



EMSCC RURAL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

9/16/2025

3:00 p.m.

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Members: Gary Wadaga, Curtis LeSage, Paul Peterson, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Bigsby, Katherine Young, Pat Boberg, Chuck Herbst, Leslie Hall, Rob Edmonds, MCRH - John Barnas

Absent: Rick Dupon, Kevin Mohar, Matt DeBrosse, Ed Unger, Nic Wilson, Dr. Brent, Bryan Kukla

Guests: Robert Kirkley, Nicole Rowe, Matt Lacrosse

BETP Staff: Frascone, Piette, Kerr, Wagner, Pantaleo

- I. Call to order -
- II. Approval of agenda and minutes from March 18, 2025. Motion to approve the agenda (Peterson, Bigsby). Approved. Motion to approve the minutes (Bigsby, Boberg). Approved.
- III. Old Business
 - Wellpath Update- Gary
 - The MI Government budget has not been passed yet. Reimbursement for outstanding claims are in one version of the budget. Hopefully, there will be a positive outcome.
 - LALS proposed bill H01287-25- Gary
 - This has been withdrawn. They are in the process of drafting a new version.
- IV. New Business
 - First Due transition- Johnny Wagner
 - The timeline for transition is the end of the month. Johnny gave an overview of First Due and the process of the transition. First Due has open office hours from 12-1 p.m. this week and next week every day. Dr.

Bigsby asked about hospital patient reports, Johnny explained these are through hospital hub currently, unsure if that will continue at this time.

- **MCA Update (spring batch-due Oct 31)- Krisy Kuhl**
 - Dr. Bigsby gave a brief update and reminder the protocols that are being pushed out are replacing current protocols, you do have to adopt or replace those by November 1, 2025. Also, they are working on updating the MCA handbook, hopefully that will be ready by early 2026.
- **Education Update:**
 - **Initial Ed Coordinator position update- Amanda K/Tom F**
 - Amanda Kinney is the new Education manager; the Initial Education Coordinator position interviews are being scheduled. Hope to have that person start October 1, 2025.
 - **New CE Standards update- EMSCC mtg- Anthony P**
 - Anthony gave an overview of the CE standards that were passed at the EMSCC meeting last Friday.
 - **CE applications-min 30 days submissions- Anthony P/Tom F.**
 - Anthony explained this policy for applicants/renewals to request CE for other healthcare topics at least 90 days prior to their license expiration. There is a form to submit with supporting documentation.

V. Updates

- **MCRH Update**
 - John Barnas gave an update. They are getting ready to post for EMS Manager position. MCRH gave a presentation last week at the UP-EMS conference in Marquette.
 - HR1 – grant opportunity was released yesterday to the Governor’s office for approval. John gave an overview of this grant and the process for approval. Proposals are due back November 5, 2025. If you have ideas you think are fundable through rural hospitals, let them know.
- **NMCRH Update- E. Bur**
 - Curt LeSage gave an update on the CIP programs, which have started already, they are working to get the program more robust. The school started another program on September 9, 2025, and there are quite a few students in that course.

- **MI REMS- L. Hall**
 - There are a lot of training and course opportunities, which can be found [HERE](#). If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to programs@mirems.org
 - Planning for the annual Mental Wellness Conference for April 7-8, 2026, in TC. RFP for speakers, if you are interested, please reach out to the email above.
- **Education Updates:**
 - Systems of Care Conference has been postponed to Spring 2026.
 - [NCMC IC Course](#) Oct 5-April 2026. Registration deadline September 26, 2025.
 - [MiREMS Sustainability Bootcamp](#) October 14, 2025, Denton Twp.
 - [Sault Conference](#)-September 24-25, 2025.

VI. Additional Items from attendees

- **TOM:** The regional coordinators have been seeing quite a few CE applications in less than 30 days, reminder that it is a minimum of 30 days, any less than that they will be denied.
- **GARY/TOM:** There was an equipment checklist updated that was passed at EMSCC meeting, reminder if you are due for inspection, the updated checklists are available for review.

VII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting (Young, Lesage). Meeting adjourned.

VIII. Next meeting: October 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m.