



MINUTES
State Advisory Council on EMS (SAC)
Tuesday, July 22, 2025
1230-1400

In Person: None – Virtual Only

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State Advisory Council Members present: Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ruby Mehrer, Dr. Josh Stilley (pending appt), Ben Chlapek

State Advisory Council Members absent: Mark Alexander, Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick, David Tan, Helen Sandkuhl

DHSS Staff present: John Clemens, Josh Wymer, William Koebel, Michelle Harbert, Elizabeth Woodward

Attendees: Chris Bogguss, Macon EMS; Sarah Brown, St. Joseph Lake SL; Dr. Erica Carney, KCFD & State EMS Medical Director; Carla; Carrie Chismarich SSM DePaul; Nikki Church, Lake Regional Hosp; Angie Cunningham, Pulsara; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Body Eller, Wash U; Elizabeth; Ella Farrar; Dr. Joseph Finney, Wash U; Frank Flaspohler, EMS Attorney; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Ethan Foster, Dixon AD; Megan Fox; Dr. Carl Freeman; Megan Hall, Pettis Co AD; Mark Hegel; David Hurd, BJC; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's-KC; Edward Kehter; Ron Kiplinger; Chris Mattes, Mercy; Taz Meyer, Meramec EMS; Marshall Miller, Marion Co EMS; Monte Olson; Maura Patel, AHA; Bob Patterson, Mercy Springfield; Brad Perry, SSM; Bill Peterson, ACAD; Heather Pratt, Mercy; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Dr. John Russel, SE MO Amb Service; Heather Scruton, CMH-KC; David Seastrom, CMH-KC; Dr. Jeff Siegler, Wash U; Sharon Smith, Mosaic-St. Joseph; Dr. Julie Stilley, MUHC; Amanda Straatman; Elizabeth Szpatoski, BJC; Tiffany Taylor, Glennon Trauma; Kayla Whiteaker, BJC; Jason White, MARC -KC.

1. Introduction
 - a. SAC Attendance
 - b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Do not have quorum
2. Presentations
 - a. None

3. Old Business
 - a. Missouri Scope of Practice
4. Standing Reports
 - a. State of Missouri
 - i. Health Information Josh Wymer
 1. No Update
 - ii. State/Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney
 1. Meeting at MEMSA next week
 2. World Cup
 - a. Seeking physician assistance for medical support facilities
 - i. DMAT will be mechanism
 - b. FIFA has named medical officer
 - i. may need legislation for licensure of outside physicians
 - ii. No allowance for international licensure in MO
 - c. Potential hospital sponsorships for funding
 - d. Will likely require strike teams
 - iii. DHSS Bill Koebel
 1. TCD Optimization Working Group
 - a. Continuing to solicit feedback –
 2. Rule Amendment – sos.mo.gov → Administrative rules → Code of state regulations -> style guide for rule writers
 3. See also Rule Copies to Amend
 - a. Can directly copy rules to create working documents
 - b. EMS Title 19 – division 30 – chapter 40 (for EMS)
 4. 331 in process
 5. Please provide proposed rule amendments for 303, 309, 342 and 375 to George Miller
 6. Recommendations for SAC Appointment from Groups/Associations
 7. Dr Russel
 - a. Scope of practice – concern for discrepancy
 - b. RSMO 190.900 see definitions of EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic and requirement to license with direct reference to National Education Standards and National Scope of Practice. Also requires state to use National Registry for initial licensure and NREMT tests to current National Scope of Practice.
 - iv. Bureau of EMS George Miller
 1. No update
 - v. Time Critical Diagnosis Dr Schurer (Brody)
 1. STEMI regulation update/revision in process
 2. STROKE next
 3. Request from Dr Andrews to make sure minutes/regulation drafts are shared with SAC

