

MEETING AGENDA

DIVISION	Public Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services		
MEETING TITLE	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)		
FACILITATOR	Jeff Messerole, EMSAC Chair		
DATE	01/10/2024	TIME	1300-1600
LOCATION	Zoom ONLY		

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-Vice Chair	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	E
Dr. Anthony Carter	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	P
Dr. Amy Groen	American Academy of Pediatrics	E
Dr. Nicola Preston	NAEMSP, Iowa Chapter	P
Amanda Sieve PA-C	Iowa Physician Assistant Society	P
Paul Arens	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	P
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	P
Chris Perrin	Iowa Hospital Association	A
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-Chair	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	Bruce Musgrave	
Rick Benson	Jules Scadden	
Cheryl Blazek	Katie Schlichting	
Kari Catron	Nick Schultz	
Mary Chwirka	Brad Vande Lune	
Travis Clark	Steve Vanden Brink	
Jacob Dodds	Steve Vannatta	
Sarah Eason	Neil Wellner	
Lisa Lampe	Sandy Wells	
Margot McComas	Jill Wheeler	
Gary Merrill	Jamie Wuebker	
Patrick Mooney		

AGENDA TOPIC	ITEMS
Introductions and welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call meeting to order & establish quorum (minimum of 11)
Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for additions to agenda and approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved as is by Jamey Robinson, 2nd by Christina Peterson
Review of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/approval of Oct 2023 EMSAC draft meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approved as is by Dr. Dierks, 2nd by Dr. Carter
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> ○ Advanced Level Paramedic: If interested in serving on a committee, let Jeff or Katie know.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is EMS going in Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What guidance the advisory council can give to the Bureau to assist EMS providers in providing better care to Iowans ○ Agenda for the Future 2050 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Bureau is putting together a comprehensive strategic plan for EMS and is based a lot on recommendations from the Agenda for the Future 2050 such as regionalization with rural services as the document recommends ○ Pilot project on ultrasound starting soon with a service ○ Paramedics with an advanced degree and what that could look like <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Struggle with increasing numbers of EMT's, also struggle with seeing students going on to paramedic from EMT as well as paramedics seeing initial benefit of associates degree

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question in regards to having midlevel providers being medical directors for services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is in rule is must be a MD or DO. However the Bureau is not discouraging any PA's or ARNP's could be involved in EMS systems. ● Attendance (reminder of 641-130) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three unexcused absences in a 12 month period shall be grounds for the director to request nomination of an alternative representative to fill the position per code 641-130.3(5) ○ We will be reaching out to those individuals & organizations who have missed 3 meetings without excused absences to ask for a replacement ● Scope of practice within code discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There has been some discussion about how we can make the scope more updatable, but because it's a document that has to be approved by numerous entities including the administrative rule committee and board of health because SoP, just like a rule, the version has to be specifically named and go through the same process of other rules. We do have a draft document started but due to the moratorium at least until the end of the year, it won't be approved until that is over. The draft will be brought to this group for recommendations and revisions when the moratorium is lifted. 641-131 will then also need to be changed. ○ We base our scope on the National scope and we will try to stick to that. Just an FYI-ultrasound is not currently listed in the national scope but we do have the ability to change that thus the current pilot project ● Website updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have switched over to HHS website and there are a lot of issues with dead links. We are working to update it. We've had to get rid of all our guidance documents older than 2 years. Our Wiki page also went away which hadn't been update in a couple of years. We're in the process of getting our guidance documents updated and organizing our webpage. On the EMSAC page, the next 6 meetings are listed with the zoom link. The approved meeting minutes are also listed. The current membership list has been updated. Soon there will be a spot for draft minutes so those can be viewed more timely.
<p>Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Legislative Update · Bureau Update · CARES Update · PHEP-HPP · Bureau Staff Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative update report by Margot McComas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislatively so far this session we have provided either data or a bill review for Senate File 2012 (companion bill HF2012) and SF 2030. SF 2012 is a bill to authorize the DOT to issue identification cards to first responders as defined in 147A. We provided the DOT with an estimate of first responders for their response. SF 2030 is a bill to authorize ems providers the ability to care for police dogs injured in the line of duty. A bill review was provided for this piece of legislation. ○ Additionally, the red tape review continues and EMS and Trauma rules are due to be completed by the end of 2024. We will

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continue updates on the progress of those rules as we receive timelines. Work is being done by staff per the request of the governor's office with most changes working to decrease word count and reduce restrictive language such as 'must' and 'shall.'

- Bureau Staff update report by Margot McComas:
 - The bureau continues to be fully staffed and there are no updates in that regard
 - The bureau would like to acknowledge any responder on the call that participated in the response during the tragedy in Perry on January 4. We would like to thank you for your bravery and swift action to provide care to the Perry community. We are grateful for your service.
 - Just a brief note from the response to Perry from the perspective of the bureau and the role we have played during the response. The incident command structure was set up at Iowa HHS and our operations included support to the state medical examiner's office and many operations to deploy the Disaster Behavioral Health Response team to support efforts in the care of the community. Support will continue through school reopening's.
 - There is a tentative schedule for the Department to transition from Google to Microsoft by the end of January. This will hopefully not cause any interruptions in business, but please be patient as we work through any issues that may come up. As a part of this process, staff will be receiving new email addresses. At least in the beginning all emails addressed to the old emails will forward into the new email, but we will send out communication that provides and updated contact list and would ask that all local partners update their contacts as soon as communication is received. For now, phone numbers should remain the same.
- CARES update report by Margot McComas:
 - The Bureau is working a twofold plan to initiate Iowa CARES (cardiac arrest registry to enhance survival) across the state. The CARES team received a grant from the Helmsley Charitable trust to bring statewide coverage to Iowa for CARES. We are working on the bureau side to complete a data sharing agreement process to provide all EMS data for cardiac arrests to CARES. Until that is complete, the CARES quality coordinator has been connecting with individual services to begin their registry process. Hopefully we will have statewide coverage soon, but would encourage services who are interested in a faster connection to reach out to Gary Merrill, our point for the CARES quality improvement coordinator.
- PHEP-HPP report by Brad Vande Lune for Brent Spear:
 - Grant writing season is upon us. Currently our local contracts are writing application for next year's grant. Those will be under review all through February. The state will begin writing federal preparedness (HPP, PHEP) applications when they are released early March

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The major PHEP focus on this year is purchasing STB kits for all schools in Iowa. Currently several service areas have completed plans and are distributing STB kits to schools ○ For HPP, all service areas are required to write a chemical annex to attach to their current preparedness plans. Most service areas are almost done writing their chemical annex and will begin exercising the annex in the spring ● Law Enforcement AED update report by Neil Wellner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023-505 to 510 deployments for the year ○ Several successful resuscitations, working on year end stats for the annual reports put together by Gary Merrill ○ Working on a recognition program which is completed on HHS end but waiting for Helmsley Foundation to give their final approval ○ Approximately 200 AEDs left to issue. After that we will have 4000 AEDs out in the hands of Law Enforcement ● FR-CARP report by Regan Aeschliman: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 107-final count for new agencies trained during NCE; 590 individual providers. 96% reported to have learned something new; 99% felt confident administering naloxone ○ 3381 doses administered; 2350 patient encounters ○ 882 2pk IN Kits ○ 1,418 IV doses ○ Joined behavioral health steering committee ● Data Reports by Terry Smith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report available ● CHEMPACK update report by Katie Schlichting for Katie Dekker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doing another review of the state's policy and procedures. Wanting to make a more in depth document that covers many of the questions asked and get specific tools inserted. ○ There is a chemical annex requirement for the service areas this year so I have been working with them on education regarding chempack and Iowa's role. ● EMS-C report by Katie Schlichting for Vicki Petersen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IPEAC hospital recognition program: four hospitals have been recognized for pediatric readiness; five have pending site visits; several are in process ○ PECCs: We currently have about 520 members in the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator program ○ Vicki will be out of the office Jan 10-21 and is traveling to eastern Iowa in late January for a film shoot by the national EMSC organization that will feature two of our services that worked together on a successful call for a seriously ill pediatric patient. EMSC is interested in using the footage nationally during EMS Week 2024
<p>Organizational Reports:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CP-MIH report by Jacob Dodds : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is in the process of getting back up and running. Dr. Striegel is taking over as one of the co-chairs. There is a

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- EMS Physician Workgroup
- System Standards Sub-Committee
- TSAC (Trauma System Advisory Council)

meeting scheduled for January 23rd via zoom. The priority is going to be getting some framework established so we know where these programs are and what they are currently doing.

