



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 12th, 2023

Time: 10:00am

Location: MADE Facility

1610 Reeves Rd.

Plainfield, IN 46168

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

Darin Hoggatt – *Municipal Fire*

John Zartman – *Paramedics*

Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Joel Thacker – *Executive Director of Indiana Department of Homeland Security*

Members Present Online: Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Darin Hoggatt – *Municipal Fire*

Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

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

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

Members Not Present: Brian Herwig – *Hospital EMS*

Jerry Harder – *EMTs*

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. Emily Castor called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from the March 10th, 2023, session will be voted on during July 14th, 2023, session.

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

1) Stork Awards

- a) Challie Rogers, Josh A. Engler, Dave F. Vercauteren, Max L. Kinsey, John Scott Olsen, Collin W. Jackson, David S. A. Watkins, Chad a. Merkley, Kyle Johnson, Ricky Medellin, Mike Eckhardt, Michael Wirtes, Bill Swets, Harold Secoy, Neely Strickland, and Shelby Whitehouse.

2) Cardiac Saves

- a) Ashley Harders, Patrick Nickos, Pat Newell, Chris Howell, Tom Fieffer and John Norath

3) EMS Director's Award (Emeritus)

- a) Sue Bechtold and Sue Carey

4) Retirement

- a) Lynn Michael Krodel, Patrick Scoleri, Scott A. McCord, Vanessa Cooper-Burns, Darrel Riley, and Catherine C. Lynden

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1) Trauma System Update

- a) Ramzi Nimry gave report, first announcing the retirement of Dr. Kris Box and stating that as of May 31st, 2023, Dr. Lindsey Weaver will be taking over as State Health Commissioner. Mr. Nimzy also gave a legislative update, reporting that Senate Bill 4 passed the Senate with no major changes to the trauma care commission language. He also stated that in its current state the Indiana State Trauma Care Commission is made up of approximately 30 members but in its future state will be reduced to 13 members, who will all be appointed by the Governor's office. The Trauma Commission is currently looking into what that restructuring will look like after its implementation. Mr. Nimry also reported that House Bill 4 passed the house with no major changes to trauma funding. The fiscal year starting on July 1st, 2023, through June 30, 2024, the commission will be receiving 3.3 million dollars which will be used for trauma system planning and funding and the following fiscal year, July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2025, the commission will be receiving an additional 5.7 million for possible grant funding opportunities for various programs. This is all currently in the planning stages. Mr. Nimry also updated the commission that the state of Indiana currently has 22 Trauma Centers, as verified by ACS, along with 2 more facilities in the process of being verified at this time: Franciscan Health Indianapolis as an adult Level III Trauma Center and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Level I. Peyton Manning will join

Riley Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Level I Trauma Center totaling two for the state of Indiana.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- 1) Director Kinney reported on the success of the EMS bills that went through during this legislative session. He states that HB 1001 was signed into law which includes roughly \$15 million for EMS and dispatch initiatives in the next 2-year budget cycle. Director Kinney also reported that HEA 1321 passed the house and was referred to the Senate, this bill was amended to require the EMS Commission and Fire Board to have mental health training. This requires fire and EMS to take this training annually. IDHS will seek to remove "annually" and add to continuing education. Director Kinney also reported on HEA 1396— Stop the Bleed Program and Fund which passed the House and has been referred to the Senate. At this time the Stop the Bleed kits will be funded by IDHS through either possible grants and or donations. There will be more information to come on this in the future.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

- 1) Margo Knepfkamp updated the commission on the EMS-C survey, the final response to the survey was 525, with District five having 100% participation. Margo also introduced the new logo for the Indiana EMS-C State Partnership Program, stating that they will be updating all forms of social media, newsletter, and website with this rebranding. She also discussed updates on the Safe Transfer for Children and Ambulances project, as NASEMSO has funded phase one that will focus on drafting crash test methods for supine pediatrics, seated pediatrics, and supine neonate patients. The why for this project is due to most pediatric transport products are not required to be crash tested to ensure that these items are safe for use in a ground ambulance. This is a 5-year project, with the first phase being this draft, the second will be to validate each test method through full scale testing and the third and final phase would be to publish each method as SAE (Society of Automotive Engineering) recommended. If you wish to participate in this project, please reach out to Margo via email.