b. Programs

- i. Mo EMS AC Mark Alexander
- ii. State Data Julie Stilley
 - 1. Looking at TCD and analytic functions
 - 2. Notify Julie if you would like to be on the invite list
 - a. stilleyj@health.missouri.edu
 - 3. Dataset consistency – Facilities
 - a. Require use of official name/code within software
- iii. EMS for Children Danielle Lee
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Funding for EMS-C at risk. Consider contacting your legislator.
 - 3. NAEMSP has template
 - 4. NAEMT submission portal
 - a. <https://naemt.org/advocacy/online-legislative-service#/>
- iv. CARES Kayla Riel
 - 1. Hosting mock-code at Mo State Fair (8th and 9th)
 - 2. Bystander CPR outreach as well
- v. 911 System Jason White
 - 1. Currently implementing ARPA and stabilizing funding, likely to extend into next year
 - 2. EMD – questions for understanding
- vi. EMS Mutual Aid Bob Patterson
 - 1. No recent activations
 - 2. Meeting Thursday
- vii. Pulsara Angie Cunningham
 - 1. Enrollment – Increasing
 - 2. Working with data subcommittee for data integration and information
 - 3. Special events/drills/fair
 - a. Several upcoming events utilizing Pulsara
 - i. Chief's training camp, Cardinals games, Fari
 - b. Reach out if needing any assistance or support
 - 4. MCI bootcamp at conference
 - 5. Review of implementation in Texas Hill Country flooding
 - a. 144 individual response organizations
 - b. 99% compliance of banning/scanning
 - c. 872 identifications in first hours of event
 - d. Total now 1230 patients – deceased or living

c. Committees

- i. Mobile Integrated Healthcare ~~Justin Duncan~~ (Jason)
 - 1. Health call implementation
- ii. Pediatrics Jo Finney
 - 1. Increased summer trauma pediatric volume
 - 2. Ask the expert – July 30th – Pediatric Seizures
 - 3. Pedi-read course in October

4. Pedimate funding through Children's Miracle Network
 5. EMS-C Budget at risk
 - a. Jason – discussion of aspiration v functional budgets
 6. Position statement – EMS related reporting – recognition of child abuse
- iii. Trauma Dr. Dustin Neel / Pam Jackson
 1. Trauma met this morning – updates on position changes
 2. Want to look at transfers within the state
 3. Statewide seatbelt check in November – further info TBD
 - iv. Legislative Mark Alexander - Not on meeting
 - v. Education Chuck Doss – No Updates
 - vi. Air Ambulance Ruby Mehrer
 1. Landing pad information sharing mechanism
 - vii. Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl – No updated
 - viii. Behavioral Health Kat Probst – No updates
- d. Missouri EMS Regions
- i. Northwest Eric Reeter
 1. No updates
 - ii. Central Kat Probst or Chuck Doss
 1. No updates
 - iii. Southwest Bob Patterson
 1. 3 nominations submitted for appointment
 2. Pulsara triage tags distributed
 - iv. Southeast Dr. John Russell
 1. Summer break
 2. Strong pulsara implementation with EMS, struggle with hospitals
 - a. Health Care Coalitions engaged - Angie
 - v. East Central Mark Flauter
 1. 2 recent resignations, packets submitted for filling
 - vi. West Central (Reg A) Kyle Tapps
 1. No meeting
- e. Associations
- i. With updated SAC legislation, associations should begin considering their recommendations for SAC.
 - ii. MEMSA Jason White or Ruby Mehrer
 1. Annual expo next week
 - a. Wednesday – awards ceremony
 2. Community paramedic structure
 3. Potential – central clearing house
 4. CERP – Cardiac Emergency Response Plan for Schools (Maura Patel)
 - a. New requirement
 - b. Must have plan in place,
 - c. designated cardiac emergency response team
 - d. Appropriate number of AED on site

- e. \$2m grant fund – title 1 schools for AED and training
 - f. Will submit to 911 AED registry (pulsepoint)
 - g. All PSAPS can access pulsepoint AED locations
- iii. MAA John Barclay
 - 1. Did not meet in July
 - 2. Continuing to develop Board Training CEUs and Chief Training – plan to provide by fall
 - 3. Frank Flaspohler – regulations in process that will mimic statute
 - a. SAC, MAA, maybe other group to approve training
- iv. ADAM Roy Pennington
- v. MOAAMS Kyle Tapps (Chris) – No meeting
 - 1. Discussion on communication when occupying helipads
- vi. ENA Helen Sandkuhl
- vii. MHA
- viii. ACEP Melissa Kroll
- ix. NAEMSP Tom Lewis
 - 1. Tom is new NAEMSP State Chapter Representative

5. New Business and Open Forum

- a. Board and Administrator Training – Frank Flaspohler
- b. No August Meeting

Join the email list-serve

<https://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/bureau-of-emergency-medical-services>

SAC Minutes

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/ems/minutes.php>

View the Calendar for all meetings

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=missouri.ems%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

2025 SAC Calendar

Date	Location	Special Topic
9/23/2025	Truman Building and Virtual	
10/28/2025	Truman Building and Virtual	
11/25/2025	Virtual	

