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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	Jeff Messerole, EMSAC Chair		
DATE	04/10/2024	TIME	1300-1600
LOCATION	Zoom or In Person at Altoona Fire Department, 950 Venbury Drive, Altoona, IA 50009		

**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	P
Dr. Anthony Carter	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	E
Dr. Amy Groen	American Academy of Pediatrics	P
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
**Current Open Position**	Iowa Hospital Association	--
Jamey Robinson	Iowa State Association of Counties	P
Gene Evans	Iowa Firefighters Association	A
Mark McCurdy	Iowa Firefighters Association	P
Ben Kurka	Iowa Professional Firefighter Association	P
Jeff Messerole-Chair	IEMSA-Provider	P
Julie Kemp	IEMSA-Volunteer Provider	A
Sandra McIntyre	IEMSA-Private Service	A
Sandy Heick	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P



Bureau of Emergency  
Medical and Trauma  
Services:

- Legislative Update
- Bureau Update
- CARES Update
- PHEP-HPP
- Bureau Staff Update
- Law Enforcement AED
- FR-CARP
- Data Reports
- CHEMPACK
- EMS-C

- Legislative update report by Margot McComas:
  - HF 2507 on the governor's desk for signature. Working with Ken and Red Tape team on next steps. There is a potential that we would need to do some kind of red tape waiver process, but my preference would be to combine changes with the red tape review so we only go through the process once. We need to better understand when implementation of the new rule would be required. Brad has developed the exception form and completed work on changes for 641.132. We will also be working with the physician licensing board for changes to their rules as well. Updates will be provided as we learn more.
  - SF 2385 an act relating to boards, commissions, committees, councils and other entities of state government including TSAC and EMSAC.
  - Currently working through the red tape review process. Goal from the Governor's office is to decrease word count and eliminate as much restrictive terms as possible. There is a moratorium on rulemaking until our red tape review process is completed. The only exception is new legislation (example hf 2507), there is a waiver process that we can utilize.
- Bureau Staff update report by Margot McComas:
  - There are no staff updates. The bureau continues to be fully staffed.
- CARES update report by Margot McComas:
  - The Bureau continues to work directly with the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival and the grant funding they have received to support state/agency upload. Currently taking two approaches – working through the state upload process (CARES working directly with ImageTrend) and recruitment of individual services by a QI coordinator supported through the Red Cross/Helmsley. Goal will be a state upload process that covers 100% of Iowa's population.
- PHEP-HPP report by Margot McComas for Brent Spear:
  - Preparedness advisory council approved their application for the new PHEP grant
- Law Enforcement AED update report by Neil Wellner:
  - 146 deployments to date with approximately 3850 AED across the state in LE vehicles
  - Recognition program was just approved. Agency will receive a letter of thanks and a challenge coin. This will start hopefully in the next 30 days.
- FR-CARP report by Regan Aeschliman:
  - 471 IN Kits and 541 IV
  - FR-CARP Newsletter Q1: included naloxone administration data, referral material requirements, discussion of new Narcan packaging and local news of how one county is using their opioid settlement funds in their community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Q1 Data: 506 patients; 245 “improved”, 16 deaths, remainder “unchanged” and transferred; 28% of patients received multiple doses</li> <li>○ SA2, SA7, and SA6B all have new coordinators contracted and trained</li> <li>○ Discussions and plans for EMS secondary distribution</li> <li>● Data Reports by Terry Smith:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quarterly COMPASS reports were distributed to 716 EMS services on April 1.</li> <li>○ GTSB annual grant application includes a request for funds to purchase the Continuum analytical application module from ImageTrend. If approved, this module will be available for all Iowa EMS services as well as Iowa HHS.</li> <li>○ Iowa HHS is undertaking implementing NEMESIS 'defined lists' which includes limiting available values for particular elements found in the EMS registry application as well as utilizing mapping so all data captured from all sources are uniform. Defined lists can be found at <a href="https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-resources/">https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/version-3-resources/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>● CHEMPACK update report by Katie Schlichting for Katie Dekker:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drop Shipments continue. CHEMPACK movement was a success (University of Iowa held two containers, Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center is the new site for the second CHEMPACK). Full review and updates continue on the States Policies and Procedures. Once this is complete, it will be distributed to all sites who hold a CHEMPACK container and personnel who could potentially use a CHEMPACK. If there are any questions regarding CHEMPACK, please reach out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EMS-C report by Vicki Petersen:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Free virtual continuing ed called Social Poisoning May 7<sup>th</sup> from 1830-2030</li> <li>○ Pre-hospital pediatric readiness survey will be dropping May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is similar to the hospital survey that has been sent out for a while.