



MEETING AGENDA

DIVISION	Public Health – Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services		
MEETING TITLE	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EM SAC)		
FACILITATOR	Dr. Nathan Shaw, EMSAC Vice Chair		
DATE	01/14/2026	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)

Name	Organization	P/A/E
	Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association	-
Dr. Jeannette Capella	Iowa Medical Society	E
Dr. Brian Paul Jennett	American College of Emergency Physicians	X
**Dr. Nathan Shaw-Chair	Iowa Academy of Family Physicians	X
Dr. Conner McDonald	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics	X
Dr. Joshua Pruitt	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	E
Dr. Amy Groen	American Academy of Pediatrics	-
Dr. Nicola Preston	NAEMSP, Iowa Chapter	X
Amanda Sieve PA-C	Iowa Physician Assistant Society	-
Kevin Miller	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	X
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	X
William Cline	Iowa Hospital Association	X
**Jamey Robinson-Vice-Chair	Iowa State Association of Counties	X
Gene Evans	Iowa Firefighters Association	X
Mark McCurdy	Iowa Firefighters Association	X
Ben Kurka	Iowa Professional Firefighter Association	X
Jeff Messerole	IEMSA-Provider	X
Julie Kemp	IEMSA-Volunteer Provider	X
Sandy Neyen	IEMSA-Private Service	E
Luke Huggins	Volunteer Provider-At Large	X
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	X
	Iowa 911 Communication Committee	-
Dr Kelly Kruse/Dr Jon Thompson*	Iowa State Medical Examiner	X



MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Guest)	
Name	Name
Benson, Rick	Koffman, Jody
Catron, Kari	Lancaster, Heidi
Chwirka, Mary	Lindauer, Jake
Clark, Travis	McCulloch, Mark
Deeringer, Brittnee	McCurdy, David
Dinsch, James	Merrill, Gary
Dodds, Jacob	Molitor, Brandy
Eason, Sarah	Mooney, Patrick
Foss, Nicolas	Rayhons, Brian
Ganss, Paul	Scadden, Jules
Gengler, Gregory	Schlichting, Katie
Georgakakos, Peter DO	Striegel, Thomas DO
Grobe, Heather	Vandenbrink, Steven
Hansen, Kenny	Vannatta, Steven
Higginbotham, Teresa	Wheeler, Jill
Koehn, Joel	

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">○ Quorum established-Yes○ New Members- Dr. McDonald
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 Oct 2025 EMSAC draft meeting minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Luke Huggins motioned, seconded by Jeff Messerole, no one opposed. Minutes approved with no changes.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bylaws<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Working on filling the newest additional organization○ Working on filling the open IA Osteopathic Medical Assoc.○ Scope of Practice Update-Final Draft-Steve<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ HHS Administration has completed their final review. The next step is getting the ARC committee approval.○ ALIGN update-Steve<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reminder that ALIGN will replace Amanda. It is currently in the development and build phase through DIAL. Bureau has done a lot of work on this project. Testing will probably start in the next 30-45 days. Roll out is estimated to be between June and August.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. McNally-CARES registry

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation to this group for increasing awareness of the CARES registry (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival). EMS is participating but would like to increase the number of hospitals that are participating.○ PowerPoint has been shared via email.○ Broselow tape 2025 recall for misprint<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ specifically, the AirLife brand, 2025 edition, and 36-23446 Rev 2 print version○ NEMSQA report-Dr. Foss<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://publications.iowa.gov/54851/1/iowa_nemsqa_report_2025_v20251022_AF%20%281%29.pdf○ Iowa released first NEMSQA (National EMS Quality Alliance) report. There are a few other states who have also released this.○ It's important to interpret some measures in the context of the data quality as some data was missing from certain areas in the EMS reporting.○ If interested in more data for your area, please reach out to Dr. Foss.○ Rural Health Transformation Grant-Brad/Steve<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are waiting on approval from iGov
Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services: <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· System Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Legislative update report from Brad Vande Lune by Steve Vannatta:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New session started this past Monday. A few things have been brought to the Bureaus attention and are being monitored.○ Bureau Staff update report from Brad Vande Lune by Steve Vannatta:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing new to report○ CARES update report from Brad Vande Lune by Steve Vannatta:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing new other than what Dr. McNally just presented.○ PHEP-HPP report by Jody Koffman:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are reviewing mid-year deliverables for the hospital preparedness and public health preparedness programs. Our healthcare coalitions have submitted several assessments to determine hazards and gauge readiness for their regions across the state. Assessment data is then used to inform plans and exercises for the latter half of the fiscal year. The required hospital medical surge exercise contains several patient movement elements which correlate with the work of the Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC) workgroup. The workgroup continues to meet monthly. It is comprised of hospital and public health preparedness professionals in addition to

EMS and EMA. The group spent the last year researching MOCCs and holding discussions for what MOCCs could look like for Iowa. We are hopeful the group moves forward with determining a system for the state. We have also revised our Preparedness Advisory Committee, formerly known as the PAC to the Preparedness Strategic Advisory Committee, P-SAC. We reduced membership redundancy and increased local stakeholder participation. We have sent out nomination surveys to obtain four local HPP representatives and four local PHEP representatives. Nominations for the committee are due by January 30. Additionally, we rewrote the advisory committee bylaws to provide a clearer picture of its purpose, structure, and guidelines

