



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
Bureau for Public Health  
Office of Emergency Medical Services**

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**Minutes  
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)  
April 20, 2023**

**Members Present**

David J. Weller  
John Smoot  
Samantha Richards  
Brian Potter  
Brian Doughty  
Paul Seamann  
Trish Watson  
Robert C. Horn  
Samantha Stamper  
Thomas Hayes  
Steven Schetrom  
Ben Lasure-virtual  
Ray Bryant  
Brandon Martin

**Guest Present**

Laura Forren  
Danile Blake  
Chris Hall  
Courtney Turner  
Forest Weyen  
Shirley Morrison  
Torie Geis  
Jeremy Higginbotham  
Rita White  
Monica Mason

**OEMS Staff**

Joseph "Jody" Ratliff  
Dr. Beth Toppins- Virtual  
Larry "Dewey" Cole  
Jason Rucker  
Andrea Persinger  
Julie Burner  
Robin Jones  
Erin Timbrook

Danny Reynolds  
Nick Cooper  
Jerry Warner  
Brantley Whittaker  
Steven Ashcraft

**Guest Present Virtually**

Amanda Simmons  
Brandon Jones  
Charles Mueller  
Chris Lindsey  
Dr. James Scheidler  
Ed Bays  
Emily Ollman  
Grant Dalton  
Heather Brown  
Helen Clark  
J. Sippel  
Jeremey Laird  
John Bragg  
Joseph Strait  
Josh Armstrong  
JT Lewis  
Karen Scheuch  
Lisa Chamberlin  
Lorrie White  
Michael Shukis, MD  
P.S. Martin  
Paula Johnson  
Phillip Bolt  
Robert Wilburn  
Shawn McKenna  
Steve Nuckles

**I. Welcome, Introduction and Roll Call (Please turn cell phones to silent or vibrate)**

Chairman Weller called to order the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council at 1:00 pm on April 20, 2023. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

**II. Approval of January 19, 2023, EMSAC minutes**

Motion made by Brian Doughty to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by Thomas Hayes.

### III. **Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller**

- Chairman Weller welcomed Chirs Hall and he presented the legislative update. Chairman Weller announced that this meeting will break at 1:30 pm for Executive Session for the members to discuss Senate Bill 737.
- The EMSAC website has also been cleaned up and is up to date, everything but the RMD.
- New member Brandon Martin was welcomed and introduced. He will be representing the Mountain State Medical Services Association-EMT.
- Also, Dr. Beth Toppins was announced as the Interim State Medical Director for OEMS.

### IV. **EMSAC Committee Reports –**

#### 1. **Special Interest – Paul Seamann**

- Update on CCT, community paramedicine and safety.
- The new EMSC Coordinator Erin Timbrook gave an update on EMSC.

#### 2. **Administration – Trish Watson**

- Recruitment/Retention.
- SB737 we are still waiting for the rules for.
- EMS Mental Health will be covered by Director Ratliff.
- WVOEMS relations are going well.
- Discussing financial stability and EMS Requirements/Regulations/Licensure.

- **Chairman Weller asks for a motion to break for Executive Session, motion is granted. The council breaks into Executive Session for 45 minutes. A motion is made by Brian Doughty to go back to regular session. Motion is seconded by Samantha Richards. Motion is approved.**

#### 3. **Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – John Smoot**

- A presentation was given by the Medical Command directors, Torie Geis and Shirley Morrison on a new PI process. It was very well received and OEMS will submit it to communications to be cleaned up it will be brought up next meeting.
- Updated EMR scope of practice. A motion to accept the new EMR Scope of practice was made by John Smoot. The motion to seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion was approved.

#### **4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight**

- Update on Testing
- Curriculum Development/Implementation
- Educational Institute Update
- EMS Education Policies/Procedures

#### **5. Medical Command – Brian Doughty**

- Reminder to complete surveys for siren radio system.

#### **6. Community College – No report.**

### **V. Special Reports**

#### **1. OEMS Report - Director Joseph “Jody” Ratliff**

- We are working a lot on Mental Health
- Also working closely with Jim Kaufmann on Treatment in Place.
- Would like to announce that Jason Rucker has been hired as the Program Manger 1 for Education and Certification.
- I would also like to commend all the Med Comm directors/managers or doing such a good job and working so closely to help improve things.

#### **2. OEMS Interim State Medical Director Report – Dr. Beth Toppins**

- I have nothing to report on behalf of the State. I am just here to let everyone know that I am here if anyone needs me.

#### **3. Air Medical Report – Brian Doughty**

- After 4 years Dr. Peterson has resigned, and Dr. Chris Goode is acting as Interim Medical Director for HealthNet and HealthTeam.
- A helipad will be installed at Reynolds Memorial IN Glendale, WV.

### **VI. Old Business**

#### **1. Physio Control Documentation –**

We had a question to come in from an agency on Lifepak. If an ambulance has Lifepak does it also needs to have an AED because the Lifepak says its only intended for 8 years old and above. OEMS Director Jody Ratliff said he will get with DHHR legal for the answer.

#### **2. SETS Removal –**

SETS removal will happen soon. We are working to get the 2-year instead of 4-year certification to get the recertification dates the same year for State and Nationals.

## VII. New Business

1. **Executive Session - Covered** under Executive Session.
2. **Jennifer Myers – COVID 19 Outcomes** – Due to time constraints she will email the council the information.
3. **New Appointees - Covered** in Chairman Report
4. **Interim State Medical Director** – Covered in Chairman Report
5. **Consideration of Senate Bill 737 Rules** – Motion to approve made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion approved.
6. **Pediatric Psych Care** – Jody will work on this and get a list out to everyone on ImageTrend. Also, a motion was made to put this into the Education Committee, the motion was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion passes.
7. **Consideration of the MPC Education Course** – MPCC asked EMSAC to put this into the Training/Education Committee to develop a program. Motion to put into committee made by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion approved.
8. **QA-QI Process** – Covered under committees.
9. **Consideration of Tactical Paramedic requirements vs Active Threat EMS requirements** - Looked over the Senate Bill to see what program we will use. OEMS wants to be able to track this data therefore an endorsement would be available for those eligible on their cards. FEMA or ITLS programs was discussed, a motion was made to use the ITLS program by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by John Smoot. Motion approved.
10. **Consideration of GVOKE Glucagon Option** – Motion to pass this to the MPCC was made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by John Smoot. Motion carried to the MPCC.
11. **Consideration of 9208 Patient Refusal Guideline – Modification or Removal** - A motion was made to suspend and send it back to committee to be reviewed and revised, motion was made by Brian Potter. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant.
12. **RSI program** – Motion was made by Samantha Richards to move RSI back to committee. Motion was seconded by Justin Doughty. Motion carried.
13. **CCT Guideline Flow Charts** -Motion to send to MPCC made by Paul Seamann. Motion is seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion is carried.

## VIII. Good of the Order

### IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by Paul Seamann. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting July 20, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.**

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