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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

*Due to weather conditions in parts of MO, this SAC meeting was Virtual Only
SAC is very appreciative of DHSS for providing the Webex meeting platform*

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Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman presiding.

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

SAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Eric Latimer , Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl,

Board Members Absent: Dave Herman, Wally Patrick, Dr. David Tan

ATTENDEES: Megan Ashlock, Mercy SL; John Barclay, NTA Ambulance; Lori Beck, SLCH; Norrie Bradley, Cox Springfield; Sarah Brown, St. Joseph Lake, SL; Amanda Bruce; Dr. Erica Carney, KCFD and State Medical Director; Amanda Clark; John Clemens, Marion Co EMS; E Copeland; Susan Crum, Cox Air Care; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Brody Eller, BJC-SL; Ella Farrar; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Lori Freeman, SL City Fire and NAEMT; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's KC; Annette Keller, Mercy Springfield; Dr. Melissa Kroll, Wash U,; Veronica Leefers; Lynn; Chris Mattes, Mercy Life Line; Allison Miller; Kristi Mueller, SE Health; Bob Patterson, Mercy Spfld; Kat Probst, Adair Co AD; Sharell Questelle-Eddy, Mercy-Joplin; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Shari Riley, Bothwell Regional Hospital; Kim Roach; Dr. Doug Schuerer, BJC Wash U; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeffery Siegler, Wash U; Dr. Josh Stilley, MU Health; Ingrid Weaver, Mo Baptist Sullivan; Jason White, KC-MARC; Sarah Willson, MHA; Raegan Wisener;

DHSS Staff present: Taz Meyer BEMS Chief, Steve Bollin, Nicole Gamm, Michelle Harbert, George Miller, Elizabeth Woodward, Josh Wymer

Note: If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, please email ruby@lifeflighteagle.org for correction.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:31 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes November 28, 2023	<i>Ben Chlapek moved to approve the November 28, 2023 minutes. Second by Mark Alexander. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Subcommittee Reports		
Pediatrics Subcommittee Liz Kendrick, Chair	<p>Liz Kendrick reported the Peds subcommittee met today. Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz’s announcement that she needed to step down as chair by the March meeting. Other names were mentioned as a possible replacement but no one person identified. (The committee can submit names for a new chair, the Chair of SAC appoints subcommittee chairs). Dr. Finney and Tiffany Taylor were mentioned as possibilities. • The SAC and the TCD Pediatric Subcommittees are essentially the same people. They asked about the possibility of combining the two groups for the sake of convenience and fewer meetings. • EMSC will host a seminar on Peds Readiness March 5, 6, and 7th. There is no charge but you must register. A flyer has been widely distributed. • Bob Page will be presenting a class on Capnography for EMS. <p>For info contact Liz Kendrick kendrick@health.missouri.edu Pediatric Subcommittee meets same day SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair	<p>Trauma notes provided by Pam Jackson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State Advisory Council Trauma Subcommittee TEAMS Meeting Link to TEAMS Meeting January 23, 2024 10:00 AM</p> <p>I. Introductions – Welcome to Reagan Wiser. She is new at the Division of Health and Senior Services as the Administrative Assistant to Nicole Gamm.</p> <p>II. Update from the State – The TCD department is almost fully staffed. They are taking applications for a nurse reviewer. Nicole reported they are caught up with the back log of TCD surveys, and are working on the last seven outstanding reports. Nicole gave a shout out to Cardinal Glennon on a successful ACS survey. There is a new TDAC Trauma subcommittee that met last week. She said that one thing they wanted to focus on was collaboration with Level 3 centers. Nicole encouraged Level 1 & 2 centers to reach out to Level 3 centers and vice versa. She said the subcommittee is also looking at adding Level IV trauma centers to the state. Nicole discussed the possibility of pooling the smaller facilities to find out their interest in this. She asked the group for suggestions to help with the</p>	

