



Bureau of Emergency
Preparedness, EMS
and Systems of Care

EMSCC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 11, 2024

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Committee Members: Bruce Trevithick – chair, Monty Nye, Alyson Sundberg, Bob Miljan, Lance Corey, Lauren LaPine, Greg Flynn, Jeff White.

Absent: Ken Cummings, Paul Hood, Angela Madden, Dr. Brent, Jonathan Pyka.

Guests: Kolby Miller, Bill Priese, Kelsey Ostergren, Jeff Spitzley, Nicholas Rossow, Rob Warnemuende, Dr. Rockoff.

BETP Staff: Kallie Piette, Nicole Babb, Emily Baker, Sabrina Kerr, Emily Bergquist, Damon Obiden.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 10:02 a.m. by Bruce Trevithick.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from January 8, 2024 – Motion to approve (Corey, Nye). Approved.**
3. **Current Legislation Review**
 - a. HB 5407 – Baby Drop Box Tab 2
 - Monty Nye discussed how long we’ve been looking at this. Bruce said there is already a bill in place, and this is a separate bill that talks about the baby drop box specifically.
 - **Motion to oppose (Flynn, Nye). Motion carries.**
 - b. EMS Carry and Administer Emergency Contraception - Draft Tab 3
 - This does not have a bill number yet and would have EMS providers carry and administering contraception in case of sexual assault. MPFFU received from Representative Brixie for support, but they aren’t touching it. The group discussed. This is not an item for prehospital. This is not considered emergent care. Bruce Trevithick wondered if a conversation could be had with the sponsor. Jeff Spitzley advised Legislative Services has not seen this yet. Bob Miljan discussed hospital pharmacies carrying and other questions regarding the medication. Taking this to EMSCC was recommended. The full committee could reach out to the sponsor. Lauren LaPine advised they have not seen this yet and they will have a conversation with their hospital lobbyist. She asked about procedures when a draft bill is being discussed. Bruce explained.
 - **Motion to oppose as written (White, Flynn). Motion carries.**
 - c. SB 734 – Remove EMS Act Language on Health & Safety Protocols Tab 4
 - Bruce presented the changes to the group. This affects EMS in the suggested removal of emergency protocol language. Emily discussed previous uses of

emergency protocols. Our section is just one part of the suggested changes to the bill. Jeff White would like the opportunity to discuss with stakeholders if time allows. Emily said this would handcuff the MCAs in a significant way. This allows for a short-term approval. Discussion included political overtones. Lauren LaPine said they don't anticipate this moving at all, and not until after the election, if at all. Greg spoke about being selected to be here to represent their stakeholder groups. Damon Obiden spoke about West Michigan implementing an emergency protocol during the pandemic and how not having that ability would have created a bottleneck and discussed. Bruce advised to be ready to share those examples with legislators should this move.

- **Motion to oppose (Nye, Flynn). Motion carries. White voted no.**

- d. HB 5527, 5528– Cardiac Response Plan for Schools Tab 5a-b
 - Bruce gave the background on this bill. This creates a cardiac response plan. It doesn't directly affect EMS but some partners, such as AHA, are supporting this bill.
 - **Motion to support (Corey, Nye). Motion carries.**
- e. HB 5526 – Refusal to Photocopy Driver's License Tab 6
 - Bruce advised this would prevent the denial of care if they don't want their driver's license photocopied. He isn't sure this affects EMS but brought it to be looked at. Lance Corey advised this does affect the system and discussed, including EMTrack. Emily asked to confirm that this would not affect EMS personnel but would affect the agencies. Bruce confirmed. Discussion ensued.
 - **Motion to oppose (Flynn, Nye). Motion carries.**

4. Other Business

- a. Legislative Tracking Sheet Tab 7
- b. HB 5487 – Bruce said this is identical to a bill we've already taken a position on eliminating CON for air ambulance. Emily advised she thought this was already done. We'll need to check into this. Jeff Spitzley advised he has not seen this and said maybe it was drafted before the other bill took effect.
- c. SB 249 was moved from Health Policy to Government Oversight. No one has heard anything new on it. Monty said they expect this to move due to bipartisan support. Greg provided an FYI that the IC Conference showed things are getting better as far as paramedics go. Emily will discuss more at EMSCC but said there is hope due to the creative thinking happening.
- d. Bruce will not be at EMSCC, Monty will give the report.
- e. Greg discussed the IC Conference.

5. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at **10:47 a.m.**

6. **Next Meeting: April 8, 2024**