



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 10, 2023

Time: 10:00am

Location: MADE Facility

1610 Reeves Rd.

Plainfield, IN 46168

Members Present: G. Lee Turpin – Private Ambulance/ Chairman

Matthew Shady – Training Institution

Darin Hoggatt – Municipal Fire

Jerry Harder – EMTs

John Zartman – Paramedics

Matthew McCullough – Volunteer Fire EMS

Andrew Bowman – Emergency Nurses

Dr. Jim Nossett – Medical Director

Lori Mayle – Air Medical Services

Joel Thacker – Executive Director of Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Members Present Online: Dr. Sara Brown – Trauma Physicians

Mary Ann Dudley – Volunteer EMS (logged into meeting late)

Brian Herwig – Hospital EMS (logged into meeting late)

Ex-Officio Members: Kraig Kinney (Indiana State EMS Director) – (non-voting)

Dr. Eric Yazel (Indiana State EMS Medical Director) – (non-voting)

Members Not Present:

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Robin Stump, Emily Castor and other members of the EMS community.

Complete video of this meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://acadisportal.in.gov/acadisviewer/Registration/ListOfAvailableTraining>

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Chairman Lee Turpen. Robin Stump called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

❖ Adoption of minutes from the January 13, 2023, session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Matthew McCullough: Yes
Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes
Joel Thacker: Yes**

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- 1) Stork Awards – Eliezer Rivera, Joshua J. Brown, Pamela Taylor, Abraham Westerman, Justin Michael Austad, Craig Lee Burke, Joseph Walker II, Steve Lamp, Thomas S. Cline, Chad A. Everitt, Tyler R. Hittle, and Cody James Shipley
- 2) EMS Director's Award
 - a) Mallo, Marissa
- 3) Retirement
 - a) Mallo, Marissa
 - i) Kraig Kinney congratulated Marissa on her 40 years of service.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- 1) Director Kinney reported that that IDHS has been partnering with IDOH on initiatives on Trauma. Tracking legislatively to initiate the State Trauma Care Committee and the possibility of revamping that with organization. There will still be EMS participation with this. They recently acknowledged that Lutheran Hospital of Indiana was approved for a Level II Trauma Center with a focus on Psych.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- 1) Director Kinney presented on the current bills that have been reviewed in legislature recently as well as the ones that are no longer consideration.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

- 1) Margo Knepfkamp reviewed the current EMS for Children Survey. At this time there were at 64.2% and she reminded the group that they are required to have 80% completion. The deadline of this is 03/31/2023. It was then reported that they have written a 4-year national

collaborative program for a pre-hospital pediatric readiness. This initiative will begin in September of this year.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

- 1) Chief Jarrod Sights stated that there were no formal updates at this time. The only update is the upcoming IERC in September. He states that they are currently doing speaker selection for the event.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICALSERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

- 1) Tom Fentress touched base on the EMS Conference and how they are currently doing callouts for abstracts, and as of now they have 6 in total scheduled. If you are looking to speak at this conference, he asks you to go to their web page and fill out the forms online. They will be hosting this conference at French Lick resort again this year and Tom encouraged all to reserve your room as quickly as you can once the blocks are released as the rooms will sell out fast.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

- 1) Director Kinney reported from the last meeting on 3/10/2023 and stated that the upcoming MIH Committee meeting will take place on 4/14/2023. He summarized the ET3 presentation, given by Lee Turpen, from the March meeting. It was also reported that a new MIH Medical Director Representative, Dr. Jan Kornilow, was officially voted in.
- 2) Emily Castor presented the new MIH programs that are up for consideration. She reviewed the three programs which include AMR Evansville, Hendricks Regional Health, and Wayne Township Fire Department in Indianapolis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the MIH programs presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken on all three programs at once and those involved with the individual programs will abstain from their affiliated programs:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes (Abstained from AMR vote) Matthew Shady: Yes Brian Herwig: Yes
Darin Hoggatt: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes
Matthew McCullough: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes (Abstain from Hendricks vote) Lori Mayle: Yes Joel Thacker: Yes**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Director Kinney reviewed the 2nd Annual Report. He summarized the employment changes/retirements that occurred over the last year. He touched base on the key legislation changes that were recognized. The Annual Report can be found for review on the IDHS website.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Commissioner John Zartman reviewed AEMT Cardiac Monitoring. He states that after the meeting they will continue to review the shifting scope of practice. Once the committee has come to an agreement, they will bring that information to the EMS Commission for a formal decision on modifying scope of practice and allowing the possible use of a 12-Lead EKG in place of the 5-Lead EKG.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) No assignments to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1) Waiver Orders

