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

Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair

MEETING SUMMARY

SAC MEETING DATE: September 24, 2024

Truman Building, Jefferson City MO

***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, Helen Sandkuhl; Dr. Josh Stilley; Dr. David K. Tan

SAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman, Chair; Mark Alexander, Ben Chlapek, Ruby Mehrer, Helen Sandkuhl, Dr. Josh Stilley, Dr. David Tan

Board Members Absent: Eric Latimer, Dave Herman, Wally Patrick,

ATTENDEES: Owen Aldridge, Cox Health; Kate Allinder, CHEMS; John Barclay, NTA AD, Keri Barclay, MHA; Dr. Matt Brandt, Cox Health, Sarah Brown, St. Joseph Lake SL; Tammie Caves, Mercy; Amanda Clark, Mercy Hosp-Jefferson; Tom DiMercurio, Fenton Fire Dept; Chuck Doss, MU Health; Brody Eller, BJC; Ella Farrar; Mark Flauter, FVFPD; Megan Fox; Dr. Carl Freeman, SLU; Pam Golden, SSM SL Univ Hosp; Maura Gray Patel, AHA; Pam Jackson, SL-KC; Dr. Melissa Kroll, Wash U; Darla Long, Mercy SL; Kyle Meadows, Cox Health; Taz Meyer, Meramec EMS; Eric Reeter, Chillicothe Fire EMS; Tilly Richard-Garde, NKC Hospital; Kayla Riel, CARES, MU Health; Natrice Romeo, WCAD; Paul Schular, MU SOM; Hannah Sheppard, Student; Dr. Julie Stilley, MU Health; Kyle Tapps, LifeFlight Eagle; Tiffany Taylor, Glennon Trauma Director; Jason White, MARC KC; Kayla Whiteaker, Cole Co EMS; Sarah Willson, MHA;

DHSS Staff present: George Miller, BEMS Chief; Steve Bollin, Michelle Harbert; Peggy Huddleston; Raegan Wiser; Elizabeth Woodward

Note: *If you attended but are not reflected on the attendees list, please email rubymehrer@outlook.com for correction.*

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:33 pm by Chair Dr. Lynthia Andrews Bowman. A quorum was in attendance.

Topic		Recommendations /Actions
Approval of Minutes July 23, 2024	<i>Ben Chlapek moved to approve the July 23, 2024 minutes. Second by Dr. David Tan. Motion carried.</i>	Approved minutes will be posted on the BEMS website.
Introduction Dr. Josh Stilley	Dr. Andrews Bowman introduced Dr. Josh Stilley as a newly appointed member of the State Advisory Council on EMS. Governor Parson made the appointment. Dr. Stilley will go before the Senate to be confirmed in early 2025. He will participate as a voting member of SAC beginning with today’s meeting. SAC Members and all in attendance welcomed him. His contact info is stilleyjd@health.missouri.edu	
Subcommittee Reports		
Mobile Integrated Healthcare Justin Duncan, Chair	<p>Jason White led the discussion Sept 10th. He reported: Patterson Family Foundation Grant Award will provide MO and KS for MIH/CP. Discussed feasibility of seeking payment from DMH funds for transport of behavioral health pts. To BHCs by MIH/CP vehicle. Several agencies verbalized support. Group decided to send out a survey on the issue. Draft legislation ready to file. Updating regulations still pending. Jason will follow up. Funding discussion included MO Medicaid projecting payment for MIH/CP services by July 1, 2025. Centene is setting up a pilot. It should begin about January 1, 2025, RFI to be under the auspices of MEMSA to seek a common platform to allow standardized data collection, communication between MIH/CP programs regarding a specific patient and communications with other institutions about patients.</p> <p><i>MIH meets virtually 2nd Mondays at 11:00am. For Info: Justin Duncan JDuncan@wcadems.org</i></p>	
Pediatrics Subcommittee Stephanie Ashford and Tiffany Taylor, Co-Chairs	<p>Tiffany Taylor reported: Met this morning. Ped values and trends. SL and Kc increase of resp illness no flu or RS Large increase in Behavioral Health patients as well as an increase of trauma patients. EMSC is having Prodigy Ask the Expert. New course--Pediatric Fundamentals of Critical Care. Virtual EMSC class next month will be free. STARS has over 1200 enrolled-- expanding to SW.</p> <p>For info contact: sashford@sccad.com or tiffany.taylor2@ssmhealth.com Pediatric Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC in midmorning.</p>	
Trauma Subcommittee Dr. Dustin Neel, Chair	<p>Pam Jackson reported the subcommittee met this morning Discussed education in regions Norri Bradley Cox –showed data from state re TXA---from that noticed a couple regions had long scene times for TXA patients— will be drilling down for reasons and will give follow up. Nov 18 is injury prevention day. Promoting Stop the Bleed training.</p>	

