



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 20, 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: French Lick Resort – Crossroads Conference

8670 West State Road 56

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

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

Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*

Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*

Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*

John Zartman – *Paramedics*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Members Present Online: Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

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. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

Jonathon Whitham – *Interim Executive Director of IDHS*

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: 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 1:00pm 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 October 2, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2024, regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes Patrick Hutchison: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: 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:**
- c) **EMS Star of Life:**
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** Jon Sewell
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** John Williams, Robert Nunez, Larry Richards, Kindra Sharp, Contessa Stilts.
- f) **Stork Award:** Jerod N. Siewers, Jerry Lee Cox II, Amamda Reed, Alex Young, Jerod Siewers, Matthew Collins, Clayton Gaunt, Evan Hulett, Mark Stallsworth, Marty Sterrett, Tim Dorsey, Seth Powers, Nick Holtzclaw, Ron Collins, Elizabeth Magee, Craig Richey, Richard Swincher.
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** William H. Vance, Jack Duncan, Kirk Hunziker, Joey Bodenhorn, Jen Cross, Sean Schmid, William Vance, Andrew Haberkorn, Nicole Pazder, Robert Barr, Tyler Fix, Chad Foos, Kyle Zerfas, Zaire Anderson, Steve Thurber, Chris Forbing, Jared Burke, Josh Pyle, Evan Moring, Pascal Walker, Ervin Olsheske, Mike Biehl, Jason Kopp, Wes Smoot, Kaleb Buchanan, Cameron Hiner, Kyler Nivens, Dana Nalette, Mason Maynard, Traci Peck, Marty Ebbert, Danny Ebbert, Bill Haviland, Isaiah Evans, Emily Furlani, Jason Kirby, Aaron J. Kemple, Kendrick C. Andrews, Jennifer Atchison, Nicholas Purkhiser, Samuel Ray, Josh Jones.
- h) **Retirement:**
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Clinical Director Vince Benchino updated the Commission regarding the priorities and progress of the ongoing development of the trauma system. Mr. Benchino reviewed the Trauma System Plan Implementation, which would be the first Trauma System plan for Indiana. He then reviewed the Trauma Care Commission Subcommittee focus areas which include the following: Trauma Registry, Performance Improvement, and Disaster Preparedness & Military Integration. Mr. Benchino also discussed Trauma Regional Advisory Councils or TRACs, the guidelines for the TRACS are structure, operation/function, data, quality improvement/coordination,

training/education, and funding. These align with the Trauma System Plan Strategies. Mr. Benchino described the Trauma System Funding for RFA Strategies as well as their purposes. The strategies are Trauma System Development – to increase access and coordination to appropriate trauma facilities, Quality Improvement – to promote effective coordination of care, Trauma and Non-Trauma Center Engagement – to improve hospital reporting, and Injury Prevention Programming – to implement evidence-based programming to address leading causes of trauma. For more information regarding the topics discussed, please visit <https://www.in.gov/health/trauma-system/indianas-trauma-system/>.

Mr. Bechino reviewed the Health First Indiana (HFI) funding and implementation. This creates a connection between local officials and the Local Health Departments. There are Quarterly Workshops hosted in each region to connect Local Health Department officials with IDOH subject matter experts. For additional information please visit, www.healthfirstindiana.in.gov.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported that the 2025 Legislative Session will start on January 8th, 2025, and go until April 29th, 2025. He reminded all that this is a budget year for legislation, and they will be determining funding for the next two fiscal years, 2026 and 2027.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Margo Knefelkamp reported that EMSC hosted the Midwest EMSC Prehospital Pediatric Symposium on October 29, 2024. Mrs. Knefelkamp stated that this event was well attended and is planned to be held virtually on an annual basis moving forward. Mrs. Knefelkamp gave a brief update on the recent Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project. Those that participated in the surveys are encouraged to review their agencies' results with their Medical Director's.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Director Kinney reported that Chief Sights thanked everyone for attending IERC and they are looking forward to seeing everyone again in September for the 2025 IERC Conference.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Bob Miller updated all on the legislative change that is beginning on January 1, 2025, regarding House Bill 1385. Mr. Miller states that if you have specific questions regarding HB 1385 to please reach out to a member and they will help clarify. Mr. Miller reminded all that May 17, 2025; in the morning will be 'Running with Shears' and in the evening, the Golden Sirens Award banquet. Nominations are currently open for Golden Sirens as well as the Provider Awards. Mr. Miller also reminded all that on February 5, 2025, is EMS on the Hill, this event starts at 10:00 AM. For more information on these events, please visit the IEMSA website or speak to a member.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on October 11, 2024, at MADE in Plainfield. The Committee voted to replace Chief Paul Miller of Crawfordsville Fire as the MIH-CP Program Director Representative with Samantha Mitchell (Swearingen). The Committee reviewed five programs for approval. The MIH Subcommittees continue to work on their plans for actionable items in the coming year. The next meeting will be at MADE in Plainfield on December 13, 2024, at 10:00am.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to approve all five MIH program applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Roll call vote was taken:

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NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney reported that the Indiana EMS 2025 final report has been issued and is available to view in its entirety on the EMS webpage. Director Kinney reviewed that the report focuses on EMS Funding, EMS Workforce, EMS Education & Training, EMS Safety, EMS Operations, and EMS Essential Function and how can Indiana improve in these areas. The work group compiled for this project ended up with a total of 19 findings and 28 recommendations. Director Kinney reviewed the findings and recommendations and explained that with this information the EMS Division would like to begin planning for leadership training and EMS Leadership Academy planning. As well as collaboration with DWD and DOE and IDHS will collaborate with IRHA, IHA, and IDOH for an EMS/Hospital Summit. This event will allow partners to discuss cooperation and address the challenges between hospital and EMS. The full report can be found at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/ems>.