- Law Enforcement AED update report from Neil Wellner:
 - 522 deployments for the year 2025
 - Working on 2025 summary report
 - All AED's have been issued into the field
 - Working with agencies to get replacement batteries and pads that were not used at the 4 yr mark
- FR-CARP report from Regan Aeschliman:
 - During year two, the program distributed 1,444 IV doses and 826 2-dose Narcan kits to participating agencies. 163 new EMS personnel received FR-CARP training.
 - During year two, participating EMS agencies reported 1,230 patient encountered for suspected opioid overdose in which naloxone was administered.
 - During those calls, 1,657 doses of naloxone were administered. 298 patients received multiple doses. Of the 1,230 patient encounters, 402 were reported to have "improved" status following naloxone administration
- Data Reports from Terry Smith:
 - Working on a project for GTSB which is to formalize the Data Quality Assurance Process for EMS Data at State Level by establishing a structured snapshot review to assess strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement in EMS data quality. This includes sharing review findings with individual agencies, providing insight into their data quality performance along with an introduction to the formalized quality assurance initiative. This will likely accompany the next version of the widely-read and critically acclaimed Data Signals newsletter.
- CHEMPACK update report by Teresa Higginbotham:
 - In the process of doing an update as there were several personal cell phone numbers in the plan. There needs to be

	<p>a clear path on who at the hospital someone needs to contact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CHEMPACK, as a reminder, is for organophosphates.○ EMS-C report from Vicki Petersen:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No report available○ System Development/Rural Health Transformation Grant report by Jacob Dodds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are waiting on approval from iGov
Organizational Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· CP-MIH Sub-Committee· EMS Training Program Sub-Committee· Iowa EMS Association· Medical Director· Pilot Projects· QISD Sub-Committee· EMS Physician Workgroup· System Standards Sub-Committee· TSAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ CP-MIH report by Dr. Thomas Striegel/Fiona Johnson/Jacob Dodds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ At that last meeting, a lot was accomplished with a good plan moving forward.○ Process will continue moving forward with monthly meetings.○ EMS Training Program report by Kevin Miller:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Looking into, with the SoP changes, how to bring that new education to current curriculums as well as continuing education.○ Partnered with IEMSA to offer an educator track at the conference this past November.○ Have been paying close attention to NR pass rates and the success criteria for EMS students across Iowa. Also working with NR to help to improve some of our success outcomes○ All training programs for EMR and EMT have moved to utilizing the SMC as of January 1.○ Work group on RN Exception at BLS and ALS levels will continue their work○ Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Another successful conference and trade show.○ Currently working on all the things behind the scenes such as election of officers and budget work.○ EMS Memorial ceremony will be held Saturday May 26th at West DM Fire Station.○ Medical Director report for Dr. Georgakakos by Katie Schlichting:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Nothing additional to report○ Pilot Projects by Jacob Dodds:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Project is active.○ Brian with WDM stated West DM has not administered any blood products in the field yet. DM Fire has 3 or 4 times. Each time, they stated they have learned more, not necessarily on the administration side but more on the logistics side. They are taking what they are learning and putting it into practice for the next time.

- EMS Physicians report by Dr. Carter:
 - Nothing additional to report
- Quality Improvement & System Development (QISD) Subcommittee report by Gary Merrill:
 - Committee has had several meetings this fall and is working on developing new system standards document.
 - A draft document is in the works and should have a final draft to present to EMSAC at the next meeting.
- TSAC report by Jill Wheeler:
 - The next TSAC meeting is next Tuesday, January 20. We will be appointing a new rural advanced practitioner as a voting member. All are welcome to join these quarterly virtual meetings.
 - The ACS Trauma System consultation held in September brought several recommendations that we will begin working on in the coming months and years. The final report is posted to the trauma website: [IA TSC 2025 Report Final.pdf](#). We are grateful for the time and energy our stakeholders put into the application process and consultative meetings. Our first big priority to tackle will be a trauma system financial needs assessment. More to come as that work begins, but if you are interested in being involved with this process (it will include a lot of EMS elements), please reach out to jill.wheeler@hhs.iowa.gov
 - The new Level III trauma center standards will go into effect this year in Iowa. There will not be major changes related to EMS, but the trauma verification survey team encourages your services to continue strengthening partnerships and PI/QA processes with your trauma centers
 - The Annual Trauma Registry Report has been published and is accessible on the BEMTS trauma website: [annual trauma report draft v20251218 FINAL 1.pdf](#) We would love to have you join us for a free webinar next Friday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m. for Dr. Nicolas Foss to present themes and trends from this report, while our University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center partners will collaborate on ways we can mitigate injuries throughout our state. Registration for the webinar can be found at the following link:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/48b2dff6-9baf-4e73-abf6-3d68975dbded@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da>
 - Mark your calendars for the 2026 Trauma & Preparedness Conference! September 15-16 will bring a pre-conference training day equipped with EMS Medical Director & Service Director workshops, SIM-IA trucks + more, as well as a full

	conference day of sessions with breakout tracks for physicians, nurses, EMS, public health preparedness, and hospital preparedness. It will be held at Prairie Meadows in Altoona again. Our goal is to keep registration costs as low as possible (historically only \$75-\$100 and includes a plated lunch!)
• Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion was had on new 2025 AHA guidelines that have come out vs using the National Model of EMS Clinical Guidelines for updating protocols<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ It was suggested to use verified resources such as AHA Guidelines for Services and their Medical Directors to update their protocols
Announcements and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jamey Robinson motioned to adjourn. Jeff Messerole seconded.○ Next meetings for 2026:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ April 08, 2026○ July 08, 2026○ October 14, 2026