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**MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Friday, May 15, 2020

9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL ONLY

Teleconference: 877-873-8017, Access code: 9922449

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

Attendance:

Present: A. Abbas (via phone); Dr. C. Brent (via phone); D. Condino (via phone); R. Cronkright (via phone); K. Cummings (via phone); Dr. K.D. Edwards (via phone); Dr. M. Fill (via phone); G. Flynn (via phone); B. Forbush (via phone); W. Hart (via phone); J. Harvey (via phone); B. Kincaid (via phone); C. Lake (via phone); L. Martin (via phone); P. Burns for Senator McBroom (via phone); K. Miller (via phone); S. Myers (via phone); M. Nye (via phone); A. Sledge (via phone); E. Smith (via phone); Dr. R. Smith (via phone); T. Sorensen (via phone); A. Sundberg (via phone); B. Trevithick (via phone); C. Haney for G. Wadaga (via phone); K. Wilkinson (via phone); Dr. S. Wise (via phone); J. Wyatt (via phone); Representative J. Yaroch (via phone).

Absent: C. Baker; F. Jalloul; D. Pratt.

BETP Representatives: Dr. W. Fales (via phone); S. Kerr (via phone); E. Bergquist (via phone); N. Babb (via phone); E. Worden (via phone); T. Godde (via phone); A. Pantaleo (via phone); D. Flory (via phone); E. Hendy (via phone); K. Kuhl (via phone); J. Wagner (via phone); L. Bailey (via phone); Scott Minaudo (via phone); Dr. S. Mishra (via phone); A. Stephens (via phone); T. First (via phone); D. Burke (via phone); D. Kapnick (via phone); K. Putman (via phone); A. Kinney (via phone); J. Spitzley (via phone); A. Biliti (via phone); T. Frascone (via phone).

Guests: Paul Burns, Senator McBroom's office (via phone); Ralph Ortiz, Lansing Fire Department (via phone); Yehuda Kranczer, Hatzalah of Michigan (via phone); Dave Boomer, Tri County MCA (via phone); Damon Gorelick, DEMCA (via phone); Bob Miljan, Wayne County MCA (HEMS); Dr. C. Pratt, U of M (via phone); Dr. Domeier, Washtenaw/Livingston MCA (via phone); Dr. McGraw, Oakland County MCA; Erik Lyons, Lansing Community College; Angela Madden, MAAS; Luke Bowen, Macomb County MCA (via phone); Eric Snidersich, Saginaw-Tuscola MCA (via phone); Jason MacDonald, MMR (via phone); Bob Abraham, Birmingham Fire Department (via phone); Jim Etzin, Farmington Hills Fire Department (via phone); Dr. D Strong, Henry Ford Health System (via phone); Lance Corey, Kent County EMS (via phone); Andrew Savage, Emergent Health Partners (via phone); D. Feichtner, Springfield Township (via phone); Dr. H.

Klausner, Henry Ford Health System (via phone); Dion Stumpo, White Lake Ambulance Authority (via phone); Chris LaGerould, Orion Township Fire Department (via phone); Dr. B. Orr, Tri County MCA (via phone); John Truba, Sparrow Health System (via phone); David Miller, STAR EMS (via phone); Dr. R. Dunne, DEMCA (via phone); David Gealer, Universal Macomb Ambulance Service (via phone).

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda (Lake, Wilkinson). Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from 3/20/2020 (Lake, Wilkinson). Motion carried.

Communications:

- Dr. Edwards read a letter submitted by Chris Lake. Chris is resigning from the EMSCC, as he has accepted a position with the IAFF that requires him to relocate to the District of Columbia.

Announcements:

- None.

Old Business & Committee Reports:

COVID-19 – DET Staff

- Sabrina Kerr thanked Chris Lake for his commitment and dedication over the years and congratulated him.
- Johnny Wagner gave an update on the EMResource tool that was rolled out for gathering information. It has historically been used by hospitals and emergency planning for identifying diversion status. They decided to use this for the additional data gathering for PPE since it was already in place. It is also being used by long-term care and other facilities.
 - Ken Cummings asked if the EMS PPE could be broken down by county. Johnny said this could be done for future builds, but the current build was built using the information in License Management.
- Executive Order 2020-39
 - Provider licensure:
 - Changes from EO 2020-39 were continued to cover the May renewals. This is because of the extension of the emergency declaration. May renewals can renew now or six months from the end of the emergency declaration.
 - Agency:
 - Ability to automatically downgrade is still in effect.
 - Staffing relaxations are still in effect.