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 starting September 13th through the 15th. There will be a guest speaker on Wednesday morning at 8:00am, Tyler Christifulli from FoamFrat.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

- 1) Bob Miller reported in place of Nate Metz, he updated the commission on the IEMSA's upcoming Golden Siren awards banquet at the Primos Event Center in Indianapolis. Mr. Miller also stated that they will be jointly hosting the 2nd annual IEMSA and Indiana ENA Emergency Educational Conference. This will be held in French Lick from November 30th, 2023, to December 1st, 2023. For more information you can go to indianaems.net/events.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

- 1) Director Kinney reported on the most recent MIH Committee meeting on April 14th, 2023, at the MADE Facility in Plainfield. It was voted to authorize a chairperson to designate subcommittee for increased productivity. Our meetings are productive and brings a better

understanding to the programs throughout the state as well as getting input on opportunities for existing MIH programs but have lacked on work product for the commission to consider so the implementation of these subcommittees will bring a greater focus on how to mold our MIH in the future state. During our last meeting FSSA Pregnancy Promise Program and IDOH—Office of Maternal and Child Health both gave presentations regarding infant mortality in the state of Indiana and discussed how MIH could be helpful in the areas where death rates are higher. The Next MIH Committee meeting is on June 9th, 2023, at 10:00am at the MADE Facility in Plainfield.

- 2) Emily Castor presented the new MIH programs that are up for consideration. These programs include the following: Carmel Fire Department, Clark County Health Department, Reid Hospital and Health Care Services INC. and Wabash Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: 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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Director Kinney proposed that Emily Castor be designated secretary for the EMS Commission as well as authorize her for minutes approval and quick approvals to initiate appeals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve Emily Castor as the designated Secretary for EMSC as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: 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

- 2) Director Kinney addressed the commission on the recent change regarding the printing of certifications. The initial certification will no longer be printed on certification paper and mailed to the individuals in order. The individuals can access their certifications on Acadis. This will take effect on July 1st, 2023.

- 3) Director Kinney discussed the possibility of draft rule proposal for criminal background checks as the Compact requires that no later than five years after the Compact is activated, every state entered must conduct criminal background checks for all new applicants under certain conditions, either biometrics, finger printing, but must be FBI level background check. He proposes adopting a rule to reflect those requirements, by doing so the commission would need to add a definition—proposing that the “National Criminal Background check” that meets the requirements of IC 16-31.5-3-3(4), is conducted by state police or vendor approved by the department. Director Kinney did note that the State Police would prefer not to do this, and the

state PLA does use one which in turn could be used but a fiscal analyze would be required in terms of the number of applicants per year. The system that is currently used is Idemia which has location in every county, but the cost would only be \$36.75 per individual. With this the results would come to IDHS.

Director Kinney then moves on to discuss the AEMT certification changes. The issue with making changes to this is that it was initially an Emergency Rule which is not able to be amended. Director Kinney proposes that the EMS Commission now adopt the rule rewrite portions of this rule making and make this into a more permanent form from the emergency rule. The director did point out that the biggest change within this rule rewrite would be the modifications to the continuing education.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve drafting rule proposal for criminal background checks and AEMT Certifications as stated above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: 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**

4) Director Kinney presented on the Governors Public Health Commission. Director Kinney stated that it was recommended to ensure local level EMS readiness through expansion and sustainability of EMS workforce, with that the action items included the need for assessment from IDOH in conjunction with the EMS Commission to identify specific gaps in local jurisdictions as well as ensuring funding prioritized for recruitment to address the workforce shortages and provide cost-sharing mechanisms for equipment purchases.

Director Kinney also reported on the recent funding for MIH grants starting for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025 with each cycle having \$500,000 for grant opportunities for new program starting up or established program to utilize as well.

Director Kinney further explained the recent EMS funding received through this legislative session. The total operating expenses include \$6,450,000 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and \$8,200,000 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This is the first direct funding of EMS in the state budget that the office is aware of. These funds will be used for items such as EMS workforce challenges, funding of mobile integrated health programs, EMS availability for interfacility transfers and to fund technology and data connectivity for computer aided dispatch systems.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Commissioner Zartman addressed the commission about the upcoming AEMT Session on 07/06/2023 at the MADE facility in Plainfield. This meeting will be in regard to the AEMT scope of practice as well as education requirements.

