

MEETING AGENDA

DIVISION	Public Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services		
MEETING TITLE	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)		
FACILITATOR	Dr. Kathryn Dierks, EMSAC Vice-Chair		
DATE	01/08/2025	TIME	1300-1600
LOCATION	Microsoft Teams 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	P
Dr. Nicola Preston	NAEMSP, Iowa Chapter	P
Amanda Sieve PA-C	Iowa Physician Assistant Society	P
Paul Ganss	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	P
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	A
Kelby Eck	Iowa Hospital Association	A
Jamey Robinson	Iowa State Association of Counties	P
Gene Evans	Iowa Firefighters Association	A
Mark McCurdy	Iowa Firefighters Association	A
Ben Kurka	Iowa Professional Firefighter Association	P
*Jeff Messerole-Chair	IEMSA-Provider	E
Julie Kemp	IEMSA-Volunteer Provider	P
Sandra McIntyre	IEMSA-Private Service	A
Sandy Heick	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Guest)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	
Regan Aeschliman	Patrick Mooney	
Rick Benson	Vicki Petersen	
Kari Catron	Brian Rayhons	
Mary Chwirka	Jules Scadden	
Travis Clark	Katie Schlichting	
Neil Dahle	Terry Smith	
Jacob Dodds	Dr. David Thomas	
Sarah Eason	Brad Vande Lune	
Nicolas Foss	Steve Vandenbrink	
Margot McComas	Steve Vannatta	
Gary Merrill	Jill Wheeler	
Carroll County Ambulance (unknown)	712-265-2548 (unknown)	
	712-328-4646 (unknown)	

AGENDA TOPIC

ITEMS

Introductions and welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call meeting to order & establish quorum (minimum of 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dr. Dierks called the meeting to order with 11 present at roll call.
Review of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for additions to agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No additions
Review of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/approval of April 2024 EMSAC draft meeting minutes (Did not meet July or Oct) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Jamey Robinson motioned, seconded by Dr. Carter, no one opposed. April minutes approved with no changes.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new business discussed
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name change: From EMS Advisory Council to EMS Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ With some rule changes and the move over to HHS, we are changing the name from Council to Committee to lessen any confusion ◦ Since the administrative rule for this advisory council has been rescinded as part of the red tape review, bylaws have been created. They are basically an edited version of the old admin rules. We will send those out with these minutes for everyone to review and comment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new member(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Ganss-Iowa EMS Training Program Association ○ Kelby Eck-Iowa Hospital Association • Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2025. Was to be done at the July meeting but we didn't have July or Oct meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If bylaws are accepted, Chair and Vice Chair will be 2-year terms instead of yearly like they are currently with elections occurring on the odd years ○ Dr. Dierks was nominated by Jamey Robinson, seconded by Dr. Carter for Chair. Dr. Dierks was receptive of the nomination. Due to virtual setting, no one voiced being opposed. Dr. Dierks will be Chair for the next 2 years. ○ Dr. Shaw was nominated by Jamey Robinson, seconded by Paul Ganss for Vice Chair. Dr. Shaw was receptive of the nomination. Due to virtual setting, no one voiced being opposed. Dr. Shaw will be Vice Chair for the next 2 years. • HHS transitioning the majority of meetings from Zoom to Microsoft Teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoom has become expensive with multiple accounts so meetings with less than 100 attendees will be done going forward through Microsoft Teams Webinar. Links will be sent out and updated on the website going forward. ○ Discussion was had about an App for Microsoft Teams that could make it easier for some to log on.
<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 • Law Enforcement AED • FR-CARP • Data Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative update report by Margot McComas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We've been going through the Red Tape Review process for a couple of years. All of our EMS rules are moving through the process. We are looking for an implementation with a practical effective date of April 1, 2025 for everything except EMS Air and Medical and EMS Service Programs. Those we are looking for a practical effective date of May 1, 2025 ○ HF 2397 Added a transport to mental health access centers section within 147A. This is 147A.19 to be exact. Section 1. A service program may provide ambulance service to transport a person experiencing a mental health crisis to a mental health access center. It reads: "The department of health and human services shall authorize payments to service programs for the transportation of persons experiencing a mental health crisis to mental health access centers in amounts similar

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to payments authorized for the transportation of persons to hospital emergency departments.” Medicaid will be sending out a letter and we will distribute through our channels with guidance for this change.

