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**MICHIGAN EMS COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

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9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL ONLY via Microsoft Teams

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

Attendance: A. Abbas; Dr. C. Brent; D. Condino; R. Cronkright; K. Cummings; Dr. K.D. Edwards; Dr. M. Fill; D. Bunge for G. Flynn; B. Forbush; W. Hart; J. Harvey; F. Jalloul; B. Kincaid; K. Miller; S. Myers; M. Nye; R. Ortiz; D. Pratt; A. Sledge; E. Smith; R. Smith; T. Sorensen; A. Sundberg; B. Trevithick; C. Haney for G. Wadaga; K. Wilkinson; Dr. S. Wise; Representative J. Yaroch.

Absent: C. Baker; L. Martin; Senator McBroom; J. Wyatt.

BETP Representatives: K. Wahl; S. Kerr; Dr. W. Fales; E. Bergquist; N. Babb; E. Worden; K. Kuhl; T. Godde; J. Wagner; L. Ryal; D. Flory; L. Bailey; L. Nelson; E. Hendy; T. Frascone; A. Pantaleo; S. Minaudo; H. Berghoef.

Guests: Dr. McGraw, Oakland County MCA; Dr. Paul, St. Clair County MCA; Damon Gorelick, DEMCA; Bob Miljan, Wayne County MCA (HEMS); Erik Lyons, Lansing Community College; Angela Madden, MAAS (via phone); Luke Bowen, Macomb County MCA; Carol Robinet, Superior Ambulance; Jon Hockman, DMS; Marv Helmker, LCC; Dr. R. Dunne, DEMCA; Al DiBrito, Berrien County MCA; Dave Gealer, Universal Macomb; Belinda Chandler, MCEP; Marina Wyrzykowski, MDHHS; Curtis LeSage, UPHS; Andrew Brown, Medstar; Robert Olkowski, Detroit Fire Department; Michael Bentley, Kalamazoo County MCA; Glenn Garwood; Bob Kirkley, Aspirus; Rob Ginther, Beverly Hills DPS; Dion Stumpo, White Lake Ambulance; Marilyn Kropp; Universal Macomb; Dr. Nate Hunt, UM; Ed Unger, Region 8; Marilyn Szost, Addison Township; Bill Priese, Meridian Township; Jason MacDonald; Katrina Rushford, Marquette-Alger MCA; Lance Corey, Kent County EMS.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with moving public comment ahead of membership roundtable (Trevithick, Forbush). Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from 9/19/2020 (Trevithick, Sundberg). Motion carried.

Communications:

- Dr. Edwards asked if Bruce Trevithick would serve as parliamentarian and he agreed.
- No additional communications.

Announcements:

Reminders of upcoming educational opportunities:

- Emily Bergquist reported the EMS section is putting on a webinar at 1 p.m. next Tuesday. This will be on MI-TRAIN and will be recorded for later viewing. You can register for it [here](#).

Old Business & Committee Reports:

COVID-19 – DET Staff

- Kathy Wahl reported the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) are still activated for the COVID-19 response and counts are going up. She discussed EMS being busy and spoke about call volumes. She said the office is working on situations for assisting with responses.
- Kathy discussed the lack of being able to have executive orders and the memo that went out about non enforcement of staffing levels. This was worked on with the MDHHS legal department and should only be used in a true emergency. **Kathy will send out a clarification**, and advised agencies to work with your MCAs or to contact the EMS Office for assistance when needed.
- Kathy spoke about trying to take some of the load off EMS and hospitals with long transport by looking at a treat in place option to reduce the load on transports.
- Kathy spoke about vaccines and how EMS can help as part of the healthcare continuum. EMS is important to the community outside of EMS response.
 - Dr. Fales said we want to make sure there are tools in the toolbox to respond to staffing crisis and spoke about collaboration and resources.
 - Steve Myers said they are being inundated with dialysis transfers and it's becoming hard to manage. Kathy will let them know of the difficulty with the hours, but it is outside of our purview as the dialysis centers are doing this to protect other dialysis patients.
- Kathy expressed appreciation for everyone. She spoke about COVID plans and the good plans and responses received when they've had to be requested.
- She reminded everyone of the importance of safety measures, even without patients in proximity.

EMS Systems/Strategic Planning Update – K. Wahl

- Emily Bergquist said critical care is on pause again due to the increase in work on COVID.

