



## **MINUTES**

### **State Advisory Council on EMS (SAC)**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
1230-1400

In Person: Truman State Office Building, Room 400  
Virtual: [Join the meeting now](#) (Teams)  
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**State Advisory Council Members present:** Mark Alexander, Dr. Lynthia Andrews, Ben Chlapek, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. Josh Stilley (pending appt), Dr. David Tan  
**Absent:** Dave Herman, Eric Latimer, Wally Patrick

**DHSS Staff present:** George Miller, BEMS Chief; Abby Boehn, John Clemens, Michelle Harbert, Raegan Wiser

**Attendees:** Ray Antonacci, Lincoln County AD; John Barclay, NTA & N Harrison AD; Todd Besancenez, Mehlville Fire; Sarah Brown, St. Joseph Lake SL; Lisa DeWitt; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Christy Dressler, CMH-KC; Body Eller, Wash U; Rebecca Eller, Mercy; Ella Farrar; Christy Fernandez; Mark Flauter, Florissant Valley FPD; Megan Fox; Lori Freeman, SCCAD; Megan Hall, Pettis Co AD; Mike Hegel; Maura Gray Patel, AHA; David Hurd, BJC; Pam Jackson, St. Luke's-KC; Julie Jones; Paul Lininger, AMR; Darla Long, Mercy; Kim Mann; Chris Mattes, Mercy; Dean Meenach, SCCAD; Taz Meyer, Meramec EMS; Marshall Miller, Marion Co EMS; Sarah Moorehead, Survival Flight; Brad Perry, SSM; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire & EMS; Kayla Riel, CARES, MU Health; Jennifer Rieker, Mehlville Fire; Dr. John Russel, SE MO Amb Service; Dr. Chris Samson, MU Health; Paul Schular, MU SOM; Amanda Straatman; Dr. Julie Stilley, MUHC; Elizabeth Szpatoski, BJC; Kyle Tapps, LifeFlight Eagle; Tiffany Taylor Glennon Trauma; Suzanne Weckman, Phelps Health; Jason White, MARC -KC. Guest: Angie Cunningham, Pulsara

1. Introduction
  - a. SAC Attendance
  - b. Approval of April 22, 2025 Minutes
    - i. Motion Ruby Mehrer
    - ii. Second Dr. David Tan
    - iii. Motion passed.
2. Presentations
  - a. University of Missouri EMS Echo – Christopher Sampson, MD  
<https://showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services/>

3. Old Business
  - a. Missouri Scope of Practice
  - b. World Cup
4. Standing Reports
  - a. State of Missouri
    - i. Health Information Josh Wymer
      1. Health data consortium – mental health, social, senior, mohealthnet.
        - a. Loose collaboration, in evolution.
    - ii. State/Regional Medical Directors ~~Dr. Erica Carney~~
    - iii. DHSS Bill Koebel (George)
    - iv. Bureau of EMS George Miller
      1. House bill 225 – Inspections for services update
    - v. Time Critical Diagnosis Dr Schurer (Brody)
      1. TCD data - MU
  - b. Programs
    - i. Mo EMS AC Mark Alexander
      1. Pulsara (see below)
    - ii. State Data Julie Stilley
      1. Paul – Transfer Data
        - a. For improvement: Documentation or consistency in type of service, transfer reason, response time
        - b. Average response from unit enroute to at patient – 24 minutes 8 seconds
        - c. Trauma destination – 36.5% missing facility code
        - d. 10% - Level 1 to Level 1 facility
      2. Recommendations from data committee
        - a. Sacred element – try to implement accuracy of documentation of
          - i. Agency identifier
          - ii. Facility identifier/code
      3. Future questions
        - a. For transfer to higher level of care, time of
          - i. Duration at outlying facility
          - ii. Arrival to decision to transfer
          - iii. Decision to transfer to acceptance
          - iv. Acceptance to arrival of transferring unit
          - v. Time of arrival of transferring unit to transport initiated
          - vi. Transport time
    - iii. EMS for Children Danielle Lee
      1. Dani moving to part-time for EMS-C
      2. Potential federal decrease in programming
    - iv. CARES Kayla Riel

1. Kayla starting PhD program at OSU in June, will be National Registry Fellow (very prestigious training program)
2. Working on state internal program with integration with HEIDI
3. Resuscitation Academy June 5-6
  - a. <https://www.marc.org/event/mokan-resuscitation-academy>
- v. 911 System Jason White
  1. Funding moving ahead for grant implementation
- vi. EMS Mutual Aid ~~Bob Patterson~~
- vii. Pulsara Angie Cunningham
  1. Hosting MCI academy events in late June. Specific schedule TBD.
- c. Committees
  - i. Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan
    1. MIH legislation did not advance
    2. Working on data for MIH
  - ii. Pediatrics Stephanie Ashford / Tiffany Taylor (David)
    1. Prepping for start of 2026 hospital review
    2. Working groups in process
  - iii. Trauma Dr. Dustin Neel / Pam Jackson
    1. Seat belt check November – looking for EMS partners
  - iv. Legislative Mark Alexander
    1. Most legislation passed legislature. Awaiting Gov signature.
    2. Includes SAC appointment update.
    3. 1.8 million budgeted for US in EMS.
      - a. SAC resolution to advise department on RFP.
      - b. Motion: Lindy, Second: Ruby. All in favor
    4. Not passed – Peer Review and Community Paramedic
  - v. Education Chuck Doss
    1. 331 still pending
  - vi. Air Ambulance Ruby Mehrer
    1. Sarah Moorhead – Survival Flight – has joined
    2. Issue – Aircraft occupying helipad already – make sure to communicate, esp with busy hospitals – reminder.
  - vii. Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl
    1. Measles Update – Algorithm (attached separately)
    2. Some storm damage to hospitals with weather event
  - viii. Behavioral Health Kat Probst (Jason)
    1. BHCC transport funding – 5 million – renewed
    2. Treatment in place may be able to use that funding
    3. Contact Angie Meyer for questions and to make sure in line
- d. Missouri EMS Regions
  - i. Northwest Eric Reeter
    1. Legislative update
    2. Training over next month - OB

