



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Marriott East

7202 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St.

September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Darin Hoggatt – *Municipal Fire*

Jerry Harder – *EMTs*

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:** No members present online

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

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

**Members Not Present:** Brian Herwig – *Hospital EMS*

Joel Thacker – *Executive Director of Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security*

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

Complete video of this meeting can be viewed at the following link:

<https://acadisportal.in.gov/acadisviewer/Registration/ListOfAvailableTraining>

## **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 July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, session.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes from the previous meeting listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion approved by all Commission members with verbal vote with no against and no abstentions.**

## **HONORARY CERTIFICATES**

- 1) *Stork Awards:*
  - a) Corbin Doades, Lara Hancock. Hayley Goldey, Chris McFarlan, Alexandria Comingore and Kolton Parker
- 2) *EMS Director's Award:*
  - a) Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein
- 3) *Emeritus:*
  - a) David DeGroote and Timothy Grosvenor
- 4) *EMS Star of Life:*
  - a) Michael R. Wilcox
- 5) *Certificate of Remembrance:*
  - a) Devonnia Tscheulin
- 6) *Cardiac Saves:*
  - a) William Hampton, Christopher Nees, Deakon Fowler, Ethan Patton and Hayden Lewis
- 7) *Retirement:*
  - a) Thomas Frist and John W. Berry
- 8) *Certification of Appreciation:*
  - a) David Broad

## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

- 1) Trauma System Update— Director Kinney states that the representative for Indiana Department of Health trauma is unable to present today but did want to share that Franciscan Indianapolis is now a level 3 Trauma Center.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- 1) Director Kinney states that there are no formal updates at this time.

## **EMS FOR CHILDREN**

- 1) Dr. Yazel, on behalf of EMSC, states that the EMS for Children will be doing an upcoming assessment that will occur in early 2024. The prehospital pediatric readiness project, or PPRP is based upon the 2020 pediatric readiness. EMS systems joint policy statement technical report. For more information on this you can visit, [emscimprovement.center](http://emscimprovement.center).

## **INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

- 1) Director Kinney states that an IFCA representative was unable to attend today but Director Kinney did extend his gratitude for the Indiana Fire Chief's Association to allow the EMS Commission to meet at the Indiana Emergency Response Conference. Director Kinney also states that the IFCA encourages those attending the commission meeting to stay for the conference.

## **INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)**

- 1) Tom Fentress reports that the IEMSA is currently in the processes for the next legislative committee session. Mr. Fentress then reminded everyone about the IEMSA/ENA Conference they are holding in French Lick, IN at the end of November. Registration is open and for more information you can go to [indianaems.net](http://indianaems.net). He also announced the return of the Governor's Cup. Doug Randall will oversee that and there will be more information coming on this.

## **EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

- 1) Commissioner Zartman states that the committee has not officially met to follow up on the recommendations that were presented at the last commission meeting, but they do plan to start discussing the psychomotor component.

## **MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE**

- 1) Director Kinney States that the Mobile Integrated Health Committee met at MADE in Plainfield on August 11th. At that meeting we recommend approval of one of the prospective programs, Keeping PACE LLC., and denial of the other, Cherishing Lives Personal Care Services  
The committee also approved Joe Harding of Fishers Fire to replace chief Davison As the MIH/ CP municipal provider And also discussed MIH data collection, as well as moving forward with the subcommittees. There will be three subcommittees: Individual credentials with chairperson Shane Hardwick, Organization credentials with possible chairperson, Chief Paul Miller, and Sustainability with chairperson, Nate Metz.  
Director Kinney then announced that October 8th through October 14th is National Mobile Integrated Healthcare Provider week and that we have a Governor's proclamation so the state of Indiana will be recognizing that week. The next meeting for Mobile Integrated Health will be on October 13th, 2023, at MADE in Plainfield. For more information contact Emily Castor.  
As mentioned prior, the committee would recommend the approval of Keeping PACE LLC., as they are a provider organization with IDHS, but would recommend the denial of Cherishing Lives Personal Care Services as they are not an EMS provider organization, and they would not qualify nor have the core elements to apply for any type of waiver. Cherishing lives was contacted regarding this recommendation of denial, but no response was received.

- 2) Emily Castor presented the new MIH program that are up for consideration: Keeping PACE LLC and Cherishing Lives Personal Care Services INC.