- GWTG currently exploring a connection to Hospital Hub specifically for GWTG stroke. Assessing benefits to EMS service programs and CQI feedback loops. Also exploring whether this is a helpful route for other types of calls and connections to Hospital Hub.
- Bureau Staff update report by Margot McComas:
 - We’ve been fully staffed for the past couple of years which is amazing and a huge strength. We’re getting people with a lot more experience under their belt working in public service and that’s been going well.
 - Terry Smith is working through a pilot project with Iowa CARES trying to connect our state registry with the cardiac arrest registry to enhance survival.
 - Nicholas Foss has put together a great report on the LE AED data. The report is going through the approval process and will hopefully be published within the next month.
 - Gary Merrill is putting together the EMS Annual Report. Release should be by the February IEMSA meeting. This will also be shared through our Bureau Newsletter
 - Other items
 - We’re exploring with AHA to use of hospital hub and connecting with Get With the Guidelines which is a stroke registry tool to be able to provide some EMS data for stroke runs to the destination hospitals and also get CQI back to our EMS services.
 - We are working with our registry vendor to get some good updates and things that will be useful for our end users with the registry.
 - The Department of Public Safety Bureau of Interoperable Communications has completed a project to update the EMS Communications Plan. The plan is in the approval process and will hopefully be released in the next month.
- CARES update report by Margot McComas:
 - Working with a pilot group of 20 services and is notifying them that their data will start connecting to the registry.

We will work through any kinks then work through connecting statewide.

- PHEP-HPP report for Brent Spear:
 - We are in a new 5-year project cycle (many may hear it as "RFP" in meetings). This means that any entity that qualifies for our grant could apply to become a new contract holder for their service area. We do not anticipate many changes to contract holders, but we are currently accepting RFP applications and will be reviewing these soon. The new 5-year contract holders for our grants will be given notice in the coming months.
 - Many of the EMS county associations that work with our grant are in the process of submitting EMS assessments. These are due 2/1. If any agency has any questions regarding these assessments or other required EMS preparedness documentation due later in the year, we encourage them to reach out to their local Grant Coordinator or can reach out to me (natalie.webster@hhs.iowa.gov).
 - Our STB initiative is still in full swing. Many service areas have used "carryover" funding (left over funding from last year) to further expand STB outreach. Kits are being placed in schools, school busses, governmental buildings and much more. We have also incentivized local police departments. If a police department is providing some STB training within their service area, then we are in turn providing STB kits to police persons or vehicles. We are also encouraging as much STB training as possible and trying to increase the amount of STB instructors within the state.
 - We have finalized our 5-year preparedness strategic plan. This plan outlines our goals for the next 5 years within the program. We will be releasing the plan next week if any EMS agency is interested in reading the preparedness goals.
 - Preparedness has an ongoing monthly newsletter. This newsletter outlines current preparedness activities, due dates, training opportunities and more. Newsletters are sent to Grant Coordinators and then forwarded to service area members. If an EMS person or agency is not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please let us know and we will be sure to have them added to the list.
- Law Enforcement AED update report from Neil Wellner:
 - 2024 we saw 537 deployments with 3950 AEDs in the field.