a) Personnel Waiver I. 836 IAC 4-5-2 (c) – PI waiver (waive the requirement of the prerequisite to take the EMT cognitive and the EMT psychomotor exams)- granted a. All PI Candidates

b) Provider Waivers I. 836 IAC 2-2-1g– 24 hour /7 days rule – granted

a. Batesville Fire/EMS

b. Mooresville FD

II. 836 IAC 2-7.1-1 (g) (4) (Waiver to allow staffing configuration to be different)

a. Aurora Emergency Rescue (EMR with AEMT when EMT is not available)

b. Parkview Hospital (RN in patient compartment interfacility transfers only)

c. St. Vincent Critical Care Transport (RN or RT without EMS in back)

2) Discipline Orders

a) Review of non-final order of ALJ – Kraig Kinney

b) Hilary Egan, Deputy General Counsel, reviewed the appeal of an administrative order by the commission. She reviewed the matter of Margo Houston vs Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Hilary stated that the final agreed upon discipline is as follows:

i. 30 Day suspension beginning on April 1st, 2023, with a one-year probation period as well as 20 hours of education.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the disciplinary actions as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Brian Herwig: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
Jerry Harder: Yes John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Matthew McCullough: Yes
Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes
Joel Thacker: Yes

STAFF REPORTS

1) Data Registry – Ken Foster

a. We are in the process of the Nemsis 3.5 upgrade transition. Completed existing validation rules and have been imported successfully and approved. Report on EMS compliance is up considerably to 95.9% in February. He states that there are four agencies that have not been in compliance with data reporting for a year or more and with that Ken states that if he cannot resolve the reporting issue then he may come to the committee with potential sanctions.

2) Operations Report – Robin Stump

a. Robin touched base as well on the EMS for children survey, reminding that they will be reaching out to those who have not completed the survey. Director Kinney and Robin also interviewed 3 applicants for the District I and II Manager position. It was also reminded that Provider organization needed to have submitted renewal by 3/10/2023 for renewal official renewal on 4/1/2023.

3) Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney

a. Director Kinney reported that with the recent changes to our audit system and they are currently up to date.

4) Certifications Report – Robin Stump

a. Providers

i. There were no questions.

5) Training Report – Kari Lanham

a. Diligently working to bring training back up to speed and focusing on customer service as well as bringing communication back to report of training. She reports that pass rates for EMT, A-EMT, and Paramedic are doing well and are comparable to the national average. These will start getting posted on the state website for further review. Kari stated that she will be arranging quarterly PI meetings to better communicate with the PIs across the state. This will bring them update as well as give them more education opportunities.

STATE EMS DIRECTS'S REPORT

1) Director Kinney did report that Candice Pope is leaving IDHS to work for an outside entity. He thanked her for her many years of service at the agency. He reports that we will be looking into restructuring of the Certifications part of the agency with possible changes incoming to better meet the needs of the community. Director Kinney also reported that we are partnering with WorkForce to gather more data on the workforce shortages in the EMS community. It involves a short 3 question survey currently.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

- 1) Dr. Yazel touched on legislation and encouraged that everyone continues to advocate for support on the EMS related bills that are active. He reiterated for all to complete the EMS-C survey as it is important for the future of the EMS community as runs involving children are reported as some of the hardest runs for emergency professionals and that the surveys are beneficial as the state is trying to implement programs such as Handtevy. Dr. Yazel also stated that the FSSA surveys for MIH as it is important for future funding of our programs statewide. From the clinical side of things, he reports that there is more traction with the implementation of pre-hospital whole blood, citing that programs are gaining interest and wanting to become pilot programs.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

- 1) Commissioner Turpen states that EMS is gaining more attention nationwide, not always in the best light, such as the most recent events in Illinois and Memphis. We need to continue to focus on doing the basics and ensuring that we are taking care of our patients with compassion and providing excellent care. Per the CAREs data, the national save rate post cardiac arrest is 7.1%, Indiana's rate is 8.1% with some providers having even higher success rates.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting at MADE on May 12th, 2023, at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Turpen to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. The meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the EMS Commission at their July 14, 2023, meeting.

Emily Castor, Secretary.