Director Kinney gave an update regarding the Handtevy Pediatric Resuscitation System, how Provider Organizations can utilize this service as well as a reminder of the instructor courses available in 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1) Administrative Proceedings

1. Waiver Orders

- a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-5-2: Request to substitute PI course based on previous advanced education.
 - a. Popp, Jennifer
 - b. Bell, Christopher
 - II. 836 IAC 4-4-2: Additional time for continuing education.
 - a. Kreischer, Brandon
 - b. Thompson, Brent
 - c. Lucas, Byron
 - III. 836 IAC 4-4-1: Additional time for EMT candidate to complete cert. testing
 - a. Minier, Clifford
- b) Provider Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1(d): Paramedic organization contract/agreement with certified supervising hospital
 - a. Keeping PACE
 - II. 836 IAC 2-2-1(g)(1): Allow non 24/7
 - a. Winchester Fire Department
 - b. Keeping PACE
 - III. 836 IAC 2-2-1(h): Allow EMR to drive ALS with Paramedic
 - a. Pulaski County EMS
 - IV. 836 IAC 1-1-5: Data submission
 - a. Keeping PACE

2. Discipline Orders

- a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - II. Probation—1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Samson, Casey
 - b. Storm, Andrew
 - IV. Suspension—Emergency Order
 - V. Revocation
 - VI. Censure
 - VII. Initial EMT Denial
- b) Provider

3. Administrative Rulemaking: None pending.

4. Appeals Docket

- a) Re Lina Bouabid – Final Order/ AO and SOD
- b) **ACTION ITEM:** In Re Troy Dulaney – Consideration of Final Order on Appeal
 - I. **Director Kinney reviewed the specifics of the case and the ALJ ruling.** He explains that neither party appealed the decision. Director Kinney advised that the commission take a vote and consider the ALJ Non-final order as the Final Order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve Non-Final Order as Final re: Troy Dulaney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shady. Roll call vote was taken:

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STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that EMS reporting is great. Ms. Stump stated that reporting for September was 98% and October was 98%. Fire reporting from November 2023 through October 2024 was 82%. Ms. Stump stated that Mr. Foster continues to work on data requests and as well as Help Desk issues.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump announced that IDHS – EMS Division is looking for a Northeast District Manager. Ms. Stump reviewed the specifics of the job and how you can apply. Ms. Stump then reviewed that Jason Smith hosted a Fatality Management meeting that showed attendees from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. She stated that if there are changes needed for personnel on your organization's roster, please submit a new webform or new permission form.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Corey Wells

Corey Wells reviewed the certification numbers from the 3rd quarter, stating that at the end of the quarter Indiana EMS Certifications showed a total of 24,293 clinicians. This was down 290 from the 2nd quarter. Mr. Wells then reported the audits and violation statements.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham announced that there will be Training Institution and Primary Instructor Forums returning in 2025, these will be mandatory but will have multiple offerings around the state, similar to the 2024 District Forum locations. She announced that she held the final PI Quarterly update prior to this meeting and the dates for the 2025 updates are not scheduled at this time, but Mrs. Lanham anticipates the release of dates in early 2025. Mrs. Lanham presented the new Mobile Simulation Trailer and discussed the features associated. The new Sim Lab is targeted to be in use by early 2025.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney reported that Mike Braun will be coming in as Governor of Indiana in January and there will be a change for the Executive Director position within IDHS, there will be more announcements made soon. Director Kinney reviewed the Health First Indiana

funding, touching base on the projects and grants that the EMS Division has offered and granted. He touched on the continued funding for the Bowen Center workforce initiatives, stating that there is a contract in place and services include additional reporting and a workforce dashboard that is in progress, projected to be complete by June 2025. Director Kinney gave an overview of the EMS Division's plans for 2025 which include navigating the upcoming legislative session, EMS Readiness FY2025 projects, implementing Mental Health and Wellbeing for Responders Training in Acadis, publishing the 2024 EMS Annual Report, starting a monthly EMS newsletter, education forums and implementing the concepts of the Indiana EMS 2025 project.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel congratulated the continued growth of MIH within Indiana. He stated that Moses, the CARES Coordinator, will be reaching out to some providers for coordination and starting to onboard with organization. Dr. Yazel encouraged providers to get involved with the Trauma Regional Advisory Councils as the EMS presence is sometimes light but is a great opportunity to have discussions with Trauma and Hospital (ER) organizations. Dr. Yazel reminded all of his Monthly State In-Service on the first Wednesday of every month, these do offer continuing education credit, for more details you can reach out to Dr. Yazel.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman Turpen thanked IEMSA for hosting the Commission meeting. He invited providers to reach out to him regarding the CARES data, as his Provider Organization has been utilizing for some time and has data that can be reviewed. Chairman Turpen reviewed some upcoming events such as the NAEMSP taking place in San Diego, CA, January 6-11, 2025. For further information you can visit their website, www.naemsp.org.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting will be on Friday, January 17, 2025, beginning at 10:00 AM at MADE in Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN, 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.