**A motion was made by Commissioner McCullough to approve Keeping PACE as an MIH program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Motion approved, all in favor by voice vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shady to deny Cherishing Lives Care Services becoming an MIH program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion approved, all in favor by voice vote.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Director Kinney proposes the 2024 EMS commission meeting dates asked for approval for the first four specific dates:

Friday, January 19, 2024 – MADE Plainfield

Friday, March 8, 2024 – MADE Plainfield

Friday, May 10, 2024 – MADE Plainfield

Friday, July 12, 2024 – MADE Plainfield

September 2024 in conjunction with the Indiana Emergency Response Conference with dates TBD.

November/December 2023 in conjunction with the Indiana EMS Association / ENA Conference with specific dates TBD.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the proposed 2024 EMS Commission meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Motion approved, all in favor by voice vote.**

2) Director Kinney presented the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grant. He then states that MIH has \$500,000 for this fiscal year, as well as the fiscal year for 2024, totaling \$1 million over two years. Director Kinney then states that it is our recommendation that the target award be \$50,000 with the maximum award amount of \$75,000. If the program can show justification with matching funds, they will be given preference and the deadline for these applications will be midnight on November 1, 2023. He then states that the purpose of this grant is to fund new MIH programs or an expansion of an existing program, the idea is to build new programs, not the sustainability for existing ones.

Director Kinney states that we are asking for the approval of the proposed Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as written.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the Mobile Integrated Health Notice of Funding Opportunity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shady. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.**

Justin Guedel then presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the EMS Commission and the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings. Mr. Guedel then explained the document and would like to motion to approve stock document as provided.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.**

Mr. Guedel then asks for reaffirmation on the delegation which allows the Office of General Council receive petitions for review and then will make the determination if the petition qualifies for review. After this review the petitions that qualify are sent to the Office of Administration Law to move forward in the process. Mr. Guedel then states that he would like for the commission to reaffirm that delegation for their staff to process those and to make those timely determinations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner McCullough to reaffirm legal proceedings delegation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shady. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.**

Director Kinney presented the IDHS EMS Future Planning Overview. He began by giving a brief history of how IDHS was formed in 2005, merging multiple agencies, EMS being one. EMS has been a part of IDHS since 2005 and during that time it has been difficult to locate EMS as it has been under the Division of Training, now defunct, then Planning and for the last several years, within the State Fire Marshall's division. Director Kinney states that the EMS section has grown past issuing just certifications, although it is a key part of what we do, it is not all we do. He noted that there is a strong operations section led by Robin Stump and an education and training section led by Kari Lanham.

Director Kinney announced that EMS will becoming an independent division within IDHS. Making it one of the five main pillars putting it alongside Fire & Building Services, Building Plan Review, Response and Recovery, and Administrative Services.

Marshall Jones addressed the commission regarding the newly independent EMS division. He stated that EMS and fire are very intertwined and voiced his continued support of EMS, including as a parallel division to the fire one.

Director Kinney discussed the changes in section organization for the future of the EMS Division. He states that this will remain similar to what the structure is now as we will have three sections, EMS Operations Section with Robin Stump, EMS Education and Training Section with Kari Lanham, and will have an EMS Certification Systems Section. Director Kinney explained that EMS certification systems section will include multiple systems, such as MIH, potential Trauma Liaisons with IDOH and things of that nature.

Director Kinney then announced the Indiana EMS 2025 concept to bring together a Work group of EMS stakeholders that will foster in assessment and dialogue of EMS in Indiana and formulate recommendations for where EMS should be. This group will essentially identify the

problems and determine potential solutions. The goal is a creation of a “white paper” With recommendations to stabilize and improve EMS, that can be used by IDHS, the EMS Commission, the Governor’s office, and the Indiana legislature. There will continue to be meetings both in-person and virtually for the remainder of 2023 and early 2024 with a goal of a written report by June 1, 2024. Director Kinney reviews the list of individuals participating in Indiana EMS 2025.

Director Kinney gave an update on Handtevy stating that the MOU was finalized for funding transfer to IDHS for year one of the project and that will allow EMS to contract with Handtevy. The idea would be that if you are already using Handtevy, you would cover 75% and the state will cover 25% and you will get a credit on your contract for that additional amount of new enrollees. For new in enrollees, the state will pay 50% and your organization will pay 50%. We were told that this is a two-year program, IDOH has committed to year one and we are hoping IDHS will be year two of this. Director Kinney States this plan is subject to final contract approval and it is anticipated to covered 2024 through 2025 likely along the calendar year. Organizations participating with the program will be involved in data collection to track effectiveness of the program.

