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**Minutes**  
**Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)**  
**November 2, 2023**

**Members Present**

David J. Weller  
John Smoot  
Samantha Richards - absent  
Brian Potter  
Trish Watson  
Robert C. Horn  
Samantha Stamper  
Thomas Hayes  
Steven Schetrom – absent  
Nick Cooper  
Ray Bryant  
Brandon Martin  
Monica Mason  
Marsha Knight - absent  
Chad Lindsay- absent  
Ben Lasure - absent

**Guest Present**

Steven Ashcraft  
Jenna Mulligan  
Lara Goshell  
Forest Weyen  
Sam Adkins  
Rita White  
Mike Thomas  
Paul Seamann  
Amanda Simmons  
Joseph Strait  
Josh Mills  
Chris Beard  
Kevin Duckwall  
Clinton Burley  
Shirley Morrison

**OEMS Staff**

Joseph “Jody” Ratliff  
Dr. P.S Martin  
Jason Rucker  
Larry “Dewey” Cole  
Andrea Persinger  
Robin Jones  
Erin Timbrook  
Diana Linville  
Carmen Alley  
Ashley Bond  
Carley Cochran



Courtney Turner  
Jeremy Higginbotham  
Julia Zeto  
Christopher Lusk  
J.T. Taylor

**Guest Present Virtually**

Mike Alt  
Torie Geis  
Allen Myers  
Brant Whittaker  
Dave Seidler  
Ed Bays  
Heather Brown  
Helen Clark  
James Scheidler  
Lorri White  
Michael Fox  
Michael Shukis  
Shawn McKenna  
Cayla Long  
Jonathan Fink  
Michael Moody  
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 November 2, 2023. Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

**II. Approval of July 20, 2023, EMSAC minutes**

Motion made by Steven Schetrom to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant.

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

- EMSAC will be replacing Chad Lindsay on the council with Stephen Cox. We are waiting on the Governors letter now.
- EMS/Fire Committee Meeting

#### **IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –**

##### **1. Special Interest – Monica Mason**

- Rita White gave an update on CCT and pediatric guidelines.
- The EMSC Coordinator Erin Timbrook gave an update on EMSC and announced that the budget rollover for the grant was approved, and the fund will be rolled over. EMSC had 3 ARK visits and 3 ARK recertifications.
- Active Threat - TECC and education pathways are still being discussed.
- Jeremy Higginbotham – Provided a presentation on Civil Military Innovation Institute, visit website for details CMI2.org.

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

- Recruitment/Retention.
- SB737 funding.
- Critical staffing shortage.
- WVOEMS relations are going well.
- Financial stability and EMS Requirements/Regulations/Licensure.
- Emergency Ambulance Services Act of 1975 discussion.
- ER wait times are back up again.
- Legislative Agenda.

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

- Shirley Morrison – Provided an update on the New Protocol Format and they are still making progress and working on the layout. Next springtime frame is what they are aiming for.
- Glucagon option on BLS truck – still a work in progress.
- New Protocols or Protocol Update submission process – New Protocols or Update Protocol must be submitted to EMSAC by the October meeting. It will then go to 30-day comment. The roll out would be in April and the Protocol would go live in May. The motion to send this to the MPCC was made by Brandon Martin. The motion was seconded by Brian Potter. Motion carried.

##### **4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight absent, Trish Watson gave update**

- A training component for Glucagon on BLS truck to be sent over to OEMS for approval. A motion to send the training component to OEMS was made by John Smoot. Seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.

#### **5. Medical Command – Ray Bryant**

- Siren Legacy system
- Clinton Burley – We have provided Department of Homeland Security with the siren surveys and have not received a response after several attempts. We are asking the council to write a position statement on the issue to be sent to Homeland Security. Motion made the Ray Bryant will write a position statement was made by Thomas Hayes. Motion seconded by Brandon Martin. Motion carried.
- PI program – Shirley Morrison
- Protocol re-formatting already covered.

#### **6. Community College – Ed bays – No Report**

### **V. Special Reports**

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

- We bought a few of our current employees and two new employees today to introduce to the EMSAC council. First is Ashley Bond she will be our new Secretary for investigations division. Next, we have Carley Cochran the new Secretary for education division, and she will also be helping in other areas. We also have Carmen Alley, a lot of you have probably talked to Carmen who is our support person in the Licensure division. Finally, we have Diana Linville, our Education Coordinator.  
That’s all I have; everything was covered in committees.