- We continue to see outcomes improving with the early deployment of an AED.
- We are continuing to update agency contacts, working on our recognition program and where we would like to see this program go in the future.
- FR-CARP report by Regan Aeschliman:
 - At the end of year one, we have shipped 764 2-dose IN kits and 1235 IV doses to our participating agencies.
 - A new agency has launched their naloxone secondary distribution program on January 1st, 2025. This makes a total of 3 so far that have taken the initial steps to for this program.
 - Working on a data dashboard to better utilize our program data and identify areas of improvement.
- Data Reports by Terry Smith:
 - Adding to what Margot reported on with CARES. These 20 services will see all these new cardiac elements in their form, and they will have the care validation rules applied to just those services. Everybody who uses the state default form will see the new elements, so they're very welcome to fill those in if they'd like.
 - We're uploading just under 400 Public Safety agencies to the supporting agencies within Elite. They will all be set to inactive so if services want to choose them, they'll have to activate that agency and put it into their incident form.
 - January 16th, ImageTrend is moving over to cloud serves and Elite will be down for a few hours that day.
- CHEMPACK update report from Katie Dekker:
 - The state's updated CHEMPACK policies and procedures are in their final phase of review. Katie Dekker will be putting together a group with the site contacts. Her goal is to have discussions pertaining to education/training, networking and information sharing pertaining to the CHEMPACK program.
- EMS-C report by Vicki Petersen:
 - The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) program brings together people from EMS agencies, hospitals, or others who represent links in the chain of emergency care for kids. Information is sent to PECCs and free continuing education is provided. There are currently about 640 PECCs. A steering committee is being started and that group will help identify priorities and different ways to help our agencies and hospitals increase education and their connection to each other.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Pre-hospital Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment is a nationwide assessment of EMS agencies distributed for the first time in mid-2024. The results have been tabulated and they will be published in February. The assessment provides individual results to agencies and aggregate state and national data to create a baseline for existing readiness to care for children and help identify priorities for EMSC work.
<p>Organizational Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· CP-MIH Sub-Committee· EMS Training Program Sub-Committee· Iowa EMS Association· Medical Director· Pilot Projects· QASP Sub-Committee· EMS Physician Workgroup· System Standards Sub-Committee· TSAC (Trauma System Advisory Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CP-MIH report for Dr. Thomas Striegel/Fiona Johnson:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Had a brief meeting last month to discuss putting the meetings together for this year. The last 6 months or so we haven't had any activity.• EMS Training Program report by Paul Ganss:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The group has developed SMC for EMR and EMT courses. 2025 will be the sunset year for the current psychomotor exams for EMR and EMT and replaced with the SMCs. Currently there are 6 training programs that are currently using the new format. EMSLRC has graduated 3 cohorts with success. The SMC requires some specific benchmarks that have to be met with the students doing to clinical and field time so we can see that we are actually verifying that the students are coming out of the program possessing the entry level skills for EMRs and EMTs. Also, the training programs Medical Director and advisory committee get to give input on the SMCs, so the community gets input on what the program is turning out.• Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tracy Fultz has stepped into the President role. He's a service director for Mercy's flight program and for Sioux Center Ambulance.○ Dr. Striegel has contracted as their Medical Director. They are excited to have him as their MD.• QASP report by Jeff Messerole:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Due to EMSAC being retooled, everything is on hold as far as subcommittees so nothing to report.• Medical Director report by Dr. Ahmed:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report as he was speaking at NAEMSP• Pilot Projects by Jacob Dodds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Currently there are no active pilot projects• EMS Physicians report for Dr. Carter:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion was had about our goals going forward after the Red Tape Review is over and updating the Scope of Practice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We've also implemented a physician exception form, similar to our RN and PA exception. This will not apply to those MD's who are riding along with their minimum staffed crew as the services MD. This will apply for those physicians who are an active member and who make up part of the minimum staffing.○ We're also working on developing a specific training to cover those areas such as ambulance operations, so the exceptions are able to function in the EMS environment safely and be credentialed to the services level of authorization.• System Standards report by Gary Merrill:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Due to EMSAC being retooled, everything is on hold as far as subcommittees so nothing to report.• TSAC report by Jill Wheeler:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Next meeting is January 21st at 1300 and will be keeping that meeting as a Zoom meeting due to the larger number of attendees.○ Iowa Trauma Registry report for 2023 is now published and available for you on our website. This is an overall view of trauma, injury, and the magnitude on our entire state.○ ACS Trauma System consultation review is coming up in September 2025. The American College of Surgeons came to the state in 2015 to review the overall trauma system and we are essentially doing a self-assessment of how our trauma system works. This includes everything from pre-hospital to how the military plays a role...everything trauma related.
• Other	Nicolas Foss spoke on the development of some tools to make data analytics more accessible. This is an internal thing currently, but a form of this data will be available in the future to services to help get a better understanding of their own data.
Announcements and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jamey Robinson motioned to adjourn. Paul Ganss seconded.• Next meetings for 2025:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ April 09, 2025○ July 09, 2025○ October 08, 2025