

MEETING AGENDA

DIVISION	Public Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services		
MEETING TITLE	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)		
FACILITATOR	Dr. Nathan Shaw, EMSAC Vice Chair		
DATE	07/09/2025	TIME	1300-1600
LOCATION	Microsoft Teams ONLY		

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The EMS advisory committee 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>
	Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association	-
Dr. Jeannette Capella	Iowa Medical Society	P
Dr. Brian Paul Jennett	American College of Emergency Physicians	A
*Dr. Nathan Shaw-Chair	Iowa Academy of Family Physicians	P
Dr. Andrew Kozminski	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics	P
	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	-
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 Ganss	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	P
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	P
	Iowa Hospital Association	-
*Jamey Robinson-Vice-Chair	Iowa State Association of Counties	P
Gene Evans	Iowa Firefighters Association	E
Mark McCurdy	Iowa Firefighters Association	P
Ben Kurka	Iowa Professional Firefighter Association	P
Jeff Messerole	IEMSA-Provider	P
Julie Kemp	IEMSA-Volunteer Provider	P
Sandy Neyen	IEMSA-Private Service	P
Luke Huggins	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
	Iowa 911 Communication Committee	-
	Iowa State Medical Examiner	-

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Guest)		
Name	Name	
Kari Catron	Patrick Mooney	
Mary Chwirka	Brian Rayhons	
Travis Clark	Jules Scadden	
Neil Dahle	Katie Schlichting	
Jacob Dodds	Keri Smith	
Sarah Eason	Terry Smith	
Nicolas Foss	Dr David Thomas	
Dr Pete Georgakakos	Brad Vande Lune	
Heidi Lancaster	Steve Vandenbrink	
Jacob Lindauer	Steve Vannatta	
Margot McComas	Neil Wellner	
Gary Merrill	Jill Wheeler	
Kevin Miller	Jamie Wuebker	
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Introductions and welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call meeting to order & establish quorum (minimum of 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quorum established <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the term ending for the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Dr Shaw, will assume the role as Chair. ○ New Members- Dr. Jeannette Capella, Dr. Andrew Kozminski, Sandy Neyen, Luke Huggins 	
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 2025 EMSAC draft meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeff Messerole motioned, seconded by Jamey Robinson, no one opposed. Minutes approved with no changes. 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A second motion was made by Jamey Robinson, Dr Bennett seconded to accept the bylaws with the note that the 911 community and the state medical examiner's office community groups will be clarified to a specific group before the next meeting. No one opposed approval with edits.-Brad 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is a work in progress. Brad asked if anyone has suggested groups to fulfill these 2 open groups, please communicate with Brad.• QASP Discussion (Quality Improvement & System Development Committee)-Gary<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Historically there's been a couple of different subcommittees: the quality assurance standards of protocols subcommittee. This committee helped in developing state protocol calls back when we used to do that. When that came to an end, their focus shifted to developing some quality assurance initiatives. The other subcommittee was the system standards subcommittee which would get together every few years and update our system standards document. Since those two organizations have a lot of overlap between them as far as their responsibilities and their purpose, we felt like it would make sense to kind of disband those 2 subcommittees, create 1 subcommittee, and call it quality improvement and system development. Gary asked for thoughts from EMSAC on moving forward with this.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A few members from the prior groups spoke and were in favor of combining the 2 into 1 group.• Per the by-laws, the chair can appoint such subcommittees as deemed necessary and designate the chairperson of each subcommittee. If anyone is interested, please contact Katie or Gary
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System Development Update-Margot<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Governor's office has indicated to Iowa HHS that she's interested in EMS System Development as a policy priority next year for the legislative session, which will be her last year in office. Senior leadership & the BEMTS staff are working on recommendations for the Governor's office for EMS System Development, trying to create what an ideal system would look like for EMS in the future, focusing on efficiency and sustainability. The group may come back to this group with some potentially pop-up meetings or emails where we'll need some quick responses to provide us with additional information or feedback.• Proposed new Scope of Practice-Steve<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The draft SoP is something that we've been working on for quite some time over the last couple of years. It's been some pretty intense work! The new SoP for the

state of Iowa that's been presented as a draft document to EMSAC for review, does follow largely the National Model Scope of Practice. BEMTS has worked closely with other work groups, physicians, and other stakeholders.

- We will have a comment period for those like our Advisory Council or EMS people, until the end of August. Please provide comments to Steve and we'll take those into consideration.
- Our plan is getting it approved the next legislative session so we'll start the process this fall.
- Red Tape Review Overview-Steve
 - In 2023 Governor Reynolds issued an executive order putting a moratorium on administrative rulemaking and any changes that we can make at that point in time and requested that we review things with regards to the administrative rules. As we commonly called it, the red tape review, our section has been completed. The document attached to the meeting invite, is a real quick overview document. Some specifics include the rescinding of 641-144, which was the EMS air medical program authorization section was incorporated into 641-132 with regards to the EMS service program so it doesn't matter if you're a ground based service, transport, non transport authorized, or an air service. Most was just clarifying/updating the language to reduce redundancy between the different rules sections.
 - The board of pharmacy recently completed their review and are going to be having updated chapters of their rules out on their website mid-July. They also cleaned up the language.
 - Jill responded to a question about trauma guidelines. June 1st, we going live with the National Guidelines for the Field Triage of Injured Patients The Out of Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol, OOHTTDDP, is going away and you can now utilize the field triage guidelines as guidance when making local trauma transport decisions.
- Dr. Foss and the data
 - Presentation on NEMSQA (National EMS Quality Alliance) measures.
- Elect Vice-Chair
 - A couple of nominations were made. 1 refused the nomination due to upcoming retirement, 1 turned it down

	<p>to let someone new in the role, 1 accepted a nomination. Motion was made by Jeff Messerole and seconded by Christina Peterson. A vote was completed with no one opposing Jamey Robinson becoming the new Vice-Chair.</p>
<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· CHEMPACK· EMS-C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative update report by Brad Vande Lune:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ BEMTS is collaborating with the state veterinarian, veterinary board, and legal counsel to develop an amendment to the administrative rules for the treatment of police dogs, SF296. There is no other pending legislation affecting EMS at this time.• Bureau Staff update report by Brad Vande Lune:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As most know, Brad was promoted to Bureau Chief in April which left an executive officer position open. Steve filled that position in May. We were also short an administrative assistant because Lisa retired. An offer was made to an administrative assistant, and she accepted it. She'll start August 1st so be patient with us. We have a field coordinator position that was vacated by Steve. It's going through the HR process to get posted. It should be posted within the next week or two.• CARES update report by Brad Vande Lune:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CARES continues to work on connecting hospitals and services. Reach out to Jamie Burke if you need assistance with anything care-related. Jamie.burke@redcross.org.• PHEP-HPP report from Jody Koffman:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The team is currently reviewing end-of-year deliverables for the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP). This includes an in-depth look at required assessments, plans, exercises, and narratives of grant activities for the year. Our EMS partners have also completed their annual assessments and stakeholder action plans, where they have identified an area for improvement, and created a plan to address the area for improvement for this year, while simultaneously working to remedy a gap identified in the previous fiscal year. We are also preparing for our Budget Period 2 Kickoff Meeting in Ft. Dodge, where we'll connect with local grant coordinators to review this year's contracts and provide any technical assistance, they may need with their agreements.• Law Enforcement AED update report from Neil Wellner:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 265 Deployments to date

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- 2024 Stats uploaded Nic will work on annual report as time allows
 - Working with agencies on the replacement of batteries and pads at the four-year mark
 - Helmsley Foundation granted a no cost extension until July of 2026
 - FR-CARP report from Regan Aeschliman:
 - No update on Year 3 funding
 - If Year 3 funding continues, new training module will be launched
 - Supplies sent during Year 2 (Sep. 30th 2024-present)
 - IV: 2, 212 doses
 - IN: 616 2-dose kits
 - Focusing on increasing participation and expanding secondary distribution
 - Data Reports by Terry Smith:
 - Imagetrend Elite on August 13th is supposed to release the gender/sex Schematron change. At that point, just the third-party vendor users will need to be concerned with that, that they're making and/or have made their own changes.
 - Another thing to mention is about AI capturing video elements from the narrative on an incident report. We put AI function on a test service we have to test that process and apparently, it'll look at images, video, and narratives to populate data elements. Once we get it tested, we'll probably roll out some volunteers and probably release statewide.
 - CHEMPACK update report from Teresa Higginbotham:
 - Teresa will be the new MCM Coordinator as Katie Dekker transitions to her new role as HAN Officer
 - We submitted the end of year information for CHEMPACK and there were replenishments for expiring items that happened in April
 - EMS-C report from Vicki Petersen:
 - Manikin project: EMSC has purchased infant and child training manikins for each of the 8 service areas to lend to any EMS agencies or hospitals that would like to borrow them for pediatric skills training. These manikins are both BLS and ALS capable, providing practice in airway, IV, IO, CPR and more. 32 cases will be distributed, 4 to each service area, at their joint meeting today (Wednesday). This is an extensive project that has taken several months to come to fruition, with a
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	<p>number of agencies and hospitals waiting patiently to access them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pediatric education: A six-state EMSC coalition will host “Communicating with Kids,” a free virtual pediatric symposium on how to effectively interact with our child patients of all ages, Aug. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nursing and EMS CE will be provided. Registration flyers will be distributed soon○ 15 Iowa hospitals have now been recognized through the Iowa Pediatric Emergency Assessment and Care (IPEAC) hospital recognition program, with more in progress. Recently, KCRG TV did a very positive news story on our IPEAC program
<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 by Dr. Thomas Striegel/Fiona Johnson/Jacob Dodds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing new to report• EMS Training Program report by Paul Ganss:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Paul will be retiring at the end of July. The Training Program Association will have a new chair at our meeting tomorrow so that person will be joining this group in the future○ We have 2 work groups right now. One is on the National Registry pass rates and outcomes for EMT and Paramedic students. There's not been a lot of work done in that work group thus far, but this group is something that the Bureau asked to develop. We don't have the greatest registry outcomes when compared nationally and this group will hopefully figure some things out.○ The other is working on the exceptions. They are looking to standardize the process for granting exceptions to healthcare providers for equivalent EMS certifications for nurses, PAs, and physicians. That group has met several times. They have a standard process for training at the basic level. They've been discussing the ALS level. One thing we've had extensive discussion one is looking at using the National Registry proficiency exam. The National Registry changed the name of their assessment exam to the proficiency exam. This exam is just a process that states or other organizations can use to verify that a person possesses entry level competency at a specific level It does not grant national certification, its used to test competency at that certain level of EMS education.• Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:

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- The 21st annual billing and documentation conference will be held at the West Des Moines Hilton Garden Inn August 12th & 13th.
 - The public safety boot camp will be September 24th & 25th at the West Des Moines Hilton Garden Inn
 - The 35th annual IEMSA convention and trade show will be held at the Iowa Event Center in Des Moines November 13th through 15th. You can register for any of these offerings on the IEMSA website.
 - Medical Director report by Dr. Ahmed/Dr. Georgakakos:
 - During our last meeting in April, Dr. Ahmed stated that he was moving to Oklahoma & we did not have a new medical director at that time. Starting July 1, Dr. Pete Georgakakos is our new state Medical Director.
 - Nothing new to report yet but looking forward to being a part of things.
 - Pilot Projects by Jacob Dodds:
 - Not much of an update since the last meeting in April. We do have a pilot project with West Des Moines EMS and Des Moines Fire Department to do pre hospital blood administration, primarily for the purposes of figuring out the logistics. Brian Rayhons, West Des Moines EMS, spoke stating they are still moving forward. They currently have approval from both Mercy and Unity Point, they have buy in from their trauma systems as well as both of their labs. Still trying to get all of the legalities worked out. They have a process in place and have all of the equipment ready to go. A lot of training has been done so once they say they are good, they will be ready to get the blood put on the supervisor vehicles.
 - EMS Physicians report for Dr. Carter:
 - Reviewed and discussed the draft Scope of Practice
 - Reviewed the red tape review changes
 - New Quality Improvement & System Development Committee (formerly QASP and System Standards) report by Gary Merrill:
 - Discussed in Old Business
 - The 2 separate committees have not met so there is no report for them
 - TSAC report by Jill Wheeler:
 - We are hosting the American College of Surgeons to do a trauma system consultation in September. They are the subject matter experts in trauma care. The 75-page application along with 100's of supporting documents
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was submitted few weeks ago. There's an introductory virtual meeting on Wednesday September 17th at 3:00. Some EMS have been invited already but if you're interested in sitting in on the virtual one via Zoom, let Jill know. September 22nd is limited to about 150 people so a select group of people from every aspect of the stakeholder list and the travel system across the state has been invited. Monday September 22nd is a full day in person and the exit presentation where the College of Surgeons gives their findings will be on Thursday September 25th at 1000 virtually. Let Jill know if you'd like to attend that virtual meeting. They will look at our entire trauma system from the field to the hospital to rehab to injury prevention & may ask those in attendance if they know what the State Trauma Plan is (you can find a link to it on the BEMTS trauma website). We did this 10 years ago, in 2015, and they provided a very thick written report of all their findings.

- TSAC is next Tuesday. Last quarter we were talking about all our trauma administrative rules that were being updated. They all went into effect on June 1st. The field triage guidelines has been shortened, took out a lot of duplicative language, etc. That shows that we adopted the new national guidelines as our reference so you can get rid of all of your old out of hospital trauma triage destination decision protocols and use these new national ones.
- We adopted the gray book for level 1, 2, and 3 trauma centers. It's the 2022 standards that the ACS put out. We're just a little slow due to needing to get administrative rules changed.
- TSAC will be expanding membership from 7 voting members to 9 voting members and then eventually get to 11. Since TSAC was taken out of statute and administrative rule, TSAC is taking that opportunity to write new bylaws and expand the membership.
- There's been discussion, no requirements right now, about one of the new potential requirements for level 4 hospitals, is to have a system for utilizing telehealth for trauma patients. This could be a big challenge in Iowa due to a lot of hospitals don't currently utilize telehealth for trauma.
- The Triage and Transport subcommittee will stand down for now since that work was completed and we'll reconvene if there are additional needs that arise.

· Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BEMTS Newsletter - Please check your spam/junk folders as the one delivered at the end of April shows 96% has been delivered but only approximately 35% was opened. Any issues receiving, please reach out to Regan at regan.aeschliman@hhs.iowa.gov
Announcements and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Ganss motioned to adjourn. Jamey Robinson seconded.• Next meetings for 2025 & 2026:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ October 08, 2025○ January 14, 2026○ April 08, 2026○ July 08, 2026○ October 14, 2026