



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: MADE @ Plainfield

1610 Reeves Rd

Plainfield, IN 46168

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

Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*

Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*

Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Jonathon Whitham – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

Members Present Online: John Zartman – *Paramedics*

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

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

Members Not Present: Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00am by Chairman Lee Turpin. Emily Castor called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from November 20, 2024.

Commission Bowman stated that there was a correction needed in the previous minutes. On page 6, his Roll Call Vote should be changed from a 'yes' to a 'no'. This correction was noted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, with the aforementioned changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Roll call vote was taken:

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

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- a) **EMS Director's Award:**
- b) **Emeritus:** Carl Drake, Myron Mackey, Trudy Lucas
- c) **EMS Star of Life:** Larry M. Nuckols
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** James Hardie
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** Trenton Markley, Triston Niblick, Jack Gentis, Cody Yeiter, Robert Petro, Michael W. Waitman
- f) **Stork Award:** Mark Grell, Jared Coolman, Val Pugh, Garrett Lucas, Todd Kirkham, Tom Guthrie, Peter Egan, Tom Gandolph, Katelyn Dotson, Daniel O'Shaughnessey, Charles D. Murray, Charley A. Catt, Tyler D. Burgis, Emma Deckard, Mariah LaPray, Trevor Yoho, Jeremy Inman, Daniel Sanchez, Austin Gould, Troy Thomas
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Brandon DeLorenzo, Brittany Spicer, Craig Vance, Sam Coffey, John Soto, Savannah Sering, John Littleton, Joseph Quinn, Kole Jones, Dustin O'Neal, Shane Egan, David Richards, Logan Combs, Ryan Fipps Travin Craig, Judson Garvin, Michael Gill, Isaiah Jones, Charles Reid, Ben Parra, Nick McCallister, Jared Burke, Timothy Brocher, Chris Forbing, David A. Clements, David M. Clements, Jason Cornell, Chad Nabours, Gregory Robinson, Brett Vanderwall, Mandi Vanderwall, Richard McQueen, Kristen Yoder, Melinda Fair, Alexis Muuss, Sam Coffey, Dexter Davidson, Dawn Buis, Austin Hicks, Noah Hardwick, Tyler McDonough, April Stout, Wyatt Phillips, James Wood, Caine Orme
- h) **Retirement:** Michael Ray Hendricks
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Vincente Benchino updated the commission on the recent Trauma Care Commission meeting on 2/7/25 – where they approved various grants, 13 in total so far and the grant period is still open. Mr. Benchino also touched on some rural trauma simulation training; you can find locations on the website (<https://www.in.gov/health/trauma-system/indianas-trauma-system/educational-opportunities/>). Mr. Benchino stated that the inaugural Trauma Symposium was a success with a total of 251 attendees, the 2025 conference will be coming up in October in Bloomington.

Mr. Benchino reviewed the priorities for 2025 and talked about the Regional Clinical Coordinators, you can find their information on their website. He then spoke a little more in depth about CARES and what the benefits are for EMS agencies. If you have questions or would like to join, reach out to Moses Baryoh at mbaryoh@health.in.gov | (317) 232-3562 or visit (mycares.net) for more details.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported that the legislative session that began on Jan 8th is slated to end by April 29th, with the hopes of being finished prior to that date even. For all bills from the 2025 session, visit <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills>.

Director Kinney stated that the State Budget is projected to fund EMS Readiness at \$4.1 million each year and MIH Grants \$500,000 each year. HB1501 MIH Grants- Amended to include provider organization and hospitals and is eligible for a second reading in the Senate. HB1297 Motor Vehicle Medical Information Program; allowing responders, including EMS, to recognize the yellow dot and utilize information. Director Kinney then talked about the pending legislation in the Senate, which was lighter this year compared to years previous, the main one to monitor being SB1 Property Tax Relief.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Director Kinney reported that the Prehospital Readiness Program is currently on hold for government review at a federal level.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Jarrod Sights reported that there are no major updates at this time and reminded all of the official dates for the 2025 Indiana Emergency Response Conference. This will be from September 17, 2025, to September 19, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, IN.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Nate Metz started out by giving an update regarding IEMSA's upcoming events: Running with Shears 5K and Golden Siren Banquet on May 17th, EMS Memorial Benefit Poker Ride on September 6th, and the Crossroads Emergency Medicine Conference from November 19th to November 21st. Mr. Metz reports that there are some changes coming to their memberships; there will be a new membership platform. This will be switching from Wild Apricot to Affinity Pay. He also reviewed the updated membership rates and options as well as the benefits they are in the process of developing. For more information regarding these changes please visit their new website, www.indianaEMSassociation.org. Mr. Metz mentioned a few initiatives the association are looking to implement: Mental Health and Resilience Training and Online Continuing Education program. They are seeking feedback on these initiatives.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman stated there is nothing to report at this time.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, February 14, 2025. The MIH Subcommittees continue to do work with plans for actionable items in the next year. There were no pending program approvals. Director Kinney noted that several Indiana MIH Providers will be representing Indiana at national MIH Conferences coming up: NAMIHP Tech & Prep Conference in Tampa, FL – February 17-20, and Atrium Health MIH Conference in Savannah, GA – March 26-28. Director Kinney stated that the next MIH Committee meeting will be on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:00 am at MADE.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney gave an overview of the 2024 EMS Annual Report. The report reviews the various activities that have happened throughout the year within the EMS Division. Director Kinney talked about the various conferences that staff participated in throughout the state and nationally, as well as the highlights from the EMS Commission meetings of the year. The Annual Report shows a breakdown of the EMS Division staffing model and introduces you to the staff and describes their positions. Director Kinney addressed the 2024 Legislation impact to EMS and the opportunities it provided by way of grant and education opportunities for Providers and Organizations across Indiana. For Certification specifics, Special Recognitions, MIH and more, you can view this report in its entirety on the EMS website.

Director Kinney stated that in 2023 there was a change to the law requiring training for first responders regarding mental health. This will include PTSD and things of that nature. IDHS is recommending the EMS Commission approve the following Acadis LMS learning; Suicide Awareness (Newest version), Psychological Health Toolkit, and Resilience & the Mind-Body Connection. This is for all initial EMS candidates for EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic and must be completed in Acadis, being eligible to be certified. This is also for all continuing education for EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic and must complete training in Acadis prior to renewing their certification and will be included in rulemaking for Article IV for the impacted certifications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the new required courses for EMS personnel (new & existing) to take the following courses: 1) Suicide Awareness, the updated version, 2) Psychological Health Toolkit, 3) Resilience & the Mind-Body Connection for all recertifications starting January 1, 2026 and new approved certification classes beginning July 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Matthew Shady:** Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes **Jerry Harder:** Yes **Dr. Sara Brown:** 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 **Jonathon Whitham:** Yes

Commission Bowman discussed the use of allowing the use of Advanced Practice Providers or APPs to play a role both clinically and administratively within EMS. Commission Bowman stated that from a clinical standpoint the APP can be involved in many facets from the actual 911 response to telehealth. As part of the 911 response, it would provide additional staffing for advanced care and facility transfers, Mobile Integrated Health programs can utilize them for patient treatment in the home and ultimately avoiding EMS transport.

Commissioner Bowman stated that as part of an administrative role they could provide medical oversight with the understanding that EMS will still ultimately be led by the Medical Director (a physician) and they can work in conjunctions. He reported that for an individual to be considered for this specific privilege, it would be preferred that they already hold an existing and current EMS license, at the Paramedic level. Commissioner Bowman would also like to see a place in the Commission for this role in the future if passes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nossett to consider EMS privileges for Advanced Practice Providers as part of Articles 1 and 2 rewrite. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Matthew Shady:** Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes **Jerry Harder:** Yes **Dr. Sara Brown:** Yes
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Director Kinney began the discussion for the Article IV rewrite. This article is responsible for all Certifications and Education rules. The rules have not been updated in some time, being previously delayed due to COVID. Director Kinney discussed the addition of a Code of Conduct and adding minimum standard of performance for training institution programs. He also talked about adopting essential job functions for EMS as it relates to EMS education as this will assist programs in assessing appropriate candidates for admission to programs. Director Kinney stated that there are added rules for issuance of Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) certifications. There will be updates to the categories of continuing education to match that of the National Core Competencies with the NREMT. This will also all submission of NREMT recertification as evidence of having met NCCP national component hours thus removing duplication of tracking. Director Kinney highlighted all Article IV proposed changes with some questions and discussions as feedback. No action

was requested or taken due to the need for a fiscal analysis and consideration by Secretary of Public Safety Green for advancing.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1) Administrative Proceedings

1. Waiver Orders

- a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-4-2: Additional time for continuing education.
 - a. Danny Misiak
 - b. Corey Vanwyk
 - c. Stacey Coulter
 - d. Steven W. Leffler
 - II. 836 IAC 4-9-4: Additional time for recertification due to Provider Waiver
- b)
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1(d): Paramedic organization contract/agreement with certified supervising hospital
 - a. Steuben County EMS
 - II. 836 IAC 2-2-1(g): Allow non 24/7
 - a. Danville Fire Department

2. Discipline Orders

- a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - a. Brian Conner
 - b. Samantha Lowe
 - c. Lucinda Ledbetter
 - II. Probation – 1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Brian Conner
 - b. Jessica Griggs
 - c. Samantha Lowe
 - d. Jennfer Heric
 - e. Alex Bruskoski
 - f. Michael Perich
 - g. Jonathon Teumer
 - h. Connor Young
 - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
 - V. Suspension – 30 Days
 - a. Brian Conner
 - b. Alex Bruskoski
 - c. Michael Perich
 - VI. Suspension – Emergency Order
 - VII. Revocation
 - a. Jordan Kelsheimer

VIII. Censure

- a. Jessica Griggs
- b. Kyle George
- c. Alex Bruskoski
- d. Michael Perich
- e. Jonathon Teumer
- f. Connor Young

IX. Initial EMT Denial

3. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending

4. Appeals Docket

- a) Re: Matthew Copeland: PENDING
- b) Re: Troy Louthen: PENDING – Hearing scheduled for April 1, 2025.

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that EMS reporting for February 2025 was 89% and Fire reporting was 64%. Ms. Stump also discussed the Indiana transition to NERIS from NFIRS coming in December 2025. There will be more information to come in the future.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump discussed moving all provider agencies to Acadis and stressed that in order to get personnel access you must submit a new webform or permission form. Ms. Stump then introduced the new Northeast EM District Manager, Jaymi Thomas, covering districts 3 & 6. There is also a state exercise coming up in June that the EMS field staff will be participating in. They will cover the EOC and the Fairgrounds. Robin and Jaymi will also be attending the state exercise at the airport in June.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Corey Wells

Corey Wells reported the certification numbers for the 4th quarter of 2024. The total number of Indiana EMS Certifications as of December 31, 2024, was 25,283 clinicians. That number is up 990 from the 3rd quarter of 2024. Mr. Wells then reviewed the audits and sanctions issued during the 4th quarter of 2024, as well as the violation statements received. Mr. Wells reports that the current turnaround processing time for individual certifications and licensures is now around 24 hours.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham stated that the NREMT is making some updates. There will be a new EMR/EMT Exam, this launches on April 7th, 2025. The new exam involves building lists, drag and drop, multiple options and check boxes. The fees for the exams are as follows: EMR - \$88 and EMT - \$104. Mrs. Lanham also explained that Traffic Incident Management Training is coming to the Acadis platform soon, more information to come. Mrs. Lanham provided the dates for the upcoming Quarterly PI Updates, these are held virtually If you

need more information on them, reach out to Kari Lahman. Mrs. Lanham shared updates on the new Mobile Sim Lab Trailer that is now in service and available to schedule.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney introduced Jennifer-Ruth Green; she was appointed by Governor Braun to serve as the Secretary of Public Safety for Indiana as well as the Executive Director of IDHS. Director Kinney states that Jonathan Whithan will continue to serve as the Deputy Director for Operations at IDHS and Chief of Staff. He reports that there will also be an EMS Division Newsletter coming out, beginning April 2nd. This is called The EMS Dispatch and will be emailed to all EMS certified persons. The plans are currently for monthly issues. Director Kinney discussed the Department of Workforce Development changes such as how the current Indiana law uses IN Demand with “flames” for the level of need as a “hot profession”, they will be transitioning to a “Top Jobs” concept in July 2025. Director Kinney announced the Indiana EMS & Hospital Preparedness Summit, this will be held on May 29th, 2025, at MADE @ Plainfield. The event will begin at 10:00am and go until 3:00pm.

Director Kinney touched on EMS Readiness Funding. Still current in fiscal year 2025. He announced that contracting is currently in progress that would allow the State to cover the first two exam attempts for the NREMT exam (EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic entrance certification exam). The program is available to all approved Indiana EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic classes for candidates that successfully complete the courses and are eligible. Director Kinney then discussed briefly the Bowen Center Student Data Report. He stated that the EMS Compact is working with Acadis to sync and have better visibility with provider credentialing data. Director Kinney noted that on February 19th, the Compact Commission adopted new rules that would introduce major updates to the National EMS Coordinated Database, clarifying provisions related to the Privilege to Practice and the standardization of the nomenclature of an “EMS Clinician”.

Director Kinney informed all of the upcoming NASEMSO in-person Annual Meeting, held in Grand Rapids, MI from May 12 – 16. There will be a few representatives from the office with Director Kinney attending this meeting. He also reminded all of EMS Week this is coming up from May 18 – 24, the theme being “We Care. For Everyone”.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel touched on the upcoming legislation regarding the HFI funding and encouraged all to reach out to their local health departments to strengthen those community partnerships. Dr. Yazel briefly talked about diversion within Indiana and some of the outlying hindrances. It's his recommendation that Indiana have enhanced data collection regarding diversion to truly understand where the barriers lie. Dr. Yazel then gave a quick update on the RAPID Pilot. He reviewed the results of this pilot program; the full report will be released for review.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman Turpen relayed that Indiana has a lot going on by way of Fire and EMS currently, with GEMS and FDIC happening in April, Running with Shears and the Golden Siren Awards Banquet on May 17th, EMS Week that is approaching. Chairman Turpen also stated that there will be an IVFA Conference in Madison, IN in June, followed by IERC in Noblesville in September, EMS World Expo in October and rounding out the year at the Crossroads Conference in French Lick in November.

NEXT MEETING

The next EMS Commission meeting will be on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:00am. This meeting will be held at MADE @ Plainfield (1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN, 46168).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.