- Krisy Kuhl gave an update on Community Integrated Paramedicine (CIP). The CIP work group meetings will resume next year on the third Thursday of the month. Emily said an agreement was reached with Imagetrend for documentation and the tool will be developed.
- Kathy gave an update on Pediatrics for Dr. Mishra, who is unable to join us today.
 - The Pediatric champion email address is live – PedsChampions@michigan.gov.
 - The Pediatric Champion toolkits are set to go out to all designated, current ED Pediatric Champions. They will be distributed through the Healthcare Coalitions. One will go out per hospital/Emergency Department if they have a designated champion. If additional kits are desired, please reach out to the email above.
 - Two webinars were recorded and are now on MITRAIN. One was on Autism and Spectrum Disorder, with the support of CarterKits, and one was on Licensed, Certified Professional Midwives and home births.
 - The Peds Ready Survey is set to go out in May of 2021. This is a national survey and more will come out at a later date.
 - The EMS for Children Survey is set to go live in January of 2021. More information will come out ahead of the survey.
 - Collaboration continues with MDHHS Epidemiology about Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) and summary numbers were provided.
 - Dr. Mishra has been supporting the CHECC work related to pediatrics, parenting, families, schools, behavioral health, wellness, and education.
- Terrie Godde gave an update on education.
 - She reported the education programs are getting good at virtual learning.
 - The EMT programs are thankful for the change to recommended instead of required language for hospital clinicals because those are hard to do right now.
 - She spoke about the [Future for Frontliners](#) program. The deadline for the application is 12/31/2020.
- Anthony Pantaleo spoke about the opioid crisis.
 - He is working with Krisy on CIP opioid follow up programs and education.
 - A Naloxone Leave Behind protocol was approved.
 - He spoke about a grant from [Michigan Overdose Data to Action](#) (MODA) grant for quick response teams and he briefly explained the multidisciplinary approach.
- Sabrina Kerr reported the administrative rules are still going through the process and she doesn't anticipate any updates by the end for the year. She will report with updates

when she has some. She reported she has been getting questions about provider licensing issues. She encouraged those having trouble to reach out.

- **Kathy spoke about strategic planning. It has not been able to happen this year, but she would like to tentatively plan on this for next March if possible to keep the system moving forward. She asked everyone to think about it and we'll discuss again in January.**

Emergency Preparedness Update – Dr. Edwards

- Dr. Edwards discussed the preparedness program. They have been busy, and he went over some challenges and is impressed how everyone has been working together.
- He talked about the incredible things done at the state level to streamline funding to where it needs to go, including SPRN funds going to EMS.
- He talked about the MI-Volunteer registry being a part of this response.
- Dr. Edwards said exciting things have happened in the last month, including the upcoming COVID vaccines. He spoke about being thankful for the protocols out for this. He discussed the vaccine and the timeline. He is glad that EMS is a part of this and to collaborate with your MCA. He discussed the good news on how the vaccine can help. He said it will be a long haul, but he is optimistic.

Trauma Systems Report – E. Worden

- Trauma activations are ongoing, and the system is adjusting.
- Trauma facilities are looking for program guidance on post pandemic work. Internal discussions will start next month.
- Data submission continues. She spoke about the difficulties of delay.
- She spoke about outbreaks in hospitals possibly being related to staff removing masks in breakrooms.
- Regional Trauma Network applications
 - These are done every three years. These have been reviewed and approved by STAC and now are coming to EMSCC for approval. Eileen went over the application and process to get to this point.
 - **Motion to approve (Trevithick, Condino). Approved.**

EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Fales

- Dr. Fales gave an update.
- He said the vaccine is promising, and this a great opportunity for both getting EMS vaccinated and partnering with your community to take care of vulnerable populations. This will further elevate the view of EMS in the broad healthcare community.
- Dr. Fales briefly discussed screening for EMS personnel with testing. The hope is the proposed antigen testing will be useful. The state has received tests and the purpose is to identify asymptomatic workers. A pilot program will hopefully give the outcome information needed to move forward with these throughout the state, provided they

are found to be reliable. He spoke about difficulties in getting the pilot program started. When it moves forward, he said a webinar will be developed for operationalizing.

- Dr. Fales spoke about the monoclonal antibody medication authorized by the CDC for COVID-19. He said 5,200 vials will be available and spoke about the target population. The hope is to prevent hospitalization.
- He discussed the emergency protocol for stationary treatment/non-transport and difficulties with that. This protocol does allow for not transporting with medical control contact and a plan for care. It requires working with the facility and determining an alternate plan, and Dr. Fales gave some examples.

Committee Reports:

- Quality Assurance – Dr. Edwards
 - Dr. Edwards thanked the committee for their work. He spoke about the CIP session that was held yesterday to work on those protocols.
- Ambulance Operations – M. Nye
 - They did not meet.
- Medical Control Authority – B. Trevithick
 - They did not meet.
- Compliance and Licensing – K. Cummings
 - They did not meet.
- Education – K. Wilkinson
 - The committee met and there are two department policies presented for review. Kevin discussed and explained the reasoning for the policy. He gave Terrie the floor to discuss further. Terrie discussed the delays and difficulties with meeting requirements of the administrative rules this due to non-response issues. She also discussed the Improvement plan and pass rates. These do contain new \$100 fines. Kathy said a vote isn't expected to be held on these today. **These policies will be on the agenda next meeting to allow EMSCC member to take them to their constituents for review.**
 - Annual Report
 - Program Performance Improvement Plan
- By-Laws – B. Trevithick
 - Revision of the EMSCC Bylaws Proposal-**Motion to approve (Kincaid, Forbush). Approved.**
 - Subcommittee membership slates-**Motion to approve the slate with the changes made today (Trevithick, Forbush). Approved.**
 - Bruce discussed the draft Bylaws with the group. He thinks the concerns presented were addressed. The Bylaws were sent out in the 30-day requirements.

- Bruce discussed the work that went into producing the spreadsheet. These terms will be for three years. Dr. Edwards said he is willing to step aside for Compliance. **Critical Care has a double.** Ken asked anyone interested in Compliance and Licensing to let Nicole know so she can give the recommendation to Bylaws.
 - The chair and vicechair will be presented at the January meeting. There have already been three people that are interested in the vice chair position, so those names will be provided for a vote. Anyone else interested should let Nicole know.
- Data Task Force – B. Kincaid
 - Emily discussed a Schematron issue. Affected agencies should get in touch with the EMS office.
- Legislative – B. Trevithick
 - DEA Draft Rules for Controlled Substances
 - This is for information purposes. Bruce discussed. It is unclear whether this will require EMS agencies to become registered with the DEA. The concern is extra hoops to become DEA compliant, as the system in place now has worked for EMS.
 - Chris Haney went over his concerns from his analysis. December 4, 2020 is the deadline for comment.
 - Dr. Fales said it does sound like this is something we will have to comply yet and discussed his analysis.
 - Bruce asked the department to provide guidance and thinks we need to be prepared to implement this.
 - Bonnie Kincaid said she had talked to Deb Wagner about this, and Kathy said she had sent it to Farah Jalloul. Farah said they didn't have any additional comments. Dr. Fales said this is the rules to attempt to operationalize the law.
 - SB 1185 – Pandemic Liability Protections-**Motion to support with the recommendation to extend the date to the end of the pandemic (Kincaid, Sundberg). Approved.**
 - This is another liability protection due to the pandemic. There was a concern of the July 15 date. The recommendation is to support the legislation with the end date being pushed out to the end of the pandemic.
 - Rep. Yaroch briefly discussed, and he also said he has been reminding drafters to include all levels of EMS when he can.
 - Bruce said PA 236-239 have already passed and had liability protections.

- Rural – G. Wadaga
 - There is no report today.
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine – S. Mishra
 - This was given earlier in the DET report and there is nothing additional.
- EMS Safety Ad Hoc – E. Bergquist
 - They have not met.
- Critical Care Ad Hoc – E. Bergquist
 - They have not met.
- Community Integrated Paramedicine Workgroup – K. Kuhl
 - This was given earlier in the DET report and there is nothing additional.

New Business:

- None.

Public Comment:

- None.

Membership Round Table Report:

- Representative Yaroch said he appreciates everything EMS is doing. He knows it's been a struggle, and this is a difficult time. For COVID patients and nursing homes, he said the governor, the legislature, and everyone is struggling with what the right plan is and he apologized for the burden it places on EMS. He said he wanted to acknowledge all EMS is going through in this difficult time.
- Emily Bergquist reminded those that are joining by phone only should email Nicole with the last four digits of your phone number if we did not greet you to associate you with your phone number.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 (Trevithick, Flynn). Approved.