ASSIGNMENTS

1) No assignments to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1. Waiver Orders
 - a) Personnel Waiver

- I. 836 IAC 4-3-1 – Allow applicant to attempt EMR exam after completing EMT course.
 - a. Bronas, Alex
- II. 836 IAC 4-4-1 – Allow applicant to submit late EMT in-service beyond 120 days to be renewed.
 - a. Long, Tyler
- b) Provider Waivers
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1 (g) – 24 hour /7 days rule -- granted
 - a. Wayne Twp VFD Hamilton Co.
 - b. Switzerland County Emergency Response
 - c. Baptist Health Floyd EMS
 - d. Fire Dept of Liberty Twp
 - e. Starke Co. EMS
 - II. 836 IAC 1-2-1 -- **No description**
 - a. First Care Ohio
- 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personnel
 - I. Certification Dishonesty – Reprimand, Fine
 - a. Siler, Gerald
 - b. Fitzgerald, Spencer
 - c. Redick, Gregory
 - d. Moore, Jason
 - e. Yankauskas, Jeremy
 - f. Phillips, Shawn
 - II. Censure
 - a. Gruber, Kyle D.
 - b. Yannotti, Justin M.
 - III. One Year Probation – EMT Certification and Paramedic Licensure
 - a. Goodnight, Jeramy
 - IV. Revocation for 7 years
 - a. Grosvenor, Samuel Edward
 - b. Jones, Renard W.

STAFF REPORTS

1) Data Registry – Ken Foster

a. Mr. Foster reported that EMS reporting is currently at 90.7%. Since the last meeting regarding the 4 agencies that were facing the possibility of sanctions, Mr. Foster reports that these agencies are now focusing on correcting their technological issues and will be working on reporting. No sanctions will be given at this time.

2) Operations Report – Robin Stump

a. Ms. Stump introduced Travis Clary as the District 1 and 2 District manager. Ms. Stump then reminded all EMS week and talked about the DPMU event on June 20th - June 21st.

3) Certifications and Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney

a. Director Kinney stated that certifications are currently running approximately 3-7 days for processing requests. He states that students should be taking assigned courses within their Acadis profile versus searching them outside.

4) EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

a. Mrs. Lanham discussed the NREMT versus Indiana testing numbers for the beginning of 2023. She states that the state average is just below that of the national average at 66% with the national average at approximately 74% for EMTs, 69% did pass on their second through sixth attempts. Mrs. Lanham also mentioned that the Paramedic pass rate is at 82% which is just above the national average at 75%. She reminded to have everyone put their social security numbers on their Acadis profile in accordance with the Compact requirements.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1) Director Kinney acknowledged the recent Line of Duty death of Paramedic Kyle Matthews. He discussed staffing updates, the certifications position has been offered to an applicant and we are awaiting that response, the agency has hired Travis Clary as the District I & II EMS District manager and discussed the addition to Zach Westfall as an aid in the education and certifications as needed. Director Kinney discussed being a part of the annual JEMS conference that was held during FDIC and was able to make some great contacts for further reference on the AEMT and their scope of practice in various states. He then touched on the Workforce study, partnering with the Bowen Center, the Workforce questions have been answered and now the questions asked when individuals renew their certifications and licenses. We will have more information to follow at the next commission meeting. The state is still in the works with implementing HanTevy throughout the state. Director Kinney did advise the commission that IDHS and the Fire and Public Safety Academy have been involved in an ongoing investigation regarding the Muncie Fire department, there was no decision thus far, but the NREMT has been involved as well. There will be more information regarding this at the next commission meeting.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

- 1) Dr. Yazel thanked everyone for their hard work and support for EMS during the most recent legislative session. Dr. Yazel mentioned the importance of CIT training as that will be helpful for behavioral health responses in the future with the 988 system. He touched again on the MIH Committee as well as the importance of the subcommittees. Dr. Yazel reports that he is still working on the implementation of Pre-hospital Whole blood in trauma situation. There has been more interest in this and currently Eskenazi hospital is partnering with IEMS to trial this.

***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION**

- 1) Commissioner Turpen discussed the upcoming Eagles meeting in June as well as the CARES system data that will be distributing soon as well. He did state that the CARES system is a great system for the analysis of cardiac arrest management and outcomes but due to Indiana not being a CARES state yet, there is a fee for entry. Commissioner Turpen also mentioned Mission Lifeline, which is a free program, your organization would collect the data and have the hospital assigned to share that data as well.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting at MADE on July 14th, 2023, at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Thacker to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. The meeting was adjourned.

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

Emily Castor, Secretary.