- Emily Bergquist briefly updated on the EMS staff activity in the CHECC.
 - Emily and Erika Hendy have been working on the Director's report and other projects for the CHECC.
 - Derek Flory has been working on interfacility issues. Emily thanked Life EMS for helping with this project.
 - Johnny Wagner has been working on EMResource and collecting information.
 - There are 10 emergency protocols that have been released. At this time, they are trying to keep these as emergency protocols and COVID-19 specific. Emily said there is more work to be done on them to make them a permanent part of the protocol set.
 - Work is being done on data monitoring with biospatial, as well as possibly interfacing biospatial and EMResource.
 - The Wednesday Update had a request for personal experiences if anyone is willing to share.
- Terrie Godde provided an update to education.
 - Programs have learned to adapt well to virtual technology.
 - Terrie has been meeting with paramedic programs weekly and this has been valuable.
 - Terrie talked about Executive Order 2020-77, section 10i, and exams with Pearson Vue.
 - Psychomotor exams will open in other states next week. Michigan details are being worked out and updates will be provided in the Wednesday Updates.
 - The scope of practice documents on the agenda are quick sheets to show the skills in Michigan at each level. Should they be approved, they will be posted to the EMS website.
- Derek Flory gave an agency update.
 - The new agency online renewal system for first quarter went well.
 - License copies are not being mailed; they can be found in the online agency profile as PDFs.
 - Vehicle inspections are still being done virtually.
 - Agency inspections are still waived per Executive Order 2020-39.
- Dr. Sam Mishra gave an EMSC update.
 - A special interest has been taken to consider children's mental and physical well-being during the pandemic.
 - A child abuse workgroup has been created, as it has gone up markedly.

- A webinar on recognizing and reporting child abuse is being developed with Dr. Mishra and Terrie Godde.
 - Dr. Mishra spoke about the recent cases of Pediatric Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (PIMS). This presents like Kawasaki's disease. Fever and GI issues are signs. Tracking and monitoring will be done and guidance will be coming out.
 - The EMSC survey didn't not produce robust data. They will look at this in the future. This will be shared.
 - Hospital NPRP survey is being postponed due to COVID-19.
 - The pediatric champion project is still under way.
 - The EMSC page on the EMS website has been overhauled.
 - Steve Myers asked if we knew how many cases of PIMS we have had. Sam said 17 cases in children's hospitals. She doesn't have a complete number but will be working with others to get a better number.
- Krisy Kuhl briefly spoke about the telehealth applications.
 - General Devices will be rolling out a new program.
 - She is working on a telehealth log.

EMS Systems/Strategic Planning Update – S. Kerr for K. Wahl

- Sabrina reported the state has indicated there will be temporary layoffs. The division has not received official notice but there may be delays in things being completed in a timely manner, so please be patient.

Emergency Preparedness Update – Dr. Edwards

- This has been a busy and eventful time on the preparedness side.
- Michigan received supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile.
 - Ventilators were also distributed and are now returning.
- Dr. Edwards said EMS is the one piece of emergency preparedness that touches every other part across the board. He said he is amazed at the EMS workforce resilience and dedication. He spoke about cohort population monitoring and hotspots and other aspects of the virus.
- Dr. Edwards would encourage everyone to visit the [Michigan Critical Care Collaborative Network](#) site, as it is very informative.
- Dr. Edwards spoke about the EMResource platform. He said the support of the regional trauma coordinators, as well as the EMS staff, has been an integral part of getting participation on the platform. The report has grown and provides situational awareness. There is a lot of utility for future use.

