

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION



Mobile Integrated Healthcare Advisory Committee

Date: September 15, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. EST

Location: Indiana Emergency Response Conference (IERC)
8787 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240
As well as via Microsoft Teams online

Members present:

- Dr. Michael Kaufmann, State EMS Medical Director
- Kraig Kinney, State EMS Director
- Chief Paul Miller, MIH-CP Program Director
- Chad Owen, Non-municipal MIH-CP Program
- Keith Mason, Insurance Industry Representative
- Andy Van Zee, IN Hospital Association Representative
- Dr. Eric Yazel, EMS Medical Director
- Laura Schwab-Reese PhD, College/University
- Shane Hardwick, MIH-CP Provider

Other Present: Robin Stump, Brittany Fortinberry, other staff members, and EMS Community members.

Absent Members: Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Nate Metz, Steve Davison, Doug Randall, Allison Taylor

Roll Call

Chairperson Kinney welcomed everyone, and Brittany Fortinberry called roll and announced quorum.

Adoption of Minutes

Chairperson Kinney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from May 12, 2021. **Motion to approve the minutes from Keith Mason and second by Dr. Yazel. Roll was taken for approval and all approved.**

Reports

Chairperson Kinney introduced Brittany Fortinberry the new Mobile Integrated Health Coordinator to everyone. He gave a brief background.

Dr. Kaufmann gave a brief updated on the state of Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) in the state of Indiana and the Nation. He said he was excited to see the growth of MIH here in Indiana.

Program Overview

In Health Ambulance Service – Jeff Zielinski gave an overview of their program.

Mr. Zielinski stated that In Health started their MIH program in October 20, 2020. They have partnered with Health Link. They have seen about 500 patients since they started. They are providing Covid vaccines and telehealth visits. Their first patient visit was October 26, 2020. During the telehealth visit the EMT will go into the home and take the basic vitals and send to the doctor. The EMT is also administering the Covid vaccine. Paramedics are providing more advanced care. The EMTs and paramedics are counting out medications for the patients. Most of the patients they are seeing an older population right now but also seeing patients that do not have transportation. Mr. Zielinski gave the statistics for their program. Their reimbursements are paid through Health Link.

Old Business

Ms. Brittany Fortinberry reported that the IDHS is working towards final contract approval for the MIH grant recipients.

New Business

Mr. Brittany Fortinberry reviewed the application and the information that is being collected. Chairperson Kinney reviewed the reason for the application process. Ms. Fortinberry gave an overview of the 7 pending applications: Boone County EMS, Crawfordsville Fire, Noblesville Fire, IU Health, Monticello Fire, South Bend Fire, and Superior Ambulance. Members of the Committee asked questions about some of the services for clarification on some points. **Motion to approve the applications and recommend approval by the EMS Commission by Dr. Yazel and seconded by Mr. Keith Mason. Mr. Paul Miller abstained from the vote. Roll was taken for approval and all applications were approved.**

Some discussion took place about education requirements and reimbursement. It was announced that state Senator Kay Talion was presented with an award from The Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration (AIMHI) for her advocacy for MIH in Indiana. Crawfordsville Fire assisted by IDHS presented the recognition for Sen. Talion.

Next Mobile Integrated Health Committee meeting will be November 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the MADE facility in Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168.

Chairperson Kinney adjourned the meeting by consensus at 11:00am.