- EMS Training Program report by Paul Arens :
 - There is a meeting tomorrow as we always meet right after this meeting. The work continues on exploring options for the EMR/EMT psychomotor exams.
 - The current AEMT and Paramedic psychomotor exams will end June 30, 2024. The new psychomotor will now be within the cognitive exam.
 - Updated CCP curriculum will be voted on tomorrow as it's been reviewed by several communities of interest.
- Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:
 - Only event coming up is the EMS Memorial Ceremony May 18, 2024 at the West DM Fire Station #19. Time is currently unknown
 - Successful EMS convention and trade show in November
- QASP report by Jeff Messerole:
 - Met in December. The items looked at are stroke surveys, sepsis, & inability to respond. These are also being looked at on a bigger scale as well.
 - Mission Life Line, AHA group, did a survey for EMS services and the report was just received back. Report shows EMS is doing far more with stroke assessments, alerts, treatment, and transferring to stroke capable hospitals than we originally thought.
 - U of I & Dr. Ahmed are working on sepsis screening tool for prehospital providers.
 - Looking at the delay of EMS arrival for 911's and inability to respond due to lack of staffing and having another agency respond. With the new NEMSIS 3.5 version, we may be able to better identify some data to help gather information.
 - A list of items was sent to the EMS physician workgroup for recommendations on other items the quality assurance standard protocol subcommittee could look at.
 - Since Jeff is currently chair of both EMSAC and QASP, he'll be looking for someone from QASP to take over the chair for QASP
- Medical Director report by Dr. Ahmed:
 - No report available
- Pilot Projects by Dr. Carter :
 - Ultrasound pilot project should be starting soon. There are some more details that need to be worked out yet. The U of I will be assisting in reviewing for quality assurance. Items they will be looking at are cardiac standstill, IV placement, and FAST abdominal exam. The main goal is to see if ultrasonography has an impact on the residence of the state of Iowa for better pre-hospital medical care.
- EMS Physicians Workgroup report by Dr. Carter:
 - The main topic of discussion at the last meeting was physicians or a spokesperson for a physician contacting the Bureau and legislation wanting the physician to run on EMS services. These

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	<p>physicians aren't necessarily from an EMS background (meaning having been in EMS as a paramedic prior to becoming a doctor) who are wanting to run, to the best of our knowledge, unrestricted in their practicing of medicine without regard of their services level. Large discussion was had with a multitude of questions and thoughts on pre-hospital medicine by those without EMS specific education and training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Reminder of our rules that require minimum staffing of a licensed EMS provider and a driver to staff an EMS crew. We do not currently have anything in the rules or code for physicians to function without an EMS license in the back of an ambulance as minimum staffing. ◦ The Bureau queried a bunch of states and those that allow physicians to function in the back of an ambulance also require special pre-hospital training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Standards report by Gary Merrill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Working to appoint a new chair and get this committee moving forward again. • TSAC report by Jill Wheeler: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2022 Trauma Registry Report is now published on the website. *See link below ◦ Promoting the 2024 Trauma and Preparedness Conference that will be held on September 10-11 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p>Announcements and Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Carter motioned to adjourn. Dr. Dierks seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1445. • Next meetings for 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ April 10, 2024-Altoona Fire or Zoom ◦ July 10, 2024-State Hygienic Lab or Zoom ◦ October 9, 2024-State Hygienic Lab or Zoom

https://publications.iowa.gov/47225/1/Iowa_2022_Trauma_Registry_Report_Final_12.6.2023.pdf