

**EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE****MINUTES****05/20/2025****3:00 p.m.**[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**248-509-0316 Conf. ID: 347 253 351#****Member Attendees:**

Gary Wadaga, Pat Boberg, Curtis LeSage, Rick Dupon, Dr. Edwards, Nic Wilson, Dr. Bigsby, Matt DeBrosse.

**Absent:** Chuck Herbst, Patrick Fox, Ed Unger, Paul Peterson, Kevin Mohar, Leslie Hall, Rob Edmonds, Dr. Brent, Bryan Kukla, Katherine Young.

**Guests:** Matt LaCrosse.

**BETP Staff:** Frascione, Babb, Bergquist, Kerr.

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda and minutes from March 18, 2025 - There is not a quorum today.**
- 3. Old Business**
  - **State Update – Emily Bergquist**
    - **Continuing Education:** We are hoping to get more feedback on where CE is going and what it will look like in the future. The policies need to be reviewed and then published per the administrative rules. Encourage those that have comments to send them to [EMS@michigan.gov](mailto:EMS@michigan.gov) or attend the education subcommittee. They will be meeting in June and most likely August, too, and they hope to have a proposal for EMSCC in September.
    - **Workforce:** On a positive note, we have more folks that are looking to come into the field, but otherwise, we're all just trying to continue to exist in a world where no one's no one's feeling especially secure. So we're trying to do the work we can with the capacity that we have. If anyone has any questions, I will answer them to the best of my ability.
    - **Documentation Transition:** ImageTrend was our state contracted documentation tool and has been since 2008. They lost that contract, and everyone who is going to remain on the state system has to be ported off before September 30th of 2025. They will be at the UP EMS conference in force. I have made it very clear that biospatial, ImageTrend and First Due should be

planning on having as many salespeople as they would like there, but we will have people from our team. We will also have tech people from their side present at that conference to help folks with the transition.

ImageTrend has been contacting agencies and telling them that they will offer for people to stay on their site at no cost. We don't really have any preference in that, if you want to stay, you can. But all support and everything will come from ImageTrend if that is done, so if you have any issues or problems, it will be between that agency and ImageTrend. Our office will be out of that game, so to speak. So that is the plan, and what will happen shortly is agencies will transition in waves. Weekly there will be a certain number of agencies that will go. She thinks this will start in July and go through the end of September. That's a guess Because what we are waiting for two things. One is a provisional authority to operate from DTMB. We can't put any live data into that system until We have a provisional authority to operate, so we can't obviously have people documenting in that system. We have 6 test agencies lined up to be our Guinea pigs. As soon as we have that, we will port those agencies first so they can try to work out the kinks and then we will move into other ones from there. The other thing that is still missing is the offline login. So, in essence, the way that the system is right now is you cannot log in offline, you can only log in online and then if you go offline, it'll keep you connected. That is not what we contracted for, and so they're doing development right now to kind of fix that problem. It won't keep us from adding agencies, but it will keep folks from being able to fully function. **Emily advised she could see if Johnny Wagner and Emily Baker can attend the next meeting to answer more specific questions.**

- **MCA Report Writing:** Emily went on to speak about reporting tools. We have a contract with biospatial that says that we will have access to an ad hoc report writing tool. When ImageTrend acquired them, all work on that project stopped. She said her guess is that they will say that ImageTrend's report writing tool will be our new report writing tool, which means it's the same one we've always had. That still has not been officially translated to us, but the other piece is we will be sending all of our data to First Due, who does have an ad hoc report writing tool. They have a bunch of different Qi functionalities that we don't have right now that will be nice for MCA users, but that is all in the wind until we figure this out, it was very inconvenient when ImageTrend purchased biospatial.

- **Wellpath Update – Gary Wadaga**

- Stand-alone legislation has been introduced and Gary discussed. Not much is happening in the legislature right now and expects to see movement in the next few months. We will keep this on the agenda for now.

#### **4. New Business**

- **Region 8 Pt. Movement - Dr. Bigsby/Tom F**

- They have met twice and are working on scheduling a meeting to finalize their worksheet to report back to the ad hoc committee. They are still working through the problem statement list. Tom Frascone also reported on Region 7.

- **Pediatric Update: Dr. Sam**
  - Emily spoke about the EMSC funding. They were funded at 45% this year. The program will run out of funds around September. There are also accounting issues to work out. Tomorrow is EMS for Children Day. There are webinars across the country. At this point, there is more anxiety than answers. Gary thanked Dr. Sam for her work and encouraged reaching out to the federal government to advocate for keeping the funding. Emily spoke about federal funding.
- **HCC Budget – Dr. Edwards**
  - Dr. Edwards spoke about the ASPR program at the federal level. The program was reduced by \$240 million. That is a tiny amount of the federal budget, and HPP is a tiny amount of that budget. The ASPR budget was reduced by the same amount as the preparedness program. One thing they didn't do was say the program was ending. The proposal allows states and territories to properly scope and fund hospital preparedness. Some of the other federal programs were eliminated. So preparedness is still there, and ASPR released the application for Budget Period Two. There is no funding attached but it is better that they didn't send it out. There will be a lot of end of the year reporting and state officials asking for information on this year's funding proposal. Michigan will be filling out the paperwork. This is the second year of a five-year program. Dr. Edwards reminded everyone the budget comes from Congress and not the president. Advocating was discussed.
- **Utah White Paper:** <https://ems.utah.gov/data/rural-utah-ems-white-paper/>
  - This is shared for information only.

## 5. Updates

- **Women in EMS Update – Emily Bergquist**
  - Emily advised Laurie Theil has been asking for more people to participate. There is an upcoming event in June. The organization is not just for women. The mission is to facilitate more women in EMS, but it is not exclusionary. It is an advocacy organization. They are spot lighting different women in EMS on Facebook for EMS Week. **Emily will reach out to Laurie to get a shareable flyer.**
- **MCRH Update**
  - Patrick Fox is no longer with MCRH.
- **NMCRH Update-E. Bur**
  - No updates today.
- **MiREMS – L. Hall**
  - No updates today.
- **Education Updates**
  - No Bay Conference this year
  - [UP EMS Conference](#) is September 11-13, and the EMSCC meeting will be in Marquette on September 12.
  - [Systems of Care Conference](#) is October 7-8 in Muskegon.
    - Emily advised the [poster submission](#) period is being extended and discussed.

- Dr. Bigsby asked about potential funding for MFRs and Emily addressed. She suggested contacting Jim Cousino at the college. Rick Dupon recommended checking with MiREMS. The group discussed the grants. Gary asked about asking for an extension if the money isn't spent in time. Angela Madden most likely knows if this is a possibility. Gary will talk to Angela about it.

**6. Additional Items from Attendees**

- We should consider replacing Dr. Bigsby in the future.
- Dr. Edwards spoke about some positive things:
  - Blood Administration -An EMSC presentation will discuss and the first protocol in the state will be at QATF this month for approval.
  - MCA Protocols – Work is being done at the state office on the PSRO and Complaint Resolution protocols. Those will be going to QATF, and a checklist, along with two quick sheets, will be developed.

**7. Adjourn: There was not a quorum today. They ended at 3:48.**

**8. Next Meeting – June 17, 2025**

- Gary advised to keep the June meeting and try to take July and August off.