



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date: March 8th, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: MADE at Plainfield

1610 Reeves Rd.

Plainfield, IN 46168

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

Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Darin Hoggatt – *Municipal Fire*

John Zartman – *Paramedics*

Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nosssett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Members Present Online: Joel Thacker – *Executive Director of Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security*

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

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

Members Not Present: Jerry Harder – *EMTs*

Vacant – *Hospital EMS*

Vacant – *General Public*

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Robin Stump, Emily Castor, 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 the January 19th, 2024, session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCullough. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: 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 Joel Thacker: Yes**

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- 1) **EMS Director's Award:**
- 2) **EMS Star of Life:**
- 3) **Certificate of Remembrance:**
- 4) **Certification of Appreciation:** David Price and Janessa M. Mays.
- 5) **Stork Award:** Brandons Johnson, Caleb Maddox, Christopher Morris, Clay Price, Dustin Haywood, Edward Bell, Grant Wozniack, Jacob Lasater, Jacob Short, Jessica Bunker, Logan MacCormack, Luke Luther, Max Olinger, Nicole Erb, Ryan Leader, and Ryan Smith.
- 7) **Cardiac Saves:** Ashley Sutherland, Chase Mingle, Cheyenne Hedrick, Chris Howrey, Chris Millis, Grant Starks, Jessica Bunker, Jon Ashton, Larry Nuckols, Scott Cole, Scott Teague,
- 9) and Troy Kesterson.
- 10) **Retirement:** Dennis Spears and Rebecca A. Sorg.
- 11) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- 1) Trauma System Update— Director Kinney reported briefly that the trauma care commission recently approved a first-round grant funding as well as formed recent subcommittees.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- 1) Director Kinney reviewed the status of pending legislation. He stated that HB 1118 Mental Healthcare for First Responders did not go through while HB 1142 Hoosier First Responder Metal of self-sacrifice passed and will now be considered by the governor for signature. There will be more details regarding this if it is enacted. Director Kinney also reviewed HB 1302, which requires a county executive to report to IDHS information about EMS coverage in their county and for IDHS to provide a final report to a summer study committee, this passed both houses and was sent to the Governor's office for signature. Director Kinney

States that session is due to end soon so we should have a more concrete update of what has passed and what has not at the EMS commission meeting in May.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

- 1) Margo Kniefelkamp reported that the Prehospital Performance measures from 2023 are available, and that the Hospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment in May. Mrs. Kniefelkamp stated that the performance measures that were added, were as follows: Increasing pediatric disaster, readiness, and prehospital agencies by ensuring that disaster plans addressed the needs of children and, improving pediatric readiness and hospital systems by establishing a standardized, pediatric readiness recognition program for prehospital agencies. She summarized the upcoming Hospital Pediatric Readiness Project assessment and stated that you can find the checklist for the PPRP assessment online, then you'll need to access the tool kit to address gaps identified by the check, then reach out to the Indiana MSC program manager with any questions And lastly, be sure to watch for an assessment invitation in May 2024.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

- 1) Director Kinney, on behalf of IFCA, Director Kinney reported that the IFCA is preparing for the Indiana Emergency Responders Conference but noted it will be held in the first week of October and has also moved locations and will be in Noblesville. More information to come.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

- 1) Tom Fentress reported that IEMSA has multiple events coming up, they will be hosting Running with Shears EMS Memorial Foundation fundraiser on May 11th at White River State Park, as well as the Golden Siren Awards banquet on May 18 at Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis, tickets for the Golden Siren are available for purchase on the IEMSA website. Mr. Fentress stated that the IEMSA/ ENA conference has now been renamed the Crossroads Emergency Conference, this will be held at the French Lick Resort again this November and they are animating a larger turnout this year.
- 2) Kim Godden with IEMSA reported that house bill 1385, The bill that would ensure fair reimbursement from commercial insurance, has passed the house and passed the Senate and states that it is now in conference committee because the Senate asked for provisions of a different bill, Senate Bill 10, To be added with regard to community Paramedicine.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- 1) Commissioner Zartman reported that the Education Oversight Committee met recently and had a strong discussion about the advanced EMT program. Commissioner Zartman stated the Examination Oversight Subcommittee decided that the advanced EMT psycho motor exam to be A scenario-based exam. This psycho motor exam will consist of one oral station, which will identify a medical scenario, one trauma oral station, which will identify trauma, and then one out of hospital scenario more along the line as the current paramedic cycle motor exam exist today. The hospital scenario will last 10 to 15 minutes and within that scenario, they will be utilizing the State EMS simulation lab to assist with the

administration of the advanced psycho motor exam. Commissioner Zartman stated that they are developing multiple scenarios and will meet To Review for medical Director approval and all participants will be required to sign a nondisclosure agreement.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

