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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
April 17, 2025

Members Present

David “Jamie” Weller
Ray Bryant
Nicholas Cooper – virtual
S. Craig Cox – absent
Thomas Hayes – absent
R. Craig Horn
Marsha Knight - virtual
Ben Lasure – virtual
Brandon Martin – absent
Monica Mason
Brian Potter
Samantha Richards – absent
Steven Schetrom – absent
John Smoot - virtual
Samantha Stamper
Trish Watson - absent

OEMS Staff

Joseph “Jody” Ratliff
Dr. P.S. Martin
Bryan Justice - virtual
Diana Linville
Andrea Persinger - virtual
Jason Rucker
Janice Hagerman- virtual
Ronin Jones
Erin Timbrook
Larry “Dewey” Cole

Guest Present

Forest Weyen
Shirley Morrison
Kevin Duckwall
Tonya Ward
Johnna Harshbarger
Jerry Warner

Joshua Mills
Cheryl Whitt
Steven Ashcraft
Mike Thomas
Paul Seamann
Jimmy Scheidler
Ben Deuell

Guest Present Virtually

Blake
Brandon Jones
Collin Smith
Donna Wade
Ed Bays

Gauge Miller
Jennifer Auxier
Joseph Strait
JL LCEMS
Julia Zeto
Justin Browning



Lorren Forren
Phillip Bolt
Robby May
Kelly Crosier
Lindsay Schradler

Lorri White
Makiah Ratliff
Michael Ellis
Micheal moody
Shawn McKenna

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 10:00 am on April 17, 2025. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

- Johnna Harshbarger with MCA was introduced, they work with EMS billing. She is present to assist in any way she can.

II. Approval of January 16, 2025, EMSAC minutes

Motion made by Ray Bryant to approve the minutes of January 16, 2025; regular statutory meeting as represented. The motion was seconded by Monica Mason. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller

▪ **Legislative update – Joseph “Jody” Ratliff**

EMS Salary Enhancement Bill – It did make it into the budget, the budget did pass both houses, it still must be signed by the Governor. It was eight million going towards Salary Enhancement and two million going towards Mental Health and Education.

Licensure – It did pass into law that every EMS provider in the state will be Licensed instead of Certified. It will be from EMVO up. Everyone will get a new card and go into effect May or June. That is something EMS has fought for this change for years; I would like to thank our Lawyer Virginia Payne for her hard work on this.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –

1. Special Interest – Monica Mason

- **EMSC** – Erin Timbrook – We are currently working on the Pediatric Symposium. We have 33 classes so far, 5 classes for kids. We will offer daycare again this year. We have nine ARK recognized facilities. I am currently working on a Pre-Hospital ARK program and hope to have that completed this year.
- **Specialty Care Transport Protocols** – Dr. Martin – We plan to have two all day meetings to get them complete and send out to the committee to review.
- **Safety in Workforce** – Mike Thomas – Everything has been on pause since November. OSHA and everything Federal funded have been put on hold.
- **Active Threat** – Jon Fannin - We have built the video, done the recordings. It just needs polished up a little bit. So today we are going to show you guys the trailer of that, so you can see what is coming.

- Wilderness – Joshua Mills – We are trying to wrap it up and push out our product to the protocol committee. Next hurdle is to develop a course. We have selected Wilderness for the Medical Provider.

2. Administration – Jamie Weller

- The last meeting was in January, we had two ADT subcommittee meetings
- ADT Sub – Administration from local hospitals and clinic groups participated in one of the meetings. Hesitation from the hospital side, clinics more accepting. There is still a lot of work to do.
- Line of Duty Death Benefit – I have not had a chance to work on this.
- Other Funding – Amanda McCarthy from higher Education finally contacted me, that five million was given only to the two-year accredited institutions. No options for agency to apply unless doing it through a college. Five million from special session, OEMS should see that soon.
- Hospital Wait Times – Samantha Stamper - We hosted a webinar, and we had 45 people attend.

3. Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – Chairman Weller covered

- The new certification and re-cert policies are out.
- Protocols are out and will go effective May 12, 2025.
- We are looking at updating the EMS Education Policy.
- We have the Performance Improvement Policy in rough draft form. Jody has us to make a subcommittee to have this completed and ready by the July meeting. Can I get a motion to create a Performance Improvement Policy Sub-committee? The Motion to create a subcommittee was made by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by Craig Horn. Motion carried.

4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight

- Protocol education continues this month.
- We are still working on the education for the EMT pre course.

5. Medical Command – Shirley Morrison

- We continue to look forward to database improvement.
- Working together on interfacility transfers.

5. Community College –

- So, I can tell you about where some of the money went and how it was spent. It was used to purchase the **WHAT SYSTEM**, some went to UC for the leadership program. We also got a decent size chunk of that for tuition support. So, we have spent about \$120,000 used in tuition.
- We are also trying to do some instructor support classes.

V. Special Reports

1. **OEMS – Jody Ratliff, Director** – For the office, the certification and recertification is out there, and we are working on streamlining that. The end goal would be that you all do not have to call the office, it is totally up to you to complete. Once we get the PI progress done, we will streamline that. We do have the Hospital Hub after ten years of fighting. It should be rolling out soon. So, because we purchased it, it will be free. We will only allow a hospital to have access to that if it is by-directional.
2. **OEMS State Medical Director Report – Dr. P.S. Martin** – On the protocol side of things the MCP and MedCom training has been complete. Also make EMSAC aware of tourniquet take down, since July 15 – March 15 we have had 98 tourniquets placed, of those 24 taken down, only 8 required re application. Going well and data looking great.
3. **OEMS – Jason Rucker, Program Manager, Education** – The PI Policy will help guide us on what education is needed. I am re-building the Progress Report on education on ImageTrend. Certification side, our office processed over 2,000 applications between January – April. That does not include endorsements that are only certifications and recertifications.
4. **OEMS – Robin Jones, Program Manager, Division of Trauma, Designation and Categorization** – Just to give you guys a little update, on the trauma designation side. We do continue to have 31 Trauma Centers, we have two Level I, two Level II, 4 Level III, and twenty-three Level IV. One facility has been placed on probation and one on suspension. We continue to work on ESO for Trauma registry. We are still working out the bugs for those. Potential go live date of July 1, 2025. RMRC meetings are waiting for our new hire to be processed, his name is David Lacko. Glad to get him on board.
5. **OEMS -Larry “Dewey” Cole, Program Manager Licensure** – Only thing that comes to mind for me is that with the Hospital Hub you could see some changes I run sheets. We will add fields to accommodate the outcome data. CCT module is live in ImageTrend. There are about 200 additional fields.
6. **Air Medical** – No report.

VI. Old Business

1. **QA-QI Process Update** – Covered, sub-committee established.
2. **ALS Pre-Hospital Blood Administration Update** – Julia Zeto/Dr. Martin – It is impossible for everyone to get whole blood, so we are looking at alternatives. Plasma is a good alternative in our rural areas.
3. **Certification/recertification/ credential recognition policies implementation** – Covered.
4. **EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic recert class material** – Out and ready to go.

5. **EMT Orientation Program** – Continue to work on this. Also, looking at what platform to offer this on.
6. **Update Protocol Phase II – Shirley Morrison** updated on progress.
7. **Controlled Substance Policy Update** – OEMS get with legal and can vote online.
8. **Update from Sports Emergency Care Sub-committee – Brian Potter** – We have not met; we were going to have a class but that got tabled. We plan to meet more this summer.
9. **Update on Pilot Projects – Dr. Martin** – Because of the things that had fell into my plate I do not have an update; I am devoting May to getting caught up with them all.
10. **July meeting change** – July 24, 2025

VII. New Business

1. **Hospital Hub Update** – Covered.
2. **Provider expiration dates in ImageTrend** – correct dates not visible from squad view. OEMS will investigate this and contact ImageTrend.
3. **Update of Agency Training Officer Program/Rollout** – Covered.
4. **Consideration of Annual Protocol Submission Policy**
 - **October is the last month for Protocol Submissions to be accepted**
 - **February 1** is the deadline for the final protocols to be turned into WVOEMS (no changes after that date)
 - **February 15** – protocols will be posted for 30-day comment
 - **March 15- March 20** – period for changes to be made prior to rollout.
 - **March 20- March 31** – Educational tools developed
 - **April 1** – Protocols rollout for training
 - **May 1** – Protocols become effective

Ray Bryant makes the motion to move forward with the policy with the addition of sending the appendix J to Training Officers March 20-30. The motion is seconded by Craig Horn. Motion carries.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ray Bryant. The motion was seconded by Monica Mason. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting July 24, 2025, Meeting format and location to be announced.