Director Kinney announced that the IDHS internal IT department has secured a CDC grant operating under the Indiana department of health that will allow IDHS to store data in a format that allows more fluid extrapolation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1) Director Kinney states that there are no updates currently. There will be more to come at a later date.

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

1) No assignments to report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

1. Waiver Orders issued
  - a) Personnel Waiver
    - I. 836 IAC 4-7-3.5: Allows 45 days to complete in-service for EMR renewal.
      - a. George Unger
    - II. 836 IAC 4-4-2: Allows 45 days to complete in-service for EMT renewal.
      - a. Alex Jimenez
    - III. 836 IAC 2-2-1(h): Allow EMR instead of EMT to function with the paramedic.
      - a. James Gardner
    - IV. 836 IAC 4-5-2(g): Waiver of some of the requirements for reacquire of the PI certification due to experience.
      - a. Kenneth Alling
      - b. Andrea Aickmund
    - V. 836 IAC 4-5-2(a)(2): Allow an extension of time to complete PI exam and internship pass the 1 year deadline.
      - a. Jordan Hopping
  - b) Provider Waivers
    - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1(h): Allows alternate staffing in patient compartment during transport without paramedic.

- a. St. Vincent Warrick EMS
  - II. 836 IAC 2-2-1(g): Allow non 24/7 at paramedic level.
    - a. Eskenazi Health
    - b. Randolph County EMS
  - c) Training Institution Waivers
    - I. 836 IAC 4-2-1(b): Renewal of Waiver of TI qualification requirements (not affiliated with Educ. Institute).
      - a. The Staff, INC.
- 2. Discipline Orders issued
  - a) Personal
    - I. Letter of Reprimand
      - a. Anderson, Jay
      - b. Kyle, Glenn
      - c. Moore, Robert
      - d. West-Robertson (Burrowes), Shauntri
      - e. Schmidt, Michael
    - II. Censure
      - a. Homberg, Aric
    - III. Probation—2 Years
      - a. Allen, Zachary
      - b. Mason, Jared
    - IV. Desist Orders
      - a. Eggleton, Chase
  - b) Provider
    - I. Letter of Reprimand
      - a. Medic On-Site
      - b. Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1) Data Registry – Ken Foster**

Ken Foster states that EMS reporting was 96.6% for June. Currently, we are still awaiting the reporting results from July and August. Mr. Foster also reports that with the NEMSIS 3.5 transition, they are seeing a validity of 100, they are also waiting on third-party vendors to begin test their imports.

### **2) Operations Report – Robin Stump**

Robin Stump States that all provider renewals need to be turned in no later than 60 days prior to your expiration date. Ms. Stump states that the office will be doing Acadia rosters and if your organization does not have access to your Acadis roster, you will need to fill out a web form in Acadis to do so.

### **3) Certifications and Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney**

Director Kinney states that there are no numbers to report as we have not completed another quarter currently.

### **4) EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham**

Kari Lanham reports that the statistics for education have not varied much since the last commission meeting, but she states she will be able to run the statistics from national registry for the November commission meeting. Mrs. Lanham announced that the School of EMS is now a certified Training institution in the state of Indiana.

## **STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 1) Director Kinney reports one line of duty death, EMT Michael Wilcox with Starke County EMS on August 5th. He also reports that there is still a staffing vacancy within certifications, but they are currently looking at that position along with the entire EMS division structure. Director Kinney reviewed the recent IDOH sponsored trauma summit which was very well attended with practitioners from around the state of Indiana. He then reports his attendance to the upcoming EMS World Expo with MIH Coordinator Emily Castor. While there, they will be meeting with New Orleans EMS regarding their protocols on AEMTs.

## **STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT**

- 1) Dr. Yazel Thank the Fire Chief's Association for putting the EMS commission meeting on and reminded everyone that there will be a medical director's class coming up for anybody that has a new Medical Director. Dr. Yazel then discusses the monthly state in-service he hosts to give more opportunities for education and discussion. He talks about forming a group to work on mental health resources for patients and first responders. Dr. Yazel then discusses his work with the implementation of Whole Blood protocols in the field.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND DIRECTION**

- 1) Commissioner Turpen encouraged all to register for IERC as it is an opportunity for education and networking with Fire and EMS organizations from around the state. He then reminded all of the upcoming meeting on November 29, 2023.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next EMS Commission meeting at the IEMSA/ IENA conference in French Lick, IN on November 29th, 2023, at 1:00PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shady. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm.