



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9th, 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Location: MADE @ Plainfield – Community Room
1610 Reeves Rd.
Plainfield, IN 46168

Members Present: G. Lee Turpin – *Private Ambulance/ Chairman*
Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*
Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*
Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*
Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*
Jerry Harder – *EMTs*
John Zartman – *Paramedics*
Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*
Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*
Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*
Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*
Dr. Eric Yazel – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

Members Present Online: Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*
Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

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

Members Not Present: None

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Jason Smith, Corey Wells 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 Turpen. Emily Castor called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from November 19th, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2025, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** Yes **Dr. Lisa Clunie:** Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes **Matthew Shady:** 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 **Dr. Eric Yazel:** Yes

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- a) **EMS Director's Award:**
- b) **Emeritus:** Thomas Brummett
- c) **EMS Star of Life:** Jacob (Jake) Amos
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** Julie A. Dolato
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** Kayla Reed, Brian Todd McNabb, Adam Cyr.
- f) **Stork Award:** Michael Gagliardi, Connor Reilly, Todd Konradi, Mark Beyer, Chris Craft, Zoe Campbell, Damian Dyer, Joe Quinn, Grayden Heeter, Christopher Konopasek, Jordan Counter, David Stogner, Griffin Harris, Eddie Morales
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Chad Mize, Dustin Mankin, Amanda Boyd, Dwayne Morrow, Jon Moore, Alayna McNulty, Clint Jackson, Kolby Curtis, Anisha Joyce, Adam Davies, Zach Aveline, Seth Nichols, Calvin Chaney, Ethan Stonebraker, Matt Roberts, Zane Hyten, Deric Punke, Grant Snyder, Tiffany Leicht, Connor Bridges, Angela Lee, Michael Gorbett, Courtney Plummer, Aaron Graham, Christopher Tuttle, Patrick Volland, Andrew Vehslage, Jeffrey R. Brown, Ethan Yeley, Kyle Whipker, Nicholas Stickel, Eli Smith, Jacob Ward, Austin Dickey, Eli Baker, Carson Linville, William Wooderson, Amy Herriott.
- h) **Retirement:**
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Vincent Benchino updated on the Rural Health Transformation Program, the grant opportunity through the Federal Government. He stated that Indiana was awarded \$207 million dollars for the first year of this five-year grant period. He reviewed trauma grant opportunities available through IDOH, all information regarding this can be found on their website. Mr. Benchino reminded all of the upcoming Trauma Care Commission meeting on February 6th, 2026, and reviewed subcommittee meetings such as Registry, Disaster Preparedness, Trauma System Planning, Performance Improvement, and Education & Outreach.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported the beginning of the 2026 legislative session, stating certain bills that the EMS division will be watching during this session. He stated at this time the main

bills to pay attention to our bills, such as HB1001 - Housing Matters, HB1003 - Boards & Commissions, HB1060 - Emergency Medical Services, HB1202 - Various Public Safety Matters, and HB1251 - Emergency Ambulance Services. Director Kinney gave a brief overview of the bills specifics and will continue to report on their progress as they move through the legislative process.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Director Kinney stated that the primary updates are related to the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) and it focuses on pediatrics and OB. EMS for Children will be watching this funding closely and will provide further information as it becomes available.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Director Kinney stated that there were no major updates at this time and reminded all to save the date for the 2026 Indiana Fire & EMS Leadership Conference, which will take place September 9th – 11th, 2026 at Embassy Suites – Noblesville Conference Center. For more information visit, www.indfirechiefs.org.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Tom Fentress thanked all for their attendance at the Crossroads Conference. He stated that the 2026 Golden Siren Award Banquet as well as the Running with Shears event will take place on May 16th, 2026. Nominations for the Golden Siren, as well as various other awards, opened on January 1st, 2026. Mr. Fentress noted that the Golden Sirens Awards will be hosted at Primo in Indianapolis, IN and there will be a hotel block available for attendees. Abstract applications for presentations are open as well for the 2026 Crossroads Conference. For more information regarding these upcoming events please visit their website, www.indianaEMSassociation.org.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman reported that at the most recent Education Oversight Committee meeting they reviewed three specific recommendations by the EMS Commission. The first topic discussed was EMT Minimum Competencies, with the goal in mind to review key competencies at the EMT level. Commissioner Zartman stated that after discussions, revisions to the minimum competencies were suggested in alignment with national EMS educational standards.