	<p>communication and polling. Email Nicole with any suggestions.</p> <p>Nicole shared data of trauma patients that were taken by EMS to non-trauma centers with breakdown of urban and rural.</p> <p>Nicole said the issue with uploading to the state has been resolved.</p> <p>III. Pediatric Subcommittee Report – no report</p> <p>IV. Trauma Education</p> <p>a. University Health Truman Medical Center has a Trauma Seminar on January 31, 2024.</p> <p>b. Cox Air Care Conference is March 20, 2024</p> <p>V. Performance Improvement / Injury Prevention</p> <p>a. The committee requested a report from the state of patients that were double transferred.</p> <p>b. Nicole shared data they ran for the TDAC subgroup of ambulances running with lights and sirens.</p> <p>c. Pam asked the group to think about possible state-wide injury prevention initiatives.</p> <p>VI. Around the Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>Contact Pam Jackson for the list of attendees</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmed.org</p> <p>Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
<p>Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</p>	<p>Mark reported the subcommittee met this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRA money sunsets this year so there are bills to have this renewed. FRA money is to increase by \$45. • Personal Property Taxes funds 25-40% of EMS agencies. There are several bills filed to eliminate this tax, phased out over time. There are no contingency plans to replace the money in EMS budgets. Others are concerned that the school districts are also very dependent on personal property taxes. • The Wayfair Tax on line purchases would come from companies selling merchandise on the internet but have no stores. • Money for Emergency Planning is sunseting. Needs to be renewed. • Balance billing for ground EMS may involve having any EMS agency run by a government (county etc.) can either publish their rates and that is what will be paid or the EMS agency can accept 325% of Medicare rate. Not allowed to bill further with either option. So ALS in rural is now capped at approximately \$400 for Medicare patients—so the 325% rate paid would be about \$1300. <p>There is some difficulty with prior authorization being required by some insurance companies—EMS deals with a lot of emergencies and getting prior authorization is not practical nor prudent for the patient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB873 has been filed to address TCD issues. The TCD Advisory Committee vote not to support the bill. • Bill regarding MU Data and BEMS Data filed. • HB 1953 to change SAC membership appointment process has been filed. It increases the number of people on SAC and changes from the Governor to the Director of DHSS to do the appointments. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The nomination process would be changed. Mark said rules could be written to define the specific membership nominations submitted for consideration. ○ Mark Alexander moved to have SAC support HB 1953 with the additional wording ‘EMS positions would be at least ½ plus one on SAC’. Ruby Mehrer seconded. Motion passed.** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB 1340 would establish guidelines for DHSS to deal with ambulance services not performing up to standards. Requires certain education hours. ● AHA has several bills filed that would require schools to mandate Cardiac Emergency Response Plans. <p>**Late Entry: Steve Bollin asked Dr. Andrews to conduct a roll call vote on the motion above. Subsequently each SAC member cast a written vote by email. Voting yes: Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Ben Chlapek, Dave Herman, Ruby Mehrer, Wally Patrick, Helen Sandkuhl and Dr. David Tan. No response from Eric Latimer. Motion passed.</p> <p>RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair	<p>Chuck Doss reported no meeting in January. Next Feb 19. Several items will be on the agenda.</p> <p>For info contact Chuck Doss: cdoss@health.missouri.edu Educ. Subcommittee meets 3rd Mondays at noon by conf call. Agendas and call info posted on https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p>	
Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair	<p>Discussed recent crash in Oklahoma AE 122—still investigating. The pilot, nurse and medic were all killed.</p> <p>Air Amb Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair	<p>Summary below furnished by Helen Sandkuhl:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Management Committee State Advisory Council Emergency Medical Services January 23, 2024</p> <p><u>Influenza Like Illnesses</u></p> <p><u>COVID-19</u></p> <p>Missouri continues to see influenza like illnesses such as RSV, COVID-19, and Influenza. Missouri’s Community Risk for COVID-19 is Medium. Highest cases are seen in Henry, Shannon and Canden Counties. Admissions in Missouri per 100K = 13.0 Patients in hospital beds with COVID-19 = 4.0 Primary variant = JN.1</p> <p><u>RSV</u></p> <p>The Kansas City area is seeing an increase in +antigen & PCR testing. The number of + tests is also increasing on the Kansas State side. Missouri’s community risk is = Moderate Season = October – March</p>	

	<p><u>Influenza</u> Missouri over Community Risk is = Moderate Peak months- December to February Influenza A accounts for 78.5 %</p> <p><u>Mask Mandates</u> Varies throughout the State. This committee advises EMS to error on the side of the patient and provider- Use appropriate PPE around anyone with an Influenza Type Illness and since you spend a lot of time in the back of an ambulance.....take advantage when you are able to wash your hands with soap and water whenever possible. Handwashing is one of the most important ways to decrease infection.</p> <p><u>Earthquakes: Recent Missouri activity;2023: 130 (USGS Website)</u> 12/31/23 Martson, Missouri 1.8 12/23/23 Martson, Missouri 1.5 12/12/23 Howardsville, Missouri 2.1 12/12/23 Martson, Missouri 1.6 12/03/23 Martson, Missouri 1.2 12/01/23 Martson, Missouri 2.0 11/28/23 Martson, Missouri 1.3 11/24/23 Southeast Missouri 1.7 11/13/23 Southeast Missouri 2.1 11/13/23 Catron, Missouri 1.7</p> <p>Will be discussing what to do if in the back of an ambulance and a tornado is approaching. St. Louis gearing up for the Mardi Gras. Next meeting: February 26, 2024 11:00 am</p> <p>Emergency Management meets 4th Monday virtually at 11:00am. For info: helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan</p>	<p>Justin Duncan in Arizona speaking at the National Governors Office Conference so Jason White gave the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MO MIH bill has not been filed yet. Hopefully will be by next week. • HRSA gave \$30 million to its Region 7 which includes MO, NE, KS and IA. On a national level, HRSA gives out billions of dollars each year. • MIH Summit will be held with the MO EMS Conf & Expo in 2024. HRSA representatives will be attending. • Congressman Cleaver has a bill ready to file that has \$25 million for MIH. He needs a republican cosponsor. It is hoped that this bill will be filed before EMS Day on the Hill in DC. <p>MIH meets virtually 2nd Mondays at 11:00am. For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</p>	
<p>Behavior Health Kat Probst</p>	<p>Kat Probst said there was no meeting this month due to the holiday. Next meeting is in February.</p> <p>Contact info: Meets virtually the first Monday each month at 3:pm. Contact kprobst@academs.us for the link.</p>	