#### **2. OEMS State Medical Director Report – Dr. P.S. Martin**

- I will keep mine short as well. Protocol update has already been covered and I just wanted to say that I take great responsibility in this process as should all providers. I would like to congratulate Dr. James Scheidler and Dr. Shukis on becoming certified Emergency Medical Services Physician (EMSP).

#### **3. OEMS Staff -**

- Larry “Dewey” Cole - Data pulls for Jody for the Legislative session.
- Jason Rucker – Online testing platform working well, been a great success. Still working on AEMT/Paramedic Application. In the future I will be working on online Instructor Applications and online Educational Institute Endorsement Applications.

## VI. Old Business

1. **SETS Removal/applications update – Jason Rucker**
  - I am currently still building the AEMT/Paramedic application.
2. **9208 Patient Refusal Guidelines Modification** – Still in committee.
3. **Consideration of GVOKE Glucagon Option** – A motion was made by Thomas Hayes to accept GVOKE as an option. Motion seconded by Trish Watson. Motion carried.
4. **QA – QI Process** – Still in committee.
5. **New Protocol Format Update** – Already covered in committee.
6. **Instructor/Education Policy- Requirement to be state certified** – Director Ratliff will discuss this with the Commissioner and update EMSAC.
7. **MCP Training Program**- Training committee working on that.
8. **ALS Pew-Hospital Blood Administration Update – Julia Zeto** - We are currently still in negotiations with St. Mary's working out a few issues.
9. **Salary Enhancement Funding Update** – Covered in committee.
10. **Tourniquet Protocol modification/update** – Dr. Shukis is working on that, and it will be sent out to everyone for review.
11. **Glucagon Education**- Covered in committee.

## VII. New Business

1. **Create a Workforce Subcommittee under Special Interest with Safety nested in it** – Motion made to create a Workforce Subcommittee was made by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by Steven Schetrom. Motion carried.
2. **Create a subcommittee for Wilderness/Prolonged field care** – Josh Mills gave a presentation on Remote & Austere Medicine. Trish Watson will take this information back to the committee to develop education and get that group developed.
3. **Protocol Implementation 2024** – Covered in committee.
4. **Focus group for Cert/Recert Education** – Trish Watson will work on developing that.
5. **Consideration of Protocol Updates** – Motion was made to accept all protocol updates at once was made by Monica Mason. Motion seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion is carried. All Protocol Updates listed below.
  - 4113** – Antibiotic Administration
  - 4208** – Tachycardia
  - 4211** – Symptomatic Bradycardia
  - 4213** – Right Ventricular AMI
  - 4214** – ROSC

- 4602** – Stroke
- 4607** – Behavioral Emergencies
- 4610** – Adult Fever
- 4902** – Patient Comfort
- 5106** – Musculoskeletal Trauma
- 5113** – Right Ventricular AMI
- 5214** – ROSC
- 5602** – Stroke
- 5610** – Adult Fever
- 6409** – Pediatric Fever
- 6602** – Stroke
- 6610**- Adult Fever

**6. Consideration of protocol wide change to include the following verbiage in applicable protocols: “Nitro may be administered if the SBP >100 mmHg or MAP >70 mmHg”** – Motion to accept made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.

**7. Consideration of New Protocols –**

- **4114 – Traumatic Brain Injury/herniation Syndrome** – Motion to accept made by Trish Watson. Motion seconded by Monica Mason. Motion carried.
- **4115/5115 – Crush Syndrome** – Motion to accept made by Trish Watson. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.
- **4612/5612 – Hyperkalemia** - Motion to accept by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by Brandon Martin. Motion carried.
- **4613 – Treat/No Transport** -Motion to accept with a future roll out date made by Trish Watson. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.
- **5902 – Pain Comfort/ Pain Management** -Motion to accept by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by John Smoot. Motion carried.
- **8401 – Surgical Cricothyrotomy** – Motion to accept Trish Watson. Motion seconded by Brandon Martin. Motion carried.

**8. Consideration of Protocol Guidelines section** – Motion to accept by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Steven Schetrom. Motion carried. List below.

- **Tactical**
- **Wilderness**
- **Treatment in Place**

**VIII. Good of the Order**

**IX. Adjournment:**

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Motion to adjourn the meeting made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Steven Schetrom. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting January 18, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.**