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**MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Teleconference Only**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

**Attendance:**

**Present:** A. Abbas (via phone); Dr. C. Brent (via phone); D. Condino (via phone); Dr. K.D. Edwards; Dr. M. Fill (via phone); B. Forbush (via phone); W. Hart (via phone); J. Harvey (via phone); C. Lake (via phone); L. Martin (via phone); Senator McBroom (via phone) K. Miller (via phone); M. Nye (via phone); E. Smith (via phone); Dr. R. Smith (via phone); B. Trevithick; 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; K. Cummings; G. Flynn; F. Jalloul; B. Kincaid; S. Myers; D. Pratt; A. Sledge; T. Sorensen; A. Sundberg.

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

**Guests:** Bob Miljan, Wayne County MCA (HEMS); Todd Hendy, Lansing Township Fire Department (via phone); Dr. Domeier, Washtenaw/Livingston MCA (via phone); Dr. McGraw, Oakland County MCA; Marvin Helmker, Lansing Community College; Angela Madden, MAAS; Dr. Strong, DEMCA (via phone); Luke Bowen, Macomb County MCA (via phone); Dr. Hsu, Ann Arbor (via phone); Mike Holland, Roseville Fire Department (via phone).

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from 1/17/2020 (Wilkinson, Lake). Motion carried.**

## Committee Reports:

### By-Laws – Bruce Trevithick

- The Bylaws subcommittee has not been able to meet and cannot make specific recommendations today. Bruce Trevithick suggested reappoint the existing subcommittee through the end of the year and use the application process to fill the committees in November.
- **Motion to extend the subcommittee terms through the end of the calendar year (Trevithick, Forbush). Motion carries. No abstentions.**
  - Discussion: Chris Lake said he agrees with the motion but thinks the application process needs to be looked at. The application used is for gubernatorial appointments and the subcommittees are not gubernatorial appointments. Chris also said the bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. Bruce addressed this. Monty Nye asked if this includes QATF and Bruce said it is for all subcommittees. Eileen Worden asked if there were enough for quorum for the rest of the year. Bruce said we do, and Dr. Edwards can appoint members to fulfill a term. Angela Madden asked if this includes the appointments recently made by Dr. Edwards and Bruce said yes.

## New Business:

- COVID-19.
  - Sabrina gave an update of the EMS office's involvement in the response.
  - Emily gave updates:
    - A plan is being worked on for licensing. Nothing is final yet, but it is being worked on.
    - Four emergency protocols have been released and more are on the way.
      - Emily discussed the protocols. Updates are being made and she went over what is being developed, including specimen collection and telemedicine. Krisy Kuhl is spearheading the contract with General Devices. It is not necessary for MCAs or agencies to use this vendor. Requests for more information on this protocol should be sent to Krisy Kuhl at [kuhlk2@michigan.gov](mailto:kuhlk2@michigan.gov). Krisy is also handling the emergency protocol adoptions. These can be sent to Krisy or Nicole.
    - Please continue to go to the EMS website [www.michigan.gov/emscovid](http://www.michigan.gov/emscovid) for more information. Everything is being posted there. Emily went over some of the items that are posted there. Quick Sheets are posted and continue to be developed, including one on screening. Emily discussed what this may entail and the importance of it.
  - Education update: Terrie
    - Classes relating to COVID-19 can be taught right away. Please email the paperwork to Terrie.
    - National Registry will be issuing provisional certificates for those that have passed the cognitive but not the psychomotor exam.

- There are Pearson Vue sites that are allowing testing by appointment only. Terrie will be calling the Pearson Vue sites today. Extensions on certifications, such as BLS, were discussed and there may be value in adding this to the website.
    - Terrie discussed a recent memo from Kathy regarding clinical hours.
    - Terrie reminded agencies there is a 60-day grace period for provider licenses.
- Fit Testing:
  - Emily gave an update on requirements for fit testing. A new mask for a new person requires a fit test, but then that mask should be saved to be used. The fit testing requirement that was waived is for annual fit test. Emily gave some examples and Sabrina discussed potential MIOSHA violations.
- Agency Update:
  - Derek Flory gave an update on how the switch to electronic agency licensing is going.
  - Remote inspections have been implemented for the regional coordinators and Derek briefly discussed.
- Johnny Wagner gave an update on data.
  - He spoke about the importance of data. There has been a drop off in the submission rate and asked people to talk to their agencies.
  - He discussed a surveillance report that was developed and is being reviewed daily. Emily went further in depth on the report and follow up that occurs from it. She said if the data isn't there, safety can be affected.
- Dr. Samantha Mishra gave an update on EMSC.
  - She is working with partners to produce a tool kit for conversations with children about COVID-19.
- Sabrina gave additional reminders:
  - PPE is an issue; she encourages everyone to reach out the regional healthcare coalitions.
  - EMS Information:
    - [www.michigan.gov/emscovid](http://www.michigan.gov/emscovid)
    - [MDHHS-MichiganEMS@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MichiganEMS@michigan.gov)
    - [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)
- Eileen Worden provided a brief Trauma update. She said Trauma is supporting the COVID-19 response regionally and at the Bureau level. The verification visits in March have been rescheduled, trauma is working with a 30-day contingency plan and will plan accordingly. STAC will meet by conference call April 7.

### **Membership Round Table Report:**

- Bill Hart is experiencing snow in the Upper Peninsula.
- Joni Harvey reported they will be opening the communication unit in the SEOC and she will be part of that. She can relay information. Please send her an email at [harveyj6@michigan.gov](mailto:harveyj6@michigan.gov). Emily thanked Joni for her efforts in facilitating between EMS and the 911 system.
- Senator McBroom introduced himself. This is his first meeting since being appointed. He is the state senator for the 38<sup>th</sup> District.
- Bruce Trevithick asked if the regions have been given guidance on the distribution of PPE. Emily addressed and said the answer is yes. She briefly discussed.
- Joel Wyatt asked about the administrative rules. He said there are comments that need to be submitted. Sabrina addressed and said comments should be submitted as soon as possible, as this is the updated draft after comment review.
- Representative Yaroach said things are being done by Executive Order and responders have been contacting him about various issues, including testing. He asked to let him know if something isn't being addressed by Executive Order. He also reminded everyone the Executive Orders are temporary. He also would like to hear issues that would go beyond the Executive Orders. Emily said the testing is increasing and hopefully that will lessen those issues.
  - Emily pointed out the COVID-19 hotline and email address.
    - 888-535-6136
    - [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov)
  - Representative Yaroach asked if agencies are experiencing staffing issues due to having to quarantine staff. Mike Holland from Roseville Fire Department responded. He said they had some members quarantined. They are a department of about 41 and said that even one member in quarantine affects response. He reminded everyone that PPE is essential. He also said they would appreciate the response to negative test results, as they have heard there is a delay for negative results. Emily and Sabrina will check into this.

### **Public Comment:**

- Luke Bowen asked a question about the rationale of fit testing when they only have a single size N-95 option and if they should drop to a surgical mask if it fails. Emily said we are moving past contingency into crisis levels of PPE and gave her recommendation of donning the mask and ensuring a seal check. Emily said there is a respiratory PPE quick sheet on the website.
- Eileen Worden reminded everyone of the importance of infection control and Emily expanded on that idea. Emily asked everyone to please share any quick sheets they may have developed.

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. (Lake, Forbush). Motion carried.**

**NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2020 at Livingston County EMS**