2026 SAC Calendar

Date	Location	Special Topic
1/27/2026	Truman Building and Virtual	
2/24/2026	Truman Building and Virtual	
3/24/2026	Truman Building and Virtual	
4/28/2026	Truman Building and Virtual	

5/26/2026	Truman Building and Virtual
6/23/2026	Truman Building and Virtual
7/28/2026	Virtual
9/22/2026	Truman Building and Virtual
10/27/2026	Truman Building and Virtual
11/24/2026	Virtual

Resources and Programs

Program	Lead	Email/Website
EMS-C	Dani Lee	https://moemsc.org/
CARES	TBD	cares@health.missouri.edu
MU EMS Outreach	Andy Mericle (Opioid/Mental Health/Rural)	americle@health.missouri.edu
MU EMS Echo	Christopher Sampson, MD	https://showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services/
Missouri Pulsara		https://www.pulsara.com/missouri-resources

Upcoming Training/Events/Conferences

July 29-31. Missouri EMS Conference & Expo. Kansas City.

<https://www.moemscconference.org/>

Oct 02-03. MAA Fall Seminar. Lake Ozark. Registration Closed.

Oct. 27–29. Steven R. Hall, MD, Trauma Symposium. Lake Ozark.

<https://conferences.saintlukeskc.org/trauma/>

October 23 & 24. David Miller Memorial Trauma Symposium – Springfield

November 7. Mercy Joplin Trauma Conference – Joplin

<https://www.eeds.com/live/929265>

EMS-C Funding Support Letter/Email template

Dear [[Recipient's Title and Name]]:

I am a constituent and an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professional reaching out to request your support for the inclusion of the \$24 million in funding for the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. As you know, it was just reauthorized last year (H.R. 6960, S. 3765; the EMSC Program Reauthorization Act of 2024) with bipartisan, bicameral support.

As the only federal program dedicated to improving emergency care for children, your support for this program is vital to the 15,000 EMS agencies and over 5,000 emergency departments (EDs) nationwide that care for the 35 million children they treat each year. Why? Because most emergency systems are built around adult needs since, thankfully, pediatric health emergencies are not as common. The unintended consequence, however, is that many Emergency Departments and EMS agencies, especially in rural or underprivileged areas with limited resources, lack the components necessary for high-quality pediatric emergency care. In emergencies, children have unique needs. They are not "tiny adults." They require special equipment, medications, protocols, and skills. Faced with limited resources, many Emergency Departments and EMS agencies, especially in rural or historically underprivileged areas, lack the components necessary for high-quality pediatric emergency care.

Since its start in 1984, the EMSC program has made landmark improvements to the emergency care delivered to children all across the nation. For example, in 2021, a national assessment by the American Academy of Pediatrics/American College of Emergency Physicians found that Emergency Departments' pediatric capabilities had a median score of 70/100, up 15% from the first time the survey was run in 2003. EMSC's efforts contributed substantially to this improvement. New research published in JAMA late last year shows that scoring a minimum of 88 on this pediatric readiness survey is associated with as much as 76% lower mortality for ill children, and 60% lower mortality for injured children, which translates into 2,100 American children's lives that could be saved in one year with high pediatric readiness at all EDs. Stated another way, over 2000 families wouldn't have to lose a child. Also, since 2017 EMSC has helped EMS agencies deploy 15% more pediatric emergency care coordinators, who are pivotal to increasing readiness.

Other key facts include:

- EMSC provides 60+ grants to improve pediatric emergency care, the bulk of which directly support states, including «State».
- These grant dollars fund a vast range of research, data collection, education, quality improvement, and more.
- Pediatric readiness is cost-effective for hospitals, at \$4-48 per patient.
- Following in the footsteps of the project for Emergency Departments, EMSC and its partners launched a comprehensive assessment of EMS agencies' pediatric capabilities in 2024. Results are forthcoming, but a similar impact in EMS settings is anticipated.

EMS for Children is an unambiguously valuable program, and more work remains to be done. I am aware of the tough choices appropriators face in the current fiscal environment, but I believe that continued funding of this program should be a priority for everyone in Congress. As you prepare to vote on Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills, I respectfully request that you advocate for the continued funding of the EMSC program at \$24.334 million-- keeping the funding level from FY 2025. This will directly contribute to the most important effort you could possibly support - saving the lives of children.

[Your Full Name]