<p>Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regional Medical Directors Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda (red font is minutes)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: January 22nd, 2024 Zoom: https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/96761358349</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting ID: 967 6135 8349 Passcode: 052259 +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p>Committee Members in Attendance: Dr. Froelke, Dr. Brandt, Dr. Carney Others in Attendance: Dr. Lewis, Brian Maydwell, Jason White, Bob Patterson, Ruby Mehrer, Dr. Stilley, Chuck Doss, Chris Mattes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Old Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Data User Group: MOU completed, discussed next steps and pilot project b. Personnel License Regulation 30-40.342: Final Review: Hold for future discussion c. Community Paramedic/MIH Legislative Review: Finished, can remove from old business. 2. Legislative Updates: Brian Maydwell the MO Director of the 911 Board was introduced. Dr. Jeff Seigler sits on board. EMD is now under the 911 Board. Discussing draft regulations and defining EMD for varied regions. 3. Reports from Regional Medical Directors: <p>Dr. Froelke: working on sepsis alerts and prehospital abx, MIH, alternate destination discussions Dr. Brandt: NA Dr. Carney: Chiefs and potential parade discussions Dr. Lewis: hi-flow O2 discussion Dr. Stilley: Chair of the EMS SAC subcommittee, group discussing TCDs and IFTs</p> 4. Announcements: Dr. Umfleet is stepping down as RMD. Congratulations, Dr. Umfleet and thank you for your service! Chief Taz Meyer is also changing positions. Thank you for all you have done, Taz. 5. Next Meeting, 2/26/24 at 10am <p>Meetings are the 4th Monday (the day before SAC) at 10 am—Zoom. For agenda and zoom information visit: https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/</p> <p>Contact for Inquiries: State Medical Director, Dr. Erica Carney, MD FAEMS Senior Administrative Assistant, Mendy Hull Office: 816-513-6262 mendy.hull@kcmo.org</p>	<p>has</p>
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Project Data Dr. Andrews Bowman	<p>In response to a question, Steve Bollin said he would check with Brenda (BEMS legal) on the status of the MOU between MU and DHSS. Some of the data project has been slowed because a key person is out. Dr. Andrews said the Project Data group is arranging details for a meeting on Jan. 31, 2024 by zoom. The information will be out soon. The intent is to foster conversation on the kind of data that should be gathered as well as on the contracts needed.</p> <p>Contact Dr. Andrews Bowman if questions on the data project. Lynthia.Bowman@mymlc.com</p>	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	<p>Eric Reeter said NW met a week ago. Discussion included a legislative report. A representative from Synergy spoke to the group about grant possibilities available to help victims of domestic violence. John Barclay gave an update on Pulsara. NW Region is short 5 members on the committee. Efforts continue to get these slots appointed.</p> <p>ereeter@chillcothecity.org NW meets 3rd Wednesdays</p>	
Central John Clemens, Chair	<p>John Clemens not in attendance. Chuck Doss said Central met in December in Columbia. Discussion included needing a new STEMI chair for the committee. Feb 1 is next meeting.</p> <p>jcclemens@mcadems.com</p>	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	<p>Bob Patterson reported: Met Jan 19 at Cox-- had presentation forensics in EMS which was outstanding. Focus on quick implementation of Pulsara, going live by Mar 21. Need new members appointed to the Southwest Region Committee. Bob expressed his thanks to Taz Meyer for all the things he did as BEMS Chief. Next meeting Mar 22</p> <p>robert.patterson@mercy.net</p>	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	<p>Dr. Russel not in attendance. No report.</p> <p>John.russell@ccpasvc.com</p>	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	<p>Mark Flauter said EC met in Dec. Dave Lewis retired from SCCAD and moved to Florida so now ED has 2 positions open on that committee. The February meeting will focus on the trauma plan.</p> <p>mflauter@fvfpd.com EC meets the second Fridays.</p>	