</li> <li>○ Involved with 13 Midwestern states that do EMS-C and they are putting together a hub for education. They will provide free virtual continuing ed. This will hopefully be out in the next few months.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Organizational Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· CP-MIH Sub-Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CP-MIH report by Dr. Thomas Striegel (chair) &amp; Fiona Johnson (co-chair):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have been able to network with others across the country to get MIH moving forward</li> <li>○ This group is now meeting every 3 months with the next one towards the end of April. They will be looking at Quality Assurance/Regulatory, Education/Competency, and Funding/Finance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· EMS Training Program Sub-Committee</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>○ Mission is: Provide collaborative development insight toward patient centered health - sustaining EMS activities aligned with “EMS Agenda 2050” vision</li> <li>● EMS Training Program report by Paul Arens :             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The biggest initiative right now the association is looking at changing EMR &amp; EMT levels to be competency based with a portfolio and to replace the current psychomotor exams similarly to what the ALS levels have</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EMS Memorial on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the West Des Moines Fire Station #19 starting at 1000 with ceremony at 1030</li> <li>○ 20<sup>th</sup> Billing Conference on Aug 13 &amp; 14 at the West Des Moines Hilton Inn</li> <li>○ 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Tradeshow on Nov 7-9 at Iowa Events Center</li> </ul> </li> <li>● QASP report by Gary Merrill:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continuing to work on narrowing the focus on which quality assurance elements looking at: red lights/sirens response, stroke care, sepsis care, and numbers for times services are unable to respond.</li> <li>○ Some data was able to be pulled and trying to utilize that to help with some recommendations</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Medical Director report by Dr. Ahmed:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finishing up 3<sup>rd</sup> year in this role and continue to learn and to support the Bureau through committee work, reviewing medical cases, being a liaison &amp; guest speaker at several conferences the last few months.</li> <li>○ Representing the state of Iowa at the NASEMSO meeting in Pittsburgh in May and specifically the Medical Director Council.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Pilot Projects by Jacob Dodds:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The 1 pilot project will not be happening at this time</li> <li>○ Due to some recent feedback from the EMS Physician Workgroup, we will be reevaluating the entire pilot project process moving forward</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EMS Physicians report by Dr. Ahmed for Dr. Carter:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was some good discussion at the last meeting regarding the pilot project process. Would like to see a balance of services approaching the Bureau with pilot projects as well as the Bureau reaching out to services to do pilot projects.</li> <li>○ There was some vigorous discussion on Iowa’s Scope of Practice and any potential updates to the scope. National Scope of Practice model will be updated soon and we will need to cross reference the 2. We are committed to moving EMS forward within Iowa. The Scope of Practice is in code so we can’t just make changes instantly. We need to make sure any changes we need to make are sound and make sense</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Newsletter is coming out the end of April. If you don't current receive the newsletter, please let us know and we can add you</li><li>● The 2023 Annual Report is completed and is available online. Since there was time at this meeting, Gary was willing to present it</li></ul>
Announcements and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Paul Arens motioned to adjourn. Jamey Robinson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1404.</li><li>● Next meetings for 2024:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ July 10, 2024-State Hygienic Lab or Zoom</li><li>○ October 9, 2024-State Hygienic Lab or Zoom</li></ul></li></ul>