	<p>Next May seat belts checks planned; will gather data and compare to 2023.</p> <p>Trauma Subcommittee Chair is Dr. Dustin Neel dustin.neel@tmcmed.org Pam Jackson pjackson@saint-lukes.org Contact directly for meeting information</p>	
<p>Legislative Subcommittee Mark Alexander, Chair</p>	<p>Mark Alexander said his subcommittee has been reviewing .309 Ground Ambulance Licensing. Likely will try to vote it out next meeting Draft legislation for the 2025 session should be ready to file by Nov 15th. Legislatively little was accomplished in 2024. Early filing provides more opportunities to get bills passed. RMark.Alexander@coxhealth.com or jason.white3254@gmail.com Legislative Subcommittee meetings usually same day as SAC—in midmorning.</p>	
<p>Education Subcommittee Chuck Doss, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck said his subcommittee met last week. Seeing increase in enrollment of students. However, financial limitations still causing concern. One of the efforts includes looking into A+ program to see if could apply to paramedics Next mtg. Oct 21 at noon. 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>	
<p>Air Ambulance Subcommittee Ruby Mehrer, Chair</p>	<p>Chuck Doss reported the Subcommittee met this morning. Migratory birds continue to provide challenges to air ambulances. Fortunately there have been no adverse outcomes recently. Elevated Helipad Emergency Egress project has been finished. Information will be distributed to all Missouri programs. Air Ambulance Subcommittee usually meets same day as SAC at 0930. For info: rubymehrer@outlook.com</p>	
<p>Emergency Management Helen Sandkuhl, Chair</p>	<p>Helen Sandkuhl asked for a moment of silence to remember Dr. Jeff Shafer, EMS Medical Director with SSM Health.</p> <p>Helen introduced Dr. Daniella Hermelin, Medical Director for Impact Life and also Jim Watts, Manager, Regional Development and Government Relations for Impact Life. They also manage the Disaster Blood Bank. They also offer saline therapy and blood products research. Donors are needed. There are several statewide providers across the state.</p> <p>Dr. Daniella Hermelin oversees 4 states including MO. She is a pathologist specializing in blood and blood products. Disaster planning includes prehospital and out of hospital and includes the Blood Emergency Readiness Corps which rotates responsibility to hold a certain amount of blood products in reserve in case of a large emergency. They also offer Transfusion Administrative Services in blood deserts/obstetrical deserts or other geographical areas where there is a need for blood products. In order to deliver these services, regulatory framework is needed (lots of rules in the blood world) to be able to include EMS in transfusion medicine. There is a Tool Kit that includes a survey to complete and also monitoring wastage.</p> <p>Onboarding tool includes a survey and the education. Transfusion Administrative Services (TAS)policies must be adopted. San Antonio Texas has this service set up and could be used as a template. Partnerships need to be developed. 'O' blood suppliers are needed. Reimbursement for blood and blood products is still being sought in this setting. Dr. Hermelin believes a Missouri Prehospital Transfusion Consortium should be part of Emergency Disaster Planning. She would like to have a Missouri Advisory Board to align with Hero in Arms to pursue avenues for distribution and reimbursement.</p> <p>For more information contact Jim Watts at jwatts@impactlife.org Emergency Management meets 4th Monday virtually at 11:00am. For info: helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com</p>	
<p>Behavior Health Kat Probst, Chair</p>	<p>No report <i>Behavioral Health meets virtually the first Monday each month at 3:00 pm. Contact kprobst@academs.us for the link.</i></p>	

Regional Medical Directors Dr. Erica Carney, Chair	No report <i>Contact for Inquiries: State Medical Director, Dr. Erica Carney, MD FAEMS</i> <i>Senior Administrative Assistant, Mendy Hull Office: 816-513-6262 mendy.hull@kcmo.org</i>	
Project Data Dr. Andrews Bowman	Dr. Andrews Bowman reported the Initial MOU to gather data from two regions was successful. MOU in process of being expanded to all six regions and other data elements. Contact Dr. Andrews Bowman if questions about the data project. Lynthia.Bowman@mymc.com	
Regional Subcommittees Reports		
Northwest Eric Reeter, Chair	John Barclay reported NW met September 18. Air show response reviewed. Transfers of patients from hospitals discussed. Tested Pulsara at air show. Partnered with DMAT had 20 patients transported. Pulsara also did great at Chiefs Camp. It tracked patients from point of contact to hospital without difficulty. One patient decided to drive himself to the hospital and left the medical tent without talking to staff there. As they tried to find him, Pulsara’s tracking system correctly showed the patient at the ED at Mosaic. Next meeting 3rd Wed of Oct. ereeter@chillcothecity.org NW meets 3 rd Wednesdays	
Central John Clemens, Chair	Next meeting is October 3. jcclemens@mcadems.com	
Southwest Bob Patterson, Chair	Mark Alexander said SW met at Mercy Joplin. Discussion included CT Angiography. Next meeting is in November. robert.patterson@mercy.net	
Southeast Dr. John Russell, Chair	No report. John.russell@ccpasvc.com	
East Central Mark Flauter, Chair	Mark Flauter provided the September 13 th meeting minutes. The following is a summary. Work continues on planning the details for the Lifesaving Awards in October. Educational opportunities in the area were reviewed. STARS survey is available for all agencies. In Nov--work on trauma plan. mflauter@fvfpd.com EC meets the second Fridays.	
Reg A (West Central) Kyle Tapps, Chair	Met Sept 9 th . Kyle Tapps elected as Chair. Regrouping for current and past members. ktapps@lifeflighteagle.org Reg A usually meets 1 st Mondays odd months at 2pm	
Maura Grey Patel AHA—AEDs –EMS Educational Presentation	Maura is Mo Gov Relations for AHA. She spoke on AHA’s cardiac emergency plans. She said the legislation offered in 2024 on CPR training and AED did not pass but \$2 million were allotted in the state budget. AHA’s goal it to work in communities to impact health. The \$2 million will be used to get AED’s in schools. The plan is to partner with local EMS to get this accomplished. Work has begun on the logistics to get the money out.	
BEMS and Interstate Compact George Miller, Chief	George reminded EMS agencies they need to have a policy that recognizes the Out of Hospital DNR regulation is not valid if the patient is pregnant. Inspectors will be checking for a policy addressing this issue.	

	<p>George also announced there are two sites with safe baby boxes in Missouri now. One in Mehlville and the other in Joplin. Applications for the baby boxes have been received from other agencies.</p> <p>BEMS is interviewing candidates for a new inspector this week.</p> <p>BEMS staff members have been calling 231 EMS services (219 ground and 12 air) to identify all locations of EMS bases. Michelle Harbart is working on creating interactive maps. The goal is to have this done by the close of business Friday.</p> <p>Interstate Compact—The MO SAC Interstate Subcommittee met recently. Discussion included two people from Iowa and one from Kansas are currently working in MO under the rules of the Interstate Compact agreement.</p>	
Steve Bollin, Director Division of Regulations and Licensure	<p>Steve said EMS agencies from across the state are applying for grant funds for equipment etc. 9.5 million dollars are available. Steve said the matching amount required of those applying has been reduced to 10%. Previous purchases are being allowed to meet the 10%, Steve is also working on the cardiac emergency plan money allotment (see Maura Gray Patel’s Educational presentation above).</p>	
Josh Wymer, DHSS	Not in attendance today	
Dr. Heidi Miller Chief Medical Office	Not in attendance today.	
Affiliate Reports		
EMSC, Liz Kendrick	<p>No report kendrick@health.missouri.edu</p>	
CARES, Kayla Riel	<p>Kayla reported CARES is planning a free event October 16th to teach hands only CPR. It is part of the Community Outreach across the state to increase bystander CPR. 20 agencies have signed up. Contact Kayla for more information. The CARES Gayla will not be held this year. rielk@umsystem.edu</p>	
Center for Quality Prehospital Care	<p>No report youngjes@health.missouri.edu</p>	
911 System, Jason White	No report	
EMS Mutual Aid, Bob Patterson	No report	
TCD Managers Jonathan Eivins Liaison	No report	
TCD Advisory Committee Dr. Doug Schuerer	No report	

Association Reports	<p>MAA –John Barclay j.barclay@ntaemsrescue.com Met Sep 4 to work on proposed 2025 legislation—Upcoming fall seminar Lodge of 4 Seasons, will have leadership education. GEMT participation—deadline by end of Nov—Those not participating are missing out on extra funding. Next meeting is Oct 1.</p> <p>MEMSA—Justin Duncan President@memsa.org Bylaws, policy book to handle grants being developed.</p> <p>MOAAMS—Christy Dressler CDressler@cmh.edu With Susan Crum’s retirement, the treasurer’s position will be open. Rooftop Egress project is finished. It will be distributed to air ambulance communication centers. Conf Board meeting tomorrow. The MO EMS Conf & Expo will be held in KC again next year and Branson the next year.</p> <p>ADAM--Ray Antonacci ray@lcad.net John Clemens—working on member’s site. Next meeting is in Oct.</p> <p>ENA—Helen Sandkuhl helen.sandkuhl@ssmhealth.com Website is moena.org Quarterly meeting coming up. ENPC grant was awarded to ENA.</p> <p>MHA-Sarah Willson – swillson@mhanet.com Trying to work with DHSS and Dr. Heidi Miller to increase the number of resident slots. Maternal and Health Care is an example of a mandatory model of certain diagnoses that would have to have a team approach of patient care by January 2026. The team would include EMS, MIH etc. Dr. Andrews spoke of the maternal health desert in the NW and other parts of MO. Sarah also said the Center for Patient Center of Care MU has connected with AHA and is discussing the CARES Registry.</p>	
Old Business/New Business/Announcements/Open Forum	Dr. Andrews Bowman welcomed Dr. Josh Stilley and said he will be helping to revitalize all things EMS. She also said she hoped his addition to SAC is a signal that new members will be named before long.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be October 22, 2024 at 12:30pm. An agenda with the meeting info will be sent prior. Subcommittee chairs should send requests for in person meeting rooms to Ruby Mehrer rubymehrer@outlook.com	
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned approximately 2:33 PM	

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Date Approved: 10-22-2024

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