- ii. Central Kat Probst or Chuck Doss
      - 1. Meet next week – Virtual only
      - 2. Working to increase official members including physicians
    - iii. Southwest Bob Patterson (Mark)
      - 1. Good conversation on report-backs to EMS
      - 2. Tom Lewis provided education on perils of energy drinks
    - iv. Southeast Dr. John Russell
      - 1. Alternate destination – BH direct to BHCC and crisis centers
        - a. Averaging 3-4 per week from region
      - 2. Tornado fatigue – 24 tornadoes over last 8 weeks – 14 fatalities
        - a. SCC sent strike team to Piedmont
        - b. Mobile morgue deployed twice
      - 3. MOSWIN frequently failed when multiple agencies involved
        - a. Went down on 4 deployments. Backup vtac 11.
        - b. Site saturation problem
        - c. Bump – retry – vicious cycle
    - v. East Central Mark Flauter
      - 1. Pulsara and E-bridge implementation
        - a. Working with hospitals to identify direction
      - 2. Package forwarded for new member
      - 3. Dr Schurer has stepped down
    - vi. West Central (Reg A) Kyle Tapps
      - 1. Dr Gustafson retiring. Dr Travis Helberg stepping in.
      - 2. Working with KC fire
  - e. Associations
    - i. MEMSA Jason White or Ruby Mehrer
      - 1. Coordinating recipient for Patterson Family Grants
        - a. Standing up CP sites
        - b. Funding for Health Call – In process
    - ii. MAA John Barclay
      - 1. Discussed legislation, seminar in June, programming, EMS Expo
      - 2. Highlight for Brent Hemphill in legislative efforts this year
    - iii. ADAM ~~Roy Pennington~~
    - iv. MOAAMS Kyle Tapps
      - 1. 26 (ish) vendors signed up for conference
    - v. ENA Helen Sandkuhl
      - 1. May 31 state meeting, Lake Regional.
      - 2. Missouri Emergency Nurses Association
    - vi. MHA
    - vii. ACEP ~~Melissa Kroll~~
    - viii. NAEMSP Kayla Riel

## 5. New Business and Open Forum

- a. ~~Ultrasound~~
- b. Meeting SAC Minutes link not working – will look to update

6. Close
  - a. Motion: Mark
  - b. Second: Ruby
  - c. Motion carried.

#### **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Special Topic</b>
6/24/2025	Truman Building and Webex	
7/22/2025	Truman Building and Webex	
9/23/2025	Truman Building and Webex	
10/28/2025	Truman Building and Webex	
11/25/2025	Webex	

#### **2026 SAC Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Special Topic</b>
1/27/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
2/24/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
3/24/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
4/28/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
5/26/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
6/23/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
7/28/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
9/22/2026	Truman Building and Webex	
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11/24/2026	Webex	

#### **Resources and Programs**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Email/Website</b>
EMS-C	Dani Lee	<a href="https://moemsc.org/">https://moemsc.org/</a>
CARES	Kayla Riel, MPH	<a href="mailto:cares@health.missouri.edu">cares@health.missouri.edu</a>
MU EMS Outreach	Andy Mericle	<a href="mailto:americle@health.missouri.edu">americle@health.missouri.edu</a>

MU EMS Echo (Opioid/Mental Health/Rural)  
Christopher Sampson, MD  
<https://showmeecho.org/clinics/emergency-medical-services/>  
Missouri Pulsara <https://www.pulsara.com/missouri-resources>

### **Upcoming Training/Events/Conferences**

June 5-6. Resuscitation Academy. Columbia.

<https://www.marc.org/event/mokan-resuscitation-academy>

June 6. MU Health TCD Summit. Columbia

<https://web.cvent.com/event/0187ce24-7d22-4ed7-9868-6a5fb7a21767>

June 13. Midwest Pediatric Trauma Conference. St Louis.

<https://cardinalglennon.arlo.co/w/courses/3372-2025-midwest-pediatric-trauma-conference-inperson-option>

June 11-12. Midwest Trauma Society. Kansas City.

<https://www.midwesttraumasociety.org/conference>

June 18-19. MAA Summer Leadership Seminar. Lake of the Ozarks.

<https://www.moambulance.org/leadership-development>

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

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