

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	04/08/2026	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)

<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	P
**Dr. Nathan Shaw-Chair	Iowa Academy of Family Physicians	P
Dr. Conner McDonald	University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics	P
Dr. Joshua Pruitt	American Academy of Emergency Medicine	P
Dr. Amy Groen	American Academy of Pediatrics	A
Dr. Nicola Preston	NAEMSP, Iowa Chapter	P
Amanda Sieve PA-C	Iowa Physician Assistant Society	A
Kevin Miller	Iowa EMS Training Program Association	P
Christina Peterson	Iowa Nurses Association	P
William Cline	Iowa Hospital Association	P
**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	A
Luke Huggins	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
Traci Smith	Volunteer Provider-At Large	P
	Iowa 911 Communication Committee	-
Dr Kelly Kruse*/Dr Jon Thompson	Iowa State Medical Examiner	P

MEETING PARTICIPANTS (Guest)	
Name	Name
Regan Aeschliman	Jake Lindauer
Peter Amstalden	Cheryl Livingston
Kari Catron	Mike McElmeel
Mary Chwirka	Gary Merrill
Travis Clark	Patrick Mooney
Tricia Conter	Joel Otte
Cammy Jo Cother	Vicki Petersen
Brittanee Deeringer	Daniel Poirier
James Dinsch	Kaylee Ries
Jacob Dodds	Jules Scadden
Dustin Draisey	Katie Schlichting
Gabby Duncan	Keri Smith
Sara Eason	Dr. Thomas Striegel
Megan England	Andrew Sweeney
Dieter Friton	Jamie Temple
Paul Ganss	Steve Vandenbrink
Gregory Gengler	Brad Vande Lune
Dr Pete Georgakakos	Steve Vannatta
Heather Grobe	Neil Wellner
Kenny Hansen	Jill Wheeler
Teresa Higginbotham	Jamie Wuebker
Jody Koffman	

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
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 Jan 2026 EMSAC draft meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeff Messerole motioned, seconded by Dr Jennett, 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Terms are coming up at the end of June. Communication has been sent to those expiring to see if they are willing to stay on or would like someone else to represent their organization.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ System Development Standards Draft Document-Gary

- A draft of the system standards document was sent out via email. The QISD (Quality Improvement & System Development) Committee has put a lot of time and thought into this draft document. Please read if you haven't already and reach out to Gary with any questions.
- Updating 641-131-Steve
 - Moving forward with the proposed scope of practice requires opening IAC 641-131. Since we're opening 131, we've taken the opportunity to do a review. There are 3 areas were looking at making some changes.
 - First one is primarily with the Board of Nursing with their updated con ed, so we needed up update our rules to reflect their changes.
 - With NREMT adding Pediatrics to their core topics, we are adding Pediatrics to our Iowa Con Ed requirements. We are adding 1 hr. to EMR, 2 hrs. to EMT, 3 hrs. to AEMT, and 4 hrs. to Paramedic. For Iowa, these can be in any of the current core topic areas.
 - Lastly there is a section on reactivation. We're specifically looking at the 25-month to 48-month period. We are looking to remove that language as NREMT has requirements for that time frame.
- IBOP, federal rule change and how it applies to Iowa-Steve
 - There are some federal rule changes that became effective on March 9th with regards to the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017. This was developed through the DEA with regards to controlled substance administration and DEA registration. Primarily what this does is open a third pathway where EMS service programs can apply for actual DEA number and be able to maintain their own stocks of controlled substances. Currently it's either through a pharmacy or through your medical director, but again this opens that third pathway.
 - BEMTS has been in communication with the Board of Pharmacy. They're aware of the federal rule changes that the DEA has put out and are currently reviewing those and how that's going to impact Iowa rule. There is still some work that's being done on their side of things, but they're keeping in communication as to how that progress is going. There is no timeline for when they're going to have a final ruling on things or when they're going to be able to update those rules.
- Module additions for ImageTrend-Brad
 - Hospital Hub- A real-time communication and data-sharing module that connects EMS and hospital emergency