- 1) Director Kinney reported that the Indiana Mobile Integrated Healthcare Committee met on Friday, February 9 at MADE in Plainfield and during that meeting the commission recommended approval for two new MIH programs (Ripley County EMS and White River Township Fire Department in Johnson County) and discussed the possibility of MIH conference offerings. Director Kinney Stated that the next meeting will be held on April 12 at 10 AM at the MADE Facility in Plainfield.
- 2) Emily Castor presented the new MIH program that are up for consideration: Ripley County EMS and White River Township Fire Department (Johnson County).
A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the Mobile Integrated Health programs as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Director Kinney reviewed the 2023 EMS Annual Report which details staff and their positions within the division, As well as the certification numbers and data reporting numbers from 2023. The report also highlights such as legislative news and projects that were completed throughout the year such as the Honorary and Special Recognitions and the Bowen Workforce Assessment. To view this report in its entirety, it is available on the EMS website.
- 2) Courtney Medlock reported on the Indiana EMS Workforce Assessment by the Bowen Center. The report focused on four main areas: Evaluate, Train, Retain And target. Mrs. Medlock explained the four focus areas as well as what was done about each area, what their findings were, And recommendations for the future. The findings from these responses can be used to inform future workforce development Initiatives and help identify current and future workforce gaps. Mrs. Medlock stated that Data reports with workforce information will be released in 2025 and that if you have questions or want to learn more about the project and findings you can reach out to them at mykamoor@iu.edu. This full report is available at www.in.gov/dhs/ems.
- 3) Director Kinney reviewed MIH committee membership, initial positions or recommended by Purdue university public policy, and IDHS after investigating other states and the EMS commission adopted the membership categories and indicated that IDHS fills the appointments consistent with those categories. One of those categories is being a college/university representative with the thoughts that having a program tied to a college or university would greatly benefit the programs as well as utilize resources for data. Director Kinney Reported that Laura Schwab-Reese who was in this position can no longer hold her seat and that staff would like to replace "College/ University" with "Education/

Patient Advocacy” for MIH Membership categories. Director Kinney stated that AARP has taken an interest and have been advocating for their membership and spreading the word of MIH as well as showing support during the latest legislative session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to approve changing the MIH Committee position from College/ University representative to Education/ Patient Advocacy representative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Robin Stump reported on the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse. The eclipse Will be on April 8 starting around 1:45 PM and lasting until approximately 4:30 PM. Ms. Stump explained the resources available to providers such as eclipse basics, Path of total, Safety, Education book list - K-12, And travel preparedness, all of which can be found on the IDHS website.
- 2) Director Kinney presented a Non-Rule Policy for Reciprocity. The overview of this proposed non-role policy states The Indiana Department of Homeland security, and the Indiana EMS commission developed this policy to provide guidance for consideration of EMS reciprocity, and the requirements for taking written and practical examinations. This policy addresses all individual certifications, continuing education, standards for EMS certified or license personnel. It was stated in the non-rule policy for all levels and pathways for reciprocity the issuance of a state certification/ Licensure Is procedure and an indication of a grounds for minimal competency and provide organizations should measure individual qualifications and competency for reciprocity clinicians that they affiliate. Director Kinney stated this would streamline the Reciprocity process and anticipates the creation of a standardized form to verify their employment within Indiana.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the proposed Reciprocity Non-Rule Policy as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.