Trauma Systems Report – E. Worden

- Eileen said having a system in place being is helpful in supporting a response. She gave some examples.
 - Major collaboratives in 2N and 2S with point in time issues of care.
 - Michigan Critical Care Collaborative Network mentioned above in Dr. Edwards' report.
 - Trauma Coordinators assisted with EMResource, hotlines, and the Health Care Coalitions.
 - Theresa Jenkins was integral help in clinical support of the hotline.
- Eileen spoke about reengaging Trauma care with COVID response guidelines.
- The Regional Trauma Network applications will be presented in the fall.
- The Regional PSRO inventory was completed and will be presented to the Regional PSRO chairs.
- Registry data is being submitted in time.
- Site visits were pushed back. An FAQ is posted on the website.
- STAC and Designation committees have agreed to stay on until 2021. Bruce Trevithick would like to wait until September's meeting to discuss. Monty Nye said those positions are appointed by the director. Bruce will get with Eileen.

EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Fales

- Dr. Fales congratulated Chris Lake on his new position.
- Dr. Fales recognized the providers from Otsego County EMS that are recovering from COVID-19.
- Dr. Fales discussed PPE, including historical perspectives.
- He discussed the benefits of EMResource and gave numbers from yesterday.
 - Number of people on ventilators is 443. This had been over 1,500.
 - Total number of admissions is under 2,000 statewide.
- Dr. Fales thanked the Bureau staff and those in the field.
- Dr. Fales spoke briefly about Remdesivir trials.
- A question was asked about an EMS specific AAR for COVID, and Dr. Fales addressed, as well as Emily.

Committee Reports:

- Quality Assurance – Dr. Edwards
 - We did meet remotely in April. The next meeting on May 22, 2020 will be virtual, as well.
- Ambulance Operations – M. Nye
 - They have not met.

- Medical Control Authority – B. Trevithick
 - They have not met.
- Compliance and Licensing – K. Cummings
 - They have not met.
- Education – K. Wilkinson
 - They have not met. The scope of practice will be reviewed in new business.
- By-Laws – B. Trevithick
 - Please check the lists that went out.
- Data Task Force – B. Kincaid
 - They have not met, but they did change the schedule. The next meeting will be June 7th at 0900. This meeting has a new recurrence schedule of the second Thursday of the even months.
- Legislative – B. Trevithick
 - HB 4517-4519 and HB 5476
 - These four bills relate to expanding DNR to include minor patients. Bruce said the feedback is trying to find a way to protect vulnerable minors. Bruce said these would affect EMS. The legislative committee did not feel strongly about supporting or opposing these. Greg Flynn said these were heavily weighted to school district. The legislative liaison was on the call with the committee. The committee’s general feeling was they are not being adequately addressed. Chris Haney said he thought there was a previous debate on this in EMSCC. He thinks this should be reviewed and brought back.
 - **Motion to table these four bills until the next meeting to review with the constituent groups and bring back (Trevithick, Nye). Motion carries.**
 - HB 5704
 - This would add COVID-19 to infectious disease reporting.
 - **Motion to support the committee’s recommendation of support for this bill (Flynn, Forbush). Motion carries.**
 - Bruce commented on reporting challenges with the hospitals and health systems and to keep in mind that everyone was assuming they were exposed.
 - HB 5743 and HB 5758
 - These bills expand support for those that could have been affected by COVID-19, such as first responders and essential workers. These would expand coverage of certain things. The legislative subcommittee did not have a specific recommendation but submit it for review. There were

questions about funding, and disease acquisition. Chris Haney said this needs more review and there is a lot to be looked at. Bill Forbush said this should be neutral. Monty Nye said there needs to be a cost analysis.

- **Motion to table these two bills until the next meeting (Nye, Flynn). Motion carries.**
- HB 5746 and HB 5767
 - These relate to stocking of materials and supplies for disasters and pandemics. The committee supported HB 5746 in concept but wanted to see the newer bill HB 5767. Bruce went over some concerns they had. Dr. Edwards asked Representative Yaroch for direction. Representative Yaroch said he appreciates any feedback. He said it was disappointing that there was a back and forth between the federal and state on who has supplies. His bill is to force the conversation to eliminate the back and forth. Monty Nye said there are still concerns that need to be addressed on these.
 - **Motion to table until the next meeting (Nye, Lake). Motion carries.**
- HB 5759 and HB 5749
 - These bills deal with crisis response with either tax credit or tax deduction. There were questions about this, including whether it would be ethical to vote on this, as we are affected, as well as whether there should be additional qualifiers. Bruce said the committee didn't take a specific position. Bill Hart commented that there has been no legislative analysis on these bills, and it would be premature to work on them now.
 - **Motion that the committee has reviewed these bills HB 5759 and HB 5749. (Flynn, Forbush). Motion carries.**
- HB 5751
 - This would expand immunity protections for certain individuals related to COVID-19. The subcommittee is recommending support, but a language change should be included as it just references Paramedics and not all EMS Providers.
 - **Motion to support with correction to the language from Paramedic to all EMS Providers. (Condino, Forbush). Motion carried.**
- Rural – G. Wadaga
 - There is nothing to report.

- Pediatric Emergency Medicine – S. Mishra
 - They have not met. The EMSC website has been updated and projects are continuing to be worked on.
- EMS Safety Ad Hoc – C. Lake
 - The group met virtually on Tuesday. Culture and changing the culture were discussed. Talking to providers that have been impacted. Chris thanked everyone on the committee.
- Critical Care Ad Hoc – E. Bergquist
 - They have not met.
- Community Integrated Paramedicine Workgroup – K. Kuhl
 - They have not met. Emily discussed data elements. Josh Legler continues to work on that project. Krisy discussed education. COVID-19 has caused some delays.

New Business:

- Administrative Rules-Sabrina Kerr
 - Sabrina presented the rules to the group. Action will be requested at the next meeting while comments are finalized.
- Scope of Practice-Terrie Godde
 - Terrie presented these to the group.
 - **Motion to support (Lake, Wilkinson). Motion carries.**
 - Bruce asked if this changes scope of practice. Terrie said no, it is a tool to help them find things. Terrie thanked the Education Subcommittee for their work.
- EMS Week Discussion-All
 - Sabrina asked if anyone had any suggestions.
 - Bonnie said they have been discussing postponing the parties and festivities until August.
 - Bruce said it would be nice to create a single week the state could do collectively. Sabrina said she will discuss with Kathy and something will go out in the Wednesday Update.
 - Bill Forbush suggested using EMS Week as a public education opportunity. Chris Lake spoke, as well. Ken Cummings said one size fits all doesn't seem doable. Greg Flynn said it may be good to tier the response, and define what each piece will focus on.
 - Bill Forbush suggested an ad hoc committee for this. Terrie volunteered for this. Angela said MAAS has already written a press release, drafted a proclamation for the governor and they are happy to help.

- It was decided to keep the seed planted and look at an ad hoc if needed at a later date.

Membership Round Table Report:

- Next meeting date
 - Dr. Edwards suggested planning on holding the July meeting, even if virtual. The group agreed.
- Ken Cummings said EMS Expo was delayed and is tentatively scheduled for August.
- Joni Harvey spoke about 911. They have extended training guidelines certifications and spoke about how those help. The annual forms to collect information have been extended. There is a national group trying to get an extension for the federal grants for equipment and updating GIS. The self-care information that has been coming from MDHHS has been helpful and is being distributed. Joni asked if anyone comes across things that are specifically for leaders/upper management to please send it along. Joni reported the call volume has dropped and spoke about an expected increase in suicide related calls. Emily thanked Joni for all of her work.
- Steve Myers asked about temporary licenses, and do we know at what level and if they are working. Sabrina addressed.
- Monty Nye thanked Chris Lake for his help and dedication. He also praised the statewide EMS calls as being valuable.
- Alyson Sundberg said their annual conference may not be able to be held as normal.
- Bruce Trevithick thanked and congratulated Chris Lake.
- Representative Yaroch said to stay healthy.

Public Comment:

- Jim Etzin reported it is National Peace Officers Memorial Day. Please remember to lower your flags and thank your local law enforcement officers.
- David Feichtner asked if the department could survey the people with the temporary licenses to see how many end up successfully licensing. Sabrina addressed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 (Flynn, Trevithick). Approved.