

STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF  
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**MEETING AGENDA**

DIVISION	Public Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services		
MEETING TITLE	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)		
FACILITATOR	Dr. Anthony Carter, EMSAC Chair		
DATE	07/12/2023	TIME	1300-1600
LOCATION	Zoom only, no in person meeting available		

**MEETING OBJECTIVES**

The EMS advisory council shall advise the director and develop policy recommendations concerning the regulation, administration, and coordination of emergency medical services in the state.

**MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Voting Members)**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>P / A / E</i>
Dr. Brian Meeker	Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association	A
Dr. Kathryn Dierks	Iowa Medical Society	P
Dr. Brian Paul Jennett	American College of Emergency Physicians	P
Dr. Nathan Shaw	Iowa Academy of Family Physicians	P
Dr. Sven Steen	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics	P
Dr. Anthony Carter	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	P
Dr. Amy Groen	American Academy of Pediatrics	A
Dr. Nicola Preston	NAEMSP, Iowa Chapter	P
Amanda Sieve PA-C	Iowa Physician Assistant Society	A
Paul Arens	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	P
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	A
Chris Perrin	Iowa Hospital Association	P
Jamey Robinson	Iowa State Association of Counties	P
Gene Evans	Iowa Firefighters Association	P
Mark McCurdy	Iowa Firefighters Association	P
Ben Kurka	Iowa Professional Firefighter Association	P
Jeff Messerole	IEMSA-Provider	P
Julie Kemp	IEMSA-Volunteer Provider	P
Sandra McIntyre	IEMSA-Private Service	E
Heidi Boren	Volunteer Provider-At Large	A
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Guest)		
Name	Name	
Regan Aeschliman	Dr. Azeem Ahmed	
Cheryl Blazek	Kari Catron	
Mary Chwirka	Travis Clark	
Jacob Dodds	Neil Dahle	
Dr. Melvin Donaldson	Sarah Eason	
Mark McCulloch	Margot McComas	
Patrick Mooney	Gary Merrill	
Katie Schlichting	Vicki Peterson	
Dr. David Stilley	Terry Smith	
Neil Wellner	Brad Vande Lune	
Steve Vanden Brink	Sandy Wells	
Jill Wheeler	Jamie Wuebker	

AGENDA TOPIC	ITEMS
Introductions and welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call meeting to order &amp; establish quorum (minimum of 11)</li> <li>• Introductions of new members:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brian Paul Jennett, MD (American College of Emergency Physicians)</li> <li>○ Sandra McIntyre (IEMSA-Private Service)</li> <li>○ Julie Kemp (IEMSA-Volunteer Service)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Review of Agenda  Review of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call for additions to agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chris Perrin brought up the website is not up to date including minutes from this meeting as well as the members list of this group.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margot reiterated that over the last year or so updates to the website are ongoing due to realignment and that the website will have a gigantic update this call. If someone outside of this group would like minutes from this meeting, they can contact Brad or Katie.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review/approval of April 2023 EMSAC draft meeting minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No changes requested</li> <li>○ Approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Old Business</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of FICEMS white paper and eventual consideration and support as a blueprint for Iowa EMS System sustainability and resiliency               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brad stated Chris Perrin brought this up and requested it be added to the agenda.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris stated this is a multi-department multi-topic paper addressing some of the challenges of EMS along with some</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>solutions. He encourages everyone to read and embrace it. This could maybe fall into system standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad stated we are developing a strategic plan at the bureau level and are utilizing the EMS Agenda 2050, this FICEMS white paper, and the previous NHTSA assessment to help develop our plan. Once finished, it will come to EMSAC for review.</li> <li>• Becoming informed and monitoring United Iowa First Aid and related pilot projects       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brad stated Chris Perrin brought this up and requested it be added to the agenda.</li> <li>• Chris stated this came up at QASP was wondering if there was general awareness especially for 911 centers and EMS of what this project entails as it was developed outside of EMS. Again, he wanted this to be a topic of discussion and on people’s radar.</li> <li>• Brad stated there was multiple stakeholders from all over the state that attended meetings on this. They chose to not use licensed individuals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Update</li> <li>• PHEP-HPP</li> <li>• Bureau Staff Update</li> <li>• Law Enforcement AED</li> <li>• FR-CARP</li> <li>• Data Reports</li> <li>• CHEMPACK</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative update report by Margot McComas:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bureau is helping to review 641.193, 641.194, &amp; 641.196 for this year’s red tape review. We are working through that process now. Most of the changes to those administrative rules will be decreasing wording originated in Iowa Code and instead more referencing of Iowa Code. We have given a recommendation to rescind 641.193 as this was utilized by the professional licensing boards that moved to DIA and is not utilized by BEMTS, but more to come on that. As we have updates that may affect the stakeholders on EMSAC, we will communicate those in a timely manner. Neither of the other two rules should change in their intent but again, we will communicate those as needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PHEP-HPP report by Margot McComas Brent Spear:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brent is unavailable</li> <li>○ BP5 kick off meeting is in August</li> <li>○ Doing a lot of hiring initiatives and get moving on some projects post-covid</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bureau Staff update report by Margot McComas:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Bureau is currently interviewing and hiring for a new Epidemiologist position within the bureau. We look forward to adding this skill set to our bureau. This will help us as we move forward with data modernization and sharing initiatives. Whether it is increased reports, data dashboards, etc. This person will concentrate within the trauma registry like Terry Smith specializes with the EMS registry, but will work across programs within the bureau to work on data related projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Law Enforcement AED update report by Neil Wellner:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 1 to June 30, 2023 there have been 248 deployments.</li> <li>○ There have been approximately 3450 AED’s shipped and currently waiting on 175 to ship.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Just a reminder that if you need the initial cardiac rhythm upon arrival by LE to assist with patient care, that can be obtained upon request.</li> <li>● <b>FR-CARP report by Regan Aeschliman:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Q3 data: 859 EMS naloxone administrations, 592 patient encounters, 280 overdose reversals, approximately 50% reversal rate in the field.</li> <li>○ NCE data: 75 new EMS services trained and participating</li> <li>○ Doses supplied: 1075 via IV, 765 2-dose IN kits</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Data Reports by Terry Smith:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There's been 2589 NEMSIS 3.5 compliant incidents submitted as of 7/11/2023. These submissions were done by 140 Iowa EMS services.</li> <li>○ On June 30 the 2nd quarter COMPASS mailing went out to all Iowa EMS services.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>CHEMPACK update report by Brad Vande Lune Katie Dekker:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Katie is unavailable</li> <li>○ Brad reports that there is nothing new</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Organizational Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· CP-MIH Sub-Committee</li> <li>· EMS Training Program Sub-Committee</li> <li>· EMS-C</li> <li>· Iowa EMS Association</li> <li>· Medical Director</li> <li>· Pilot Projects</li> <li>· QASP Sub-Committee</li> <li>· EMS Physician Workgroup</li> <li>· System Standards Sub-Committee</li> <li>· TSAC (Trauma System Advisory Council)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>CP-MIH report by Brad Vande Lune for Mike Van Niewaal or Terry Evans:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mike and Terry are unavailable</li> <li>○ The last meeting had to be rescheduled and haven't had a meeting since the last EMSAC meeting. There are a couple of meetings scheduled coming up prior to the next EMSAC meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>EMS Training Program report by Paul Arens :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The workgroup that is working on the EMR/EMT psychomotor exam redesign since the NREMT is no longer updating the framework of the EMR/EMT psychomotor exam. The workgroup will be reporting out at tomorrow's meeting.</li> <li>○ A workgroup will be presenting on the Iowa EMS instructor curriculum update at tomorrow's meeting.</li> <li>○ A workgroup will be presenting on the Iowa CCP curriculum redesign at tomorrow's meeting.</li> <li>○ There are EMS training programs that are partnering with EMS agencies that pursued Governor Reynold's funding for apprenticeships that was release earlier this year. Those training programs are partnering to provide initial EMS training to support the apprenticeships that were awarded to the EMS agencies. It is my understanding that the EMSLRC is providing training for the Johnson County Ambulance Service and I believe that DMACC is providing training for a service in the Des Moines Metro that was awarded funding. This was an update that was requested by Linda Fredrickson during the April EMSAC meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>EMS-C report by Vicki Petersen:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospital Recognition Program: Launched in February, this program recognizes hospitals for readiness to care for pediatric medical and trauma patients. Three hospitals have completed the process and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

been recognized, with a fourth in process. An EMS agency recognition program will be developed in the next two years.

- Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECC): This group includes EMS, hospital, law enforcement, school nursing and other professionals with an interest in pediatric care. As of this morning, the group has exceeded 500 members, from 3 in 2019. PECC members were recently gifted Carter Kits autism resource bags to assist in treatment of patients with autism.
  - Pediatric Virtual Continuing Education: Developed with a group of Midwest EMSC managers. These free, virtual trainings have given more than 35 hours of CE since 2020. The next topic is TBI and concussion in kids, including an overview of the new sideline concussion guidelines. It will be held Sept. 19, 6:30-9 p.m. A flyer will be sent to EMSAC when it is completed.
  - Rural Pediatric Trauma Conference: Vicki is working with a group of providers to develop this new hybrid (virtual and in-person) conference, planned for late September. A flyer will be sent to EMSAC when it is completed.
  - Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:
    - 2023 EMS memorial celebration was cancelled and rescheduled for May 18, 2024 at the West Des Moines Fire Station.
    - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Billing Conference is scheduled for Aug 15-16 at the West Des Moines Hilton.
    - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Iowa EMS Convention & Trade Show is scheduled Nov 9-11 at Iowa Events Center in Des Moines. There will be an Honoring Our Own ceremony on Saturday Nov 11 at 0745 in the level 3 ballroom.
  - Medical Director report by Dr. Ahmed:
    - Dr. Ahmed is very excited & proud to have 2 former residents participating in EMSAC; Dr. Dierks and Dr. Preston.
    - Dr. Melvin Donaldson is Dr. Ahmed's EMS Fellow this year at the U of I. Dr. Donaldson will be spending the next year training and learning how to be an EMS physician. He will also be attending some EMSAC meetings, physician workgroup meetings, as well as some in person BEMTS meetings. He will also be presenting at IEMSA.
    - Nothing large to report from the Medical Director standpoint. Continues to work with the Bureau and provide medical direction on several areas/topics.
  - Pilot Projects by Dr. Carter :
    - There are no current active pilot projects.
    - There is a group getting paperwork together to apply for a new pilot project.
  - EMS Physicians report by Dr. Carter:
    - Really good discussion on the transporting of mental health & substance abuse patients to the right location. There are 3 big centers working specifically on this and trying to work out the kinks as well as figuring out how to get reimbursed.
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- Dr. Pruitt is still working on the K9 project.
  - QASP report by Jeff Messerole:
    - The group met June 21<sup>st</sup>. The old business/action items are at a standstill at the moment with some of the items.
    - The stroke taskforce will be sending out a survey to EMS services to see how they are handling their stroke patients. Group is waiting for those to come back before making any recommendations.
    - Sepsis is similar as the group is waiting to hear back on Dr. Ahmed and his group to see what their findings are. They did hear some information from West Des Moines EMS. From our understanding, it doesn't seem to be difficult in identifying a septic patient in the field, it's whether to give fluid or not. It is in their protocol to give a certain amount of fluid.
    - Ability to respond, still looking at ways to identify those services that are unable to respond when I call comes in due to lack of staff.
    - ImageTrend NEMESIS 3.5 data, Terry already spoke on this.
    - Red lights and sirens response on transport. Calhoun County is working with a national group on this and we're waiting to hear some information on them.
    - The OOHTTDDP is still on hold. We did see a recommendation from TASC.
  - System Standards report by Patrick Mooney:
    - Was chaired by Kari Hull, however with her recent retirement, we're unsure if she's passed that one to someone else.
    - Patrick was at the meeting and stated the group met April 26th in Fort Dodge. That was Kari's last meeting and we want to thank her for everything she's done. They reviewed the manual and made some minor corrections, no real big significant changes.
  - TSAC report by Jill Wheeler:
    - Last TSAC meeting was in April. None of the subcommittees have met since. Next TASC meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - We are in a holding pattern related to updating administrative rules, specifically regarding the trauma triage and transport guidelines and ACS 2022 Standards, due to the moratorium and red tape review. EMS and trauma rules are scheduled to be reviewed in December 2024 and we are waiting for more guidance to see if we can add updates at that same time.
    - New trauma coordinator, Sarah Eason, started with the bureau in March. Statistical Research Analyst, Danny Dowd, departed around that same time and we're in the hiring process to replace that position with an epidemiologist.
    - Many more Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) books were purchased for hospitals to use in providing that training and EMS services are encouraged to attend when their local hospital hosts.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Quarterly BEMTS newsletter will be sent at the end of July. Let Jill or Brad Vande Lune know if you would like to be added to the distribution list.</li></ul>
· Other	None
Announcements and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Meeting adjourned.</li><li>● Next meetings for 2023:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ October 11, 2023</li></ul></li></ul>