- 3) Dr. Eric Yazel presented his report regarding Glucagon Protocols within the Indiana Scope of Practice. Dr. Yazel stated the clinical question was, “At the BLS level, should Glucagon administration be allowed via IM route. By auto injector, drawing up the appropriate dose, or both?”, The relevant data surrounding this question Stated that in 2023, there were 800 BLS transports with the primary or secondary impression listed as hypoglycemia. Dr. Yazel then reported the cost of a variety of Glucose medications that could be purchased and reviewed them with the group. He stated the questions to consider Are, Is the cost/benefit ratio there, and with cost comparable is the IM route necessary? Dr. Yazel stated his recommendation as the Auto-Injector route as it is a good compromise. It was decided by the commission to table this topic until the next meeting as they would like to research independently.

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1) Administrative Proceedings

1. *Waiver Orders*

a) *Personnel Waiver*

b) *Provider Waiver*

I. 836 IAC 2-2-1-(d): Allow ALS provider to waive supervising hospital requirement -must meet other requirements.

a. Crawford County Ambulance Service

II. 836 IAC 2-2-1-(h): Paramedic and EMT or higher to staff the ambulance when ALS techniques have been initiated.

a. Cass County EMS

b. Southwest Allen County Fire Protection

III. 836 IAC 2-2-1-(g): Allow non 24/7 at paramedic level.

a. Edinburgh Fire & Rescue

b. Henry County EMS

IV. 836 IAC 4-7-1, LSA Document #12-393(E): Allow EMT graduates to begin corresponding AEMT courses after completing EMT class but no testing. Cannot do skills until certified. Hours flexible but need AEMT curriculum to be met.

a. The Staff, LLC

V. 836 IAC 2-7.2-1 (g): Allow an EMR or driver with ADV EMT during transport.

a. Aurora Emergency Rescue

VI. 836 IAC 2-7.2-3: Allow ADV EMT's with US Steel to administer Toradol. This is allowed based on their unique operating in a steel mill.

a. US Steel

2. *Discipline Orders*

a) *Personal*

I. *Letter of Reprimand*

a. Hammond, Shane

II. *Probation—2 Years*

III. *Suspension—Emergency Order*

IV. *Revocation*

a. Fort, Mikel

b) *Provider*

3. Consideration of Waiver from Union City Fire Department for expanded AEMT scope of practice pilot program -- Kraig Kinney / Eric Moore

I. Captain Chris Marker and Captain Eric Moore with the Union City fire department presented the proposed Indiana/Ohio EMT – advanced pilot program. They gave a brief background of the area which is uniquely located in both Indiana and Ohio on the state line. it was stated that Union City Indiana has a population of roughly 3400 people, Union City Ohio has a population of roughly 1600, The is approximately 150 square miles of coverage and they estimate approximately 3000 calls for service annually. They stated further that Union City, Indiana fire department combination, fire department, consisting of nine career personnel supplemented by approximately 15

paid and or part-time personnel while the union city Ohio fire department volunteer department with three paid personnel consist of approximately 30 total personnel. They are two separate entities financially, while one entity operationally and works ultimately under the EMS Greater Miami Valley (Ohio) Protocols. This proposed pilot program looks further into advanced providers and further compares the broadened capabilities of Advanced EMTs. With the town on the state line, Captain Moore stated that they identified three main areas that they would like to see Indiana advanced personnel approved. I'd like to See under cardiac monitoring to include manual, defibrillation medication, administration of pain medication to also include fentanyl or ketamine, and then medication administration for seizures or delirium.

Commission Bowman suggested they strike the phrase "excited delirium" as it is no longer recognized and is more a Police driven diagnosis intervention.

Captain Moore states that their plan is to have 3 to 4 test subjects that are taught by an Ohio EMS instructor and will have a cognitive evaluation via a test as well as a psycho motor evaluation from the medical Director, there will be an annual cognitive and psychomotor test to ensure that they maintain competency after initial testing.

After further discussion there was a motion Commissioner Bowman to approve the pilot program at Union City, but that motion ultimately died as there was no second.

The commission agreed that there Should be a greater data collection on this project and ultimately agreed to table this pilot program for a later discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to deny the Union City Fire Department Pilot Program waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shady. Motion approved, all in favor, by voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS

1) Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that Helpdesk inquiries and ImageTrend Tickets have increased dramatically, as now all Fire departments are required to submit Their NFIRS reports annually. Ms. Stump stated that Mr. Foster Is also working with the IDHS T department and Emily a mobile integrated health data project for statