



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 13, 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*
John Zartman – *Paramedics*
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*

Members Present Online: Dr. Eric Yazel – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

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

Members Not Present: Jerry Harder – *EMTs*

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 January 9, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2026, 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 **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:**
- c) **EMS Star of Life:** Jacob (Jake) Amos
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** Rylee M. Hanson
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** James E. Mackey Jr.
- f) **Stork Award:** Matt Hann, Nicholas Bandy, Zackary Herron, Chris Overpeck, Sam Switzer, Cody Runk, Corrie Myers, Randy Cox, Enrique Callejas, Eli Smith, Ryan Ridpath, Jacob Stephenson, Kevin Mann, Tyler Warren, Ashlynn R. Ailes, Derique Narans, Jon Underwood, Eric Levy, Adam Boutcher, David Carr, Peter Moorton, Braden Puckett, Cody Roberts, Cara Robbins, Matt Wright
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Kyle Wagler, Ethan Parvin, Austin Smith, Trevor Blayton, Cameron Rhodes, Robert Rembold, Ryan Houchen, Darin Burton, Kyle D. McKibben, Kaitlyn B. Risley, Richard N. Birden, Matthew R. Collins, Randy O. Jones III, Nathaniel W. Kates, Adam L. Luce, Steven J. Schelfo, Alex W. Smith, Edward L. Yochum, Nicole Erb, Danica Henderson, Dillon Meadows, Rory Edmonson, Trevor Alecia, Travis Peconge, Cody Hunter, AJ Locker, Christopher Deeds, Bryan Cook, Julian Franklin, Seth Stanley, Kristie Gilpin, Tina Kopitzke, John Jayne, Brennin Ahlbrand, Cameron Creed, Nick Allen, Christian Brown, Scott Gregerson, Branon Allenduff, Meghan Kenner, Shawna Forker, Medina Bryant, Brandon Stadler, Sam Pollock, Rylan Huckstep, David McCartney, Codie Brewer, Dustin Leonard, Sara Davis, Robert Gard, Conner McCoy, Quentin Summers
- h) **Retirement:**
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Vincent Benchino updated the commission on the Rural Health Transformation Program, the grant opportunity through the Federal Government. He reviewed the various initiatives that Indiana will be implementing as part of this opportunity. He reviewed trauma grant opportunities, including the increased TRAC funding for the upcoming FY2027, available through IDOH, all information regarding this can be found on their website.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported on HB1003 regarding Boards and Commissions, stating that there were changes made to requirements for the readoption of administrative rules. He stated that the current status of HB1003, a House amendment called for the merger of the Firefighters Board of Professional Standards with the EMS Commission, but it was then removed by the Senate with Amendment 19 – a result not impacting the EMS Commission. Director Kinney reviewed the previous bills that the EMS Division had been monitoring but did not survive session including HB1060 and HB1251. Director Kinney reported on HB1202 – Requiring EMS background checks for initial certification, stating that this has now been signed into law by Governor Braun on February 24, 2026, but this does not take affect until July 1, 2026.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Margo Kniefkamp stated that they are currently waiting on final approvals of the Prehospital Readiness data, once this is approved, she will share with the commission. She states that she will be participating in EMS Division District Forums throughout this Spring and Summer so watch out for dates in your area. Mrs. Kniefkamp stated that there is an upcoming Riley Symposium focusing on Trauma and Burns, taking place on April 28, 2026. For more information, visit their website.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Jarrod Sights 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 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 the committee reviewed the three initiatives after the March EMS Commission meeting. Reporting that EMT Minimum Competencies will align with the National EMS Educational Standards, in compliance with NASEMSO standards, supports statewide consistency in EMT education and is a baseline foundation for NREMT certification or assessment. During these recent discussions, it was proposed that the total patient contacts would be 30 total – with subcategory requirements being 15 adult patient

contacts (ages 19 – 65), 9 geriatric contacts (ages 65 and over), and pediatric contacts (ages birth to 19). There was a brief discussion regarding the age ranges and if those would be attainable to an EMT student. As part of the previously mentioned contact requirements, Commissioner Zartman clarified for the commission that 50% of the patient contacts can be counted with high fidelity mannequins.

Commissioner Zartman stated that the EMS Education Oversight Committee has reviewed the information following the January EMS Commission meeting and the next steps will be to review these agreed upon requirements at the PI Quarterly Meeting for review and feedback. The next PI Quarterly updates will accrue on April 7, from 9-10 am EST and then April 8 from 5-6 pm EST.

Commissioner Zartman then reviewed the EMT Psychomotor Examination revision to a Mega Code type exam. He stated that the committee understands the need to maintain a comprehensive standardized testing process statewide. He states the approved recommendation at this time to include one medical scenario and one trauma scenario. This structure prioritizes clinical assessment, decision-making, treatment integration, communication, and scene leadership just as an EMT would function in an actual patient care setting.

Commissioner Zartman touched on the AEMT Cardiac Monitoring topic, as the commission has previously directed the EMS Education Oversight Committee to do a full cost-benefit analysis of allowing AEMTs to perform cardiac monitoring. He notes that this would be a Scope of Practice change that could potentially impact interfacility transfers. Commissioner Zartman reports that the next steps for this initiative is to fully complete the AEMT clinician surveys, as well as completing the cost analysis (time, financial cost potential AEMT gains VS potential AEMT losses).

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, February 13, 2026. The MIH Subcommittees continue their work with plans for actionable items in the next year. Director Kinney reported that Anthem representatives did an overview of their Pathways to Aging program and how they are looking for potential MIH partnerships moving forward. He also stated that there is a current open position for the Non-Municipal EMS MIH-CP Program representative and Insurance 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, April 10, 2026, at 10:00 am at MADE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve both Mobile Integrated Health applications as presented: Benton County EMS and Porter Memorial Health EMS. 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 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

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney explained that the Non-rule policy in question was recently brought to his attention by a commissioner requesting further clarification on DNR Device statutes. As it stands currently, Indiana does recognize DNR Devices such as bracelets, pendants, etc. (IC 16-36-5-17 Identification devices). Given the generalized wording of this specific statute, could the commission adopt it's own DNR Device in place of the currently recognized and required materials.

Director Kinney proposes that the EMS Commission recognize and authorize any field clinician to recognize any medical DNR identification device, regardless of vendor, that meets standards: Device must be a necklace or bracelet with declarant's name and date of birth with the words "Do Not Resuscitate".

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to approve the Non-Rule Policy: DNR devices as written. 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 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

Director Kinney addressed EMS Leadership and how this topic became part of the discussion. As part of the Indiana EMS 2025 workforce surveys, findings determined that clinicians in the field would like for more EMS leadership educational opportunities. So, the EMS Division developed a leadership training model that would allow for various levels of supervisors to participate such as field supervisor, intermediate supervisor, focused topics and executive officer. The next steps for this are to form a workgroup to develop a system of educational opportunities for EMS Leaders, then that workgroup would form the principles and would update the EMS Commission. Director Kinney stated that while this is not a current requirement, the EMS Commission will be briefed and could weigh in on a system, but they will not need to approve the training itself. Director Kinney will serve as the Chairperson for this workgroup and would like for all interested individuals to contact him via email.

Robin Stump gave an overview of the Mass Casualty and Fatality Plan for 2026. Ms. Stump reviewed the main points of importance and noted that the main point person for any MORT questions, please contact Jason Smith (Southeast District Manager).

Director Kinney reviewed the newly released 2025 EMS Annual Report. He highlights the various annual reviews that are throughout the document such as EMS Commission topics that have been voted on throughout the year and the IDHS EMS Division organization structure and job roles. Director Kinney reviewed topics such as EMS Readiness for 2025 along with the breakdown of how those funds were utilized. He highlighted that the EMS Special Recognitions continue to grow in popularity as 2025 requests exceeded those of the previous years. Director Kinney touched on the 2025 Certification numbers, EMS Retention Rates across all cert types and organizational statistics by organization type. To view the full 2025 EMS Annual Report, visit <https://www.in.gov/dhs/ems> and look in the NEWS section.

Corey Wells – Certifications Section Chief, reviewed the updated EMS Continuing Education forms. Mr. Wells did stress that the goal of this form update is to make the process easier and more efficient and that the updates align with both NREMT and state requirements. This does NOT change the total number of required hours for any certification or licensure level. Mr. Wells stated that at this time the current form will continue to be accepted at the EMS State office but for any renewal after March 31, 2028, the updated form will be required for all continuing education documentation as well as audit documentation. Mr. Wells then reviewed the updated forms across the various levels of certification and licensure, highlighting the main changes of the forms.

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
 1. Waiver Orders
 - a) Personnel Waiver
 - b) Provider Waiver
 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - a. Guess, Jon
 - II. Probation – 1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Blum, Zachary
 - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
 - V. Suspension – 30 Days
 - a. Blum, Zachary
 - VI. Suspension – 180 Days
 - VII. Suspension – 1 Year
 - VIII. Suspension – 2 Years
 - a. Dennis III, Thomas
 - IX. Suspension – Emergency Order
 - X. Revocation
 - a. Master, Michael
 - XI. Censure

- a. Blum, Zachary
 - b. Godfrey, Ian
 - c. Pennycuff, Steven
 - d. Wiley, Andrew
- XII. Initial EMR Denial
- XIII. Surrender
- 3. Provider
- 4. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending
- 5. Appeals Docket
 - a) Re: Troy Dulaney: RESOLVED by Agreement of the Parties
 - b) Re: Mike Masters: Mater PENDING

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump introduced the new Data Manager – Ireland Straub. Ms. Stump stated that fire departments should have received an email to log into their NERIS accounts, once logged in, you will select the department's 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. Ms. Stump reported that ImageTrend has been updated to the latest version and will be working to update to V3.5.1. Ms. Stump reported that EMS reporting is at 92% and that the office is working with organizations on error issues.

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 as well as ensuring that the organization has updated their Points of Contact. 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 for the middle of the 1st Quarter of 2026, which ends on March 31, 2026. Mr. Wells reported that the overall number of providers in the state as of March 10, 2026, was 26,686 – which is 1,038 more than the 4th quarter of 2025. He stated that there has been a total of 114 audits through March 10, 2026, no certification dishonesty sanctions issued thus far. 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 the 2026 schedule for the PI Quarterly Updates, these will be in April, June, September, and December. For exact dates and times, please reach out to Kari. Mrs. Lanham reported on the EMT/ AEMT/ Paramedic pass rates of Indiana versus

the national statistics across the first 9 testing attempts. She stated that the JB Learning Student Driven Test Prep codes are still available. Mrs. Lanham reviewed the 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. Those that do not complete this training, 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 announced the 2026 EMS District Forums, reviewing the schedule of those events and what to expect when attending. There will be a total of 9 forums across all areas of the state. For those that would like to attend, it is asked that you register in your Acadis account so that we have ample space. There are no registration or participation fees associated with these events.

Director Kinney briefed the commission on Registering EMS agencies under the protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017 and how Indiana's agencies can be in compliance for organizations' controlled substances. He reviewed the options for EMS agencies to transition which include: 1. Transition immediately on the effective date established by the DEA. 2. Transition at the expiration of their current registration. 3. Transition three to six months prior to their renewal date. DEA recommends that registrants contact their local DEA field office to complete this process.

Director Kinney reiterated the IEMSA/ ENA Crossroads Emergency Conference 2026 and reminds all that the registration will be opening soon and that the call for abstracts is ongoing. This window will close on May 31, 2026. He then reviewed the various grants that IDHS – EMS Division has given out thus far such as the AED grant for BLS services and both of the MIH Grants for FY2026. Director Kinney gave a brief update regarding the G.R.O.W initiatives that EMS is directly involved with.

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. The NASEMSO Annual Meeting is in Kansas City, KS from April 26 – 30, 2026.

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 stated that there are currently 13 organizations that are providing Whole Blood services. He reported on the recent HALO (High Acuity Low Occurrence) training he attended in Johnson County. Commissioner Bowman, who was also a participant, stated that over the course of three days, there was 85 participants from surrounding provider organizations. These trainings were done with manikin simulation as well as human cadavers. Dr. Yazel stated that there could be potential for this to be hosted at other locations throughout the state as well. Dr. Yazel reminded all of his monthly state in-service; these are on the first Wednesday of the month.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman 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, May 8, 2026, at 10:00am at MADE @ Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.