Commissioner Zartman stated that the committee suggested that Indiana EMT programs implement a portfolio system, mandate success rate tracking, prioritize live patient exposure, and ensure diverse exposure. With these revisions it is the recommendation of the Education Oversight Committee to approve the NASEMSO Student Minimum Competency Standards which would include 20 total patient contacts for EMT students. Of the 20 patient contacts, 8 adult patient contacts, 6 geriatric patient contacts and 6 pediatric patient contacts with a requirement of at least 50% of those contacts being a live patient.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to approve the NASEMSO Student Minimum Competency Standards with 20 total patient contacts for EMT students. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCullough.

Prior to a roll call vote to the motion on the floor, there was further discussion regarding the requirement of at least 50% live patient contacts within the proposed minimum of 20 patient contacts. Commissioner Shady stated that the 20 required contacts could be too high considering the number of contacts required at the paramedic level and the availability of live patient access to students. Commissioner Zartman reported that the NASEMSO guidelines require 30 patient contacts at the EMT level but when reviewed by the Oversight Committee it was determined that 20 contacts would be more appropriate.

After further discussion regarding the stipulations of the 20 patient contacts and the requirement of at least 50% of those being live patients, a motion to table was suggested.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to table this discussion for further deliberation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Matthew McCullough: Yes
Andrew Bowman: No Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

Commissioner Zartman reviewed the second topic discussed by the committee, the EMT Psychomotor Examination. He stated that the national registry has modified this exam at the AEMT and paramedic levels incorporating the psychomotor into their standard exam. Commissioner Zartman reports that the committee discussed the possibility of a mega-code style psychomotor exam that would cover trauma and medical scenarios. He elaborates on the examinations reporting that with this new structure, it prioritizes clinical assessment, decision-making, treatment, integration, communication and scene leadership in the same way EMT's function and actual patient care rather than evaluating isolated skill sheet performance in a fragmented test testing environment. Commissioner Zartman states the scenario content, standardized performance measures, and evaluation tools would be developed soon to ensure the transition is defensible, reliable, and operationally successful. It is the committee's recommendation that the commission move to convert the current EMT psychomotor exam to a two station, mega code style exam with one trauma station and one medical station.

Commissioner Hoggatt asked for clarification regarding the preparation of the mega-code style exam within the existing class curriculum. Commissioner Zartman stated that training institutions would be encouraged to integrate this preparation into their existing curriculum

that best fits them as the committee would form the exam scenarios. Commissioner Shady asked, since the National Registry has steered away from skill testing at the ALS levels, is there the possibility of it also happening at the EMT level as well. Director Kinney stated that based on his participation within the meetings with National Registry, it's preferred that the states have their own exam process which is why the existing skill sheets aren't being updated.

Commissioner Zartman reviewed the committee's EMT Psychomotor Exam revision recommendation as well as the opportunity to form the final exams to present to the EMS Commission for final approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner McCullough to direct the Education Oversight Committee to continue the development of an updated EMT Psychomotor Exam. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Matthew McCullough: Yes
Andrew Bowman: No Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

The committee's final topic of review was AEMT Cardiac Monitoring. Commissioner Zartman stated that there was a request to allow AEMTs to perform cardiac monitoring, as there is a high need for EKG and cardiac monitoring during the transfer of patients from emergency departments to other locations. He states the commission requested the oversight committee to review and make a formal recommendation on this request. Commissioner Zartman reviewed the AEMT cardiac monitoring practice from the past compared to what is currently in their scope of practice. Current AEMTs may obtain and transmit a 12-lead EKG but are not to interpret, no identification of any EKG analysis and no medication administration per the ACLS guidelines.

Commissioner Zartman stated that the committee concluded that the oversight committee is not yet persuaded that a statewide scope of practice change is clearly necessary at the AEMT level regarding cardiac monitoring but remains willing to continue evaluating the project at the discretion and direction of the commission. He stated further that the oversight committees, preliminary consensus was that any move toward expanded, cardiac monitoring responsibility would require clearly defined a minimum education and credentialing expectations for both current and future AEMT's which would include the completion of a paramedic level module in pharmacology and cardiology as well as ACLS and PALS or their equivalent. Commissioner Zartman stated that these educational requirements, with the fiscal analysis results and stakeholder survey findings, must be addressed before the committee can responsibly bring forward a formal recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to direct the Education Oversight Committee continuation of a full evaluation of a cardiac monitoring scope of practice change with an analysis of education and fiscal impacts based on a survey to provider and educational organizations as well as AEMT certified persons. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hogatt. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: No Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: No Dr. Sara Brown: No Matthew McCullough: No
Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes
Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, December 12th, 2025. The MIH Subcommittees continue their work with plans for actionable items in the next year. Director Kinney reported that FSSA presented at the most recent meeting regarding their recent restructuring of FSSA – APS program. He also stated that there is a current open position for the Non-Municipal EMS MIH-CP Program representative. If you are interested, please reach out to Director Kinney or MIH Coordinator, Emily Castor. Director Kinney stated that the next MIH Committee meeting will be on Friday, February 13th, 2026, at 10:00 am at MADE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve all four Mobile Integrated Health applications as presented: Harrison County Hospital EMS, Lynx EMS LLC, Madison Township Fire Department (Morgan), and Manchester Township Volunteer Fire & Rescue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCullough. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes: Abstain Harrison County Hospital EMS Patrick Hutchison: Yes
Matthew Shady: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes John Zartman: Yes
Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney gave a brief overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program and what role the EMS Division has within this program. He stated that the funding will support a project called G.R.O.W, which stands for Growing Rural Opportunities for Well-being. This is a five-year initiative designed to enhance healthcare access and data, quality and outcomes through system innovation and collaboration.

Director Kinney explained that EMS is represented in four separate initiatives: Initiative #1 – Medical Operations Coordination Center, Initiative #3 – Growing Improved Patient Outcomes Through Enhanced Interoperability. This initiative includes MIH incorporation into data including a data platform for MIH as well as MIH liaisons and could include EMS care report integration into HER. Initiative #4 – Pediatric and Obstetric Readiness in Rural Emergency Departments. Within this initiative, IDHS will conduct a needs assessment of EMS Prehospital Pediatric Readiness project as well as a needs assessment for training and equipment for EMS agencies related to OB care. Lastly, Initiative #12 – Make Rural Indiana Healthy Again Regional Grants. This is mirrored after the RHTP concept that sends funding to regions for one single, unified regional application. The grants will require collaboration across hospitals, FQHCs, mental health providers, and community-based GROW.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
 1. Waiver Orders
 - a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-4-2: Allowing in-service hours to be collected beyond expiration date
 - a. Horning, Tabitha N.
 - II. 836 IAC 4-9-5: Allowing in-service to be collected and reported after expiration date
 - a. Stephenson, Craig
 - b) Provider Waiver
 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - II. Probation – 1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Justin D. Le, Sr
 - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
 - V. Suspension – 30 Days
 - a. Justin D. Le, Sr
 - VI. Suspension – 180 Days
 - VII. Suspension – 1 Year
 - VIII. Suspension – Emergency Order
 - IX. Revocation
 - X. Censure
 - XI. Initial EMR Denial
 - a. Stephen J. Kohl, Jr.
 - XII. Surrender
 3. Provider
 - I. Civil Penalty – Scope of Practice Violations
 - a. Scott County EMS

4. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending
5. Appeals Docket
 - a) Re: Keener Township Respondents: Agreed Resolution PENDING

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump stated that fire departments should have received an email to log into their NERIS accounts, once logged in, you will select the departments software vendor and add their client ID. Once this is complete Ms. Stump is asking that your administrator email her directly for those using the state's ImageTrend system so that she can provide you with the client ID. She stated that fire incidents will still need to be entered into the department's software vendor then it will be imported into NERIS. Ms. Stump stated that they are currently working on annual report numbers, revealing that fire incidents are over 750K and EMS incidents over 1.3 million (which has increased by over 20K). Ms. Stump reported that ImageTrend has been updated to the latest version and will be working to update to V3.5.1.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reminded all that if their department administration changed, please ensure this is updated within Acadis and if permissions need to be added, to fill out the Agency Roster Request in the webforms in Acadis. She reminded all provider organizations that when renewing the Provider Organization Certification, this should happen 90 days prior to the expiration date and reminded all that organizations need to have an email address listed under the organization, Acadis will send that email a notification 90 days prior to expiration.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Corey Wells

Corey Wells reviewed the currently certified individuals from the 4th Quarter of 2025, which ended on December 31, 2025. Mr. Wells reported that the overall number of providers in the state as of December 31, 2025, was 25,648 – which is 503 less than the 3rd quarter of 2025. He stated that there was a total of 171 audits through December 31, 2025, with 13 audits incomplete/no response and only five certification dishonesty sanctions issued. For issues or questions, please reach out to PSIDquestions@dhs.in.gov or EMScertifications@dhs.in.gov.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham reviewed Mandatory PI Education training, stating that those PI's not compliant with the in-person requirement must complete an ACADIS online offering that includes written testing between November 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, while those not completing either option prior to January 1, 2026, cannot teach and EMS class or be involved in the EMS course after that date. She reported that 83% (593) of PI's completed their Mandatory Forum leaving just 17% (116) not completed with that number growing smaller daily as PI's continue to complete that online training requirement. Those that do not complete this training by February 1, 2026, an email will be sent to the individual stating that their PI certification is not in compliance, and they will be moved to inactive status until this requirement is met.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney reviewed the EMS Readiness budget, where the division is monetarily during the 3rd year of funding. Director Kinney reviewed the special projects that stemmed from this year's budget which included an MIH Companion Grant and the IDHS AED Grant which was available for all current state-certified BLS non-transport providers or those in the process of becoming BLS non-transport. Director Kinney updated on the EMS Compact, where he serves as Indiana's Compact Commissioner and the Chairperson for the Compact. They are currently working with ACADIS in the development to allow exporting of data into the NEMSCD system. This project is actively underway with a targeted completion of January 2026. Director Kinney stated that the Compact is continuing to grow with states such as Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey, all with active legislation to become a part of the Compact and 9 additional states that are developing legislation, with the Governor of Ohio committing as part of their RHTP application and Kentucky in serious consideration.

Director Kinney gave a brief update regarding NASEMSO, which is considering future priorities like a national EMS investigator training program, EMS informatics administration program, developing the framework for a national BLS training institution standard, and a recognition program for BLS training programs. He mentioned the NASEMSO Guidance Document for Prehospital Transfusion of Whole Blood and Blood Products: Considerations for State Officials. This was put together by Medical Directors in conjunction with other counsels.

Director Kinney reminded all the 2026 EMS Commission and MIH Committee meeting dates.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel touched on the G.R.O.W. webinar that took place and reported what this program would look like from a statewide level and some regionally specific information. He also discussed the importance of being active within the IDOH TRAC meetings and collaborating in your Regional Coalitions. Dr. Yazel commented on the dropping education dishonesty numbers as given in the Certifications Staff report as this has been an issue in the past. He commended the EMS Division for improving this measure. Dr. Yazel reminded all of his monthly state in-service; these are on the first Wednesday of the month and thanked the EMS Commission for their open dialogue concerning topics that are addressed and their willingness to have a conversation to find solutions for EMS personnel.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman Turpen announced NAEMSP is coming up quickly. This conference will be hosted in Tampa, FL – usually the 2nd or 3rd week of January. This conference tackles breaking science and has abstracts that are beneficial to the clinical side of EMS discussing topics such as C-collar elimination and backboard education. Chairperson Turpen discussed the Eagles conference that is coming up in June and encouraged all provider organizations to focus on their organization expiration dates and ensuring that these are updated with the EMS Division.

NEXT MEETING

The next EMS Commission meeting will be on Friday, March 13th, 2026, at 10:00am at MADE @ Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

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