>EMS Compact Proposed amendment for rule, data base, certain parts deleted. Details available on Compact webpage. A meeting is scheduled for April 9 to discuss. The EMS Compact has national search for Executive Director. Dan Manz has some of those duties now, but he is hired as an educator and is funded by National Registry. The Executive Director would absorb Dan's duties.</p>  |                               |  |
|   |   | <b>Recommendation/Actions</b> |  |
| <b>Center for Patient Safety<br/>Shelby Cox</b> | Shelby Cox not in attendance  |                               |  |
| <b>TCD Task Force</b>                           | TCD Task Force. Mark Alexander and Sam Vance said there was no report.  |                               |  |
| <b>Old Business</b>                             | <p>Dr. Tan said there is consideration for funding Treatment In Place (TIP) on the Federal level. NAEMESP is trying to raise the level of awareness that EMS not just a ride but is part of the health care system that needs to be compensated. No quality metrics or patient outcomes have been established yet, but the medical director must be connected for the TIP service to succeed. Medical Director is the back stop. NAEMT, AAA and other associations are monitoring. A robust QI program is paramount to success.</p> <p>Helen Sandkuhl asked how many physicians are licensed and board certified in Emergency Medicine. Also, how many charge for their services. Dr. Tan said he was not sure if that info is tracked or where to look for it. Helen</p> |                               |  |

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|   | said she was aware that SSM oversees 43 EMS services and does not charge for it. Dr. Tan indicated it was important to put quality metrics in place. |   |  |
| <b>New Business &amp; Announcements</b> | None   |   |  |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                     | Next meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for March 23, 2021.  | An agenda will be sent prior to the next meeting. |  |
| <b>Adjourned</b>                        | Meeting adjourned approximately 1:45 pm  |   |  |

*Lynthia B. Andrews DO, FACEP*

Date Approved: March 23, 2021

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*Meeting summary respectfully submitted by Ruby Mehrer*