Reg A (West Central) Dr. David Gustafson, Chair	No meeting in January. Next meeting is March 4 th . Paladin11ms@gmail.com Reg A usually meets 1 st Mondays odd months at 2pm	
BEMS Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	Taz said work on getting the NEMSIS 3.5 project completed continues. EMS agencies now need to engage. The majority of EMS agencies use ESO. The ESO info will move to NEMSIS 3.5 at the end of January or early February. That will be an additional 120+ agencies from that source. BEMS will also have another 20 agencies by then to add to the 40 completed at this time. BEMS is in the final stages of hiring an inspector. Taz finished his remarks by saying he was trying to wrap projects and transferring information to George Miller before Taz' departure on Jan 31. Taz said George Miller will be the Interim Bureau. He said he still had things on his list to do but would not be able to get to all of them. Taz concluded his remarks by saying it had been a pleasure to work with everyone while he was in this role. He said he will still be active in EMS in his new role.	
Interstate Compact Taz Meyer, Chief BEMS	Comments are due on proposed rules changes for the Interstate Compact. The link can be accessed on BEMS website. The BEMS interim chief (George Miller) will be the acting commissioner until new Bureau Chief for EMS is chosen.	
Steve Bollin, DHSS	Steve reported he has been working on the budget for his section. The MOU has been sent to MU for the Data project.	
TCD Advisory Committee Dr. Doug Schuerer	Dr. Schuerer reported his subcommittees are up and having monthly meetings. They continue to look at rural hospital transfers, data regulations, and Level IV trauma centers. Minutes of the meetings are on the BEMS website, the TCD page. Meeting monthly on alternate Wed or Thurs a 3pm, virtual.	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC, Liz Kendrick	No report.	
CARES, Kayla Riel	No report.	
911 System, Jason White	Jason White said Missouri still has 8 counties without a 911 center. The focus is to create MOUs so the smaller PSAPS can be linked to the larger ones and EMD calls can be transferred to the larger system. The first draft of EMD regs will be to define EMS and Education. 16% of PSAP calls and are medical in nature. EMD will require standards be met in order to participate. Lots to be done. Roadmap just being developed to help.	
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	Bob said the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) was in a state of readiness with the bad weather but they did not have an activation.	
Old Business	None.	

New Business	None	
Association Reports	<p>MAA -- Kat Probst kprobst@academs.us John Barclay is now president of MAA. MAA met first of month, got year planned out with educational events. EMS Day at the Capital March 13th. Doubletree Hotel for pre meetings on 12th.</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org MIH grants etc. have given MEMSA opportunity to explore restructuring its purpose, bylaws etc. The Board has a retreat planned April 9-10 to discuss these changes.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler CDressler@cmh.edu Kyle Tapps MOAAMS VP and Susan Crum, Treasurer were reelected to another two-year term. Couple of regions in state need air bosses with EMS Mutual Aid. Active participation in planning the EMS Conf.</p> <p>ADAM--Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net No report</p> <p>ENA--Helen Sandkuhl Helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com Last two EMSC classes for Critical Access Hospitals will be finished soon. Contact Helen if you want information.</p>	
New Business and Announcements	<p>Dr. Andrews said she is aware of the Pediatric Subcommittee’s concerns about multiple meetings for the same group of people. This is in reference to the TCD Advisory Committee having formed a pediatric subcommittee which is composed of many of the SAC’s pediatric subcommittee members. Dr. Andrews said some thought must be given to a broader approach so that efforts of SAC and TCD do not contradict each other. This is especially important in legislative efforts. She will include Steve Bollin and Dr. Schuerer in this thought process.</p> <p>Dr. Sigler EMSC Ped survey will be released to collect readiness of EMS agencies and also a gap analysis to see how they compare to other like agencies and how ready they are.</p> <p>NEMSQA can look at vendors or other technical data so we can have apples to apples across the country.</p> <p>Dr. Siegler provided the website below.</p> <p>https://emscimprovement.center/domains/prehospital-care/prehospital-pediatric-readiness/</p>	
Open Forum	<p>Welcome to George Miller. George said he is looking forward to working will all the committees, esp. legislative. Nicole Gamm announced a nurse position open for TCD.</p> <p>The planned presentation for today: Jay Turner, Director of Sunshine Law Compliance, Missouri Attorney General’s Office, has been rescheduled for February. The weather in parts of MO caused today’s meeting to convert to Virtual Only. Mr. Turner prefers to present in person.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting will be Feb 27, 2024 at 12:30pm. An agenda with the meeting info will be sent prior. Subcommittee chairs should send room requests for in person meetings to Ruby Mehrer ruby@lifeflighteagle.org</p>	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 2:33 PM	

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

Minutes approved 2-27-2024