	<p>departments. It allows EMS to send electronic patient care reports (ePCRs) while en route, enabling hospitals to prepare for incoming patients and improving care coordination, efficiency, and outcome tracking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Care Mobile- A patient-centered care management module designed for community paramedicine and mobile integrated healthcare programs. It aggregates data from multiple sources to monitor patients over time, manage chronic conditions, reduce repeat EMS use and hospital readmissions, and support proactive, community-based care.
<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 · System Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative update report from Brad Vande Lune: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HF 571- HF571.pdf- Medical Conscious Bill, on the governor's desk for signature. ○ Bureau Staff update report from Brad Vande Lune: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BEMTS is fully staffed ○ CARES update report from Brad Vande Lune: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jamie Burke has been organizing CARES for 3 different states, is transitioning out of that role. ○ PHEP-HPP report by Jody Koffman: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently in the midst of exercise season. Our local healthcare coalitions across the state are exercising a variety of scenarios, mainly focused on a natural disaster with patient components. Also partnering with IA Dept of Homeland Security for a natural disaster exercise. The Preparedness team is currently reviewing hospital preparedness and then public health preparedness applications for next grant year. We have our local contract holders in place. We're just reviewing those, making sure they're on the right track to successfully meet those grant deliverables. The FEP applications are due to us May 1st and then the hospital or HPP applications are due to us on May 15. ○ Our Preparedness Strategic Advisory Committee has transitioned a little bit. We have added local representatives to that committee. We have 4 representatives on the hospital preparedness side and then we have obtained 4 representatives on the public health side to join us. Their work will begin on July 1st. ○ Our Medical Operations Coordination Center work group continues to meet. They have met over the last 15 months & have done a lot of research in regards to what other states have done for these mocks & have held a lot of conversations about what mocks could look like for Iowa. ○ We have decided to transition into two smaller subcommittees, to do more targeted work and become a bit

more action oriented. One subcommittee is focusing strictly on governance policy & operating model. The other subcommittee will focus more on regional implementation and data and technology, which leads us into Iowa hospitals connecting with Juvari. Juvari is a company that has a product called Bed Sync. It's a bed data product. It essentially streamlines the flow of critical hospital capacity information from hospitals to state systems. It's really a CDC initiative right now. It's a full funded three-year program. Other than that, we are collecting those EMS goal resolutions from previous years where EMS agencies are really working through gaps identified from last year's assessment and then rolling out a plan on how they're going to meet that gap

- Law Enforcement AED update report from Neil Wellner:
 - 144 deployments to date
 - 523 deployments for 2025. Stats are being worked up for presentation.
 - Program support from HHS BEMTS will end June 30, 2026
- FR-CARP report from Regan Aeschliman:
 - For current grant term (Sep. 29, 2025-present): 1,009 IV doses and 443 IN Narcan kits sent to participating EMS agencies
 - There is a new PowerPoint module
 - Currently onboarding new training coordinators
 - Provided 50 IN Narcan kits to DMFD REACH program for secondary distribution which is their post-overdose mobile outreach program throughout Polk County
 - Focus for this grant term: Increasing secondary distribution and onboarding new agencies for program participation
- Data Reports from Terry Smith:
 - Nothing new to report
- CHEMPACK update report by Teresa Higginbotham:
 - The CHEMPACK plan is in the process of updating the contacts that we'll be able to go out to first responders. Once that's completed, the plan will be shared with the first responders. There are about 5 hospitals left to get their contacts updated. That should be moving along soon and then they've had replenishments that dropped this week
- EMS-C report from Vicki Petersen:
 - National Pediatric Readiness Project: This national data collection project is open now and closes May 31. Individual hospital data is confidential; hospitals receive immediate scoring and resources. Iowa is at 31% response rate; the goal is 100%. If you're affiliated with a hospital, I strongly encourage you to participate. Reach out to

	<p>vicki.petersen@hhs.iowa.gov to find out if your hospital has responded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Save the date for the next virtual pediatric symposium: “Special Delivery: A Guide to Field and ED Births,” May 19, 6:30-9 p.m. This free CE presentation features an Iowa medic with a great field delivery story, as well as a pediatric expert from Children’s Nebraska. The flyer will be sent to the usual list once it’s available. Contact Vicki if you’re not on the list. ○ PECC: Iowa EMSC’s Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator group reached 800 members this week! Membership in this group of EMS and ED staff, school nurses, law enforcement and emergency management represents all links in the chain of emergency care for children. Members receive information and funding ideas, access to free CE, relationship building opportunities and access to the free training manikin-lending program, and all resources can be shared with peers. The newly developed PECC Committee is meeting soon to begin developing opportunities to maximize the impact of this large group. If you’re interested in joining the committee, please let me know. ○ System Development/Rural Health Transformation Grant report by Jacob Dodds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Awaiting approval from the Governors office to provide any information on potential funding sources.
<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 · QISD Sub-Committee · EMS Physician Workgroup · System Standards Sub-Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CP-MIH report by Dr. Thomas Striegel/Fiona Johnson/Jacob Dodds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We continue to work on getting some basic frameworks of some things together with regards to regulation, scope of practice and education so that the committee can consider those and issue some final thoughts to the Bureau. I’ve also attended meetings through the National Association of State EMS officials addressing many of the same things. We’re currently working on a national scope of practice model that can be utilized in the development of these programs as well. Hopefully in the next few months we’ll have some more to come ○ Dr Striegel added through the National Association of EMS Physicians, the MIH committee ongoing discussions about the same sort of ideas, nationalized standards, but a big focus, emphasis, is in ongoing funding. That translates into support for funding for treatment in place. So not just MIH activities, but a more consistent pathway for all pre-hospital

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- healthcare that takes place even if wheels don't turn with a patient and back.
- EMS Training Program report by Kevin Miller:
 - At our January mtg, the association discussed a few things. One of the things that we looked at was the SMCs at the EMT level. We reported at this last meeting that those were fully implemented on January 1, 2026. We are hoping to have some data that we can share, hopefully at the next meeting, on how those are going and how those are being implemented across the state. We also discussed EMT classes being at outreach locations across the state and how we can make EMS training more accessible.
 - We just updated our goals and are looking at National Registry pass rates. In 2020, the state was at a 72% cumulative pass rate for EMTs. In 2024 it was 71%, & in 2025 it is up 3% at 74%. For Paramedics, we were at 87% in 2020. 2024 was 83% & 2025 was 77%. We have created a committee or a work group called Quality Analysis to really dig into our pass rates. We also are looking at quality instruction across the state as well as addressing specific training program struggles as an association.
 - Some specific things that we'll be doing at our meeting tomorrow, is looking at sonography and point of care ultrasound as it relates to EMS training programs. We will also be working with the Bureau on data and how we can really drive data in the initial education. We also are going to be having Dan Limmer talk to us about strategies for our training programs
 - Iowa EMS Association update report by Jeff Messerole:
 - IEMSA is hosting a webinar series with a public consulting group on April 23rd from 1100 to 1200. This particular webinar is entitled Mobile Integrated Healthcare Strategy, Implementation and Funding Opportunities.
 - In line with EMS week, IEMSA will be kicking off its EMS memorial ceremony. That will take place Saturday, May 16th at West Des Moines Station #19 in West Des Moines. It'll begin at 1000 with a continental breakfast, and at 1030 they'll have a ceremony. On IEMSA webpage at iemsanet.net you can print and download an application for somebody to be placed on the memorial wall. Those eligible would be those who suffered a line of duty death or those who made an impact to EMS in their career. They're accepting applications until April 15th
 - August 11-12th is the EMS Billing Conference that'll be held at the West Des Moines Hilton Garden Inn. More information can be found on the IEMSA webpage

- September 9-10th will be an Emerging EMS Technology Conference with more information found on the website.
- The annual IEMSA Conference and Trade Show this year will be their 36th annual and will be held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, November 12-14th.
- Medical Director report for Dr. Georgakakos:
 - Nothing new to report
- Pilot Projects by Jacob Dodds:
 - The West DM/DMFD pilot project continues. Nothing new to update and no new applications have been received.
- EMS Physicians report by Katie Schlichting:
 - April meeting was cancelled
- Quality Improvement & System Development (QISD) Sub-Committee report by Gary Merrill:
 - Nothing big to report. This group has been working on the System Standards document. Once that is wrapped up, the group will start to identify some statewide quality improvement measures.
- TSAC report by Jill Wheeler:
 - Trauma system development priorities have been compiled, and a statewide trauma system financial needs assessment was identified as the top priority. This assessment will include determining the cost of EMS and trauma readiness, EMS and hospital uncompensated care burden, bureau FTE needs for the trauma system, funding gaps, and potential financing options. EMS stakeholder input will be essential for this large project. Please notify Jill Wheeler if you are interested in participating in this workgroup. Work is expected to begin later this year.
 - The BEMTS trauma team has increased the frequency of spot-checks for trauma center registry concurrency to monitor compliance and will continue to send quarterly reports. Since initiating this process in Q1 2025, non-compliant hospitals decreased from 26 to 16 by Q4, reflecting improved data entry efforts.
 - The [2024 Annual Trauma Registry Report](#) and the [Iowa NEMSQA Reports](#) are now available on our website.
 - Save the Date: Iowa's 2026 Trauma and Preparedness Conference will be held September 15–16 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona. The conference website, including agenda, speakers, and registration details, is expected to go live in the coming months. This event is high-quality and more affordable than most comparable conferences.
 - ImageTrend Patient Registry has merged with Biospatial. A platform transition is anticipated within the next few years,

	<p>and we are optimistic about the opportunities this merger may bring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new 5th edition of RTTDC -- Resource-Variable Trauma Team Development Course (formerly called the Rural Trauma Team Development Course) will launch on April 15. The state will continue purchasing course manuals so hospitals can host the course at no cost. EMS agencies are encouraged to attend when courses are offered at their local hospitals. ○ The next TSAC meeting is scheduled for April 21. All are welcome to attend; the previous meeting had 124 participants. TSAC will vote on two new organizations to complete the slate of 11 voting members. The agenda may also include a high-level discussion of the Iowa Lakes baseball bus crash response.
<p>· Other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a question asking if there was any update on the bill to change from township funding to county funding. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BEMTS has not heard any specifics on that.
<p>Announcements and Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke Huggins motioned to adjourn. Jamey Robinson seconded. ○ Next meetings for 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 08, 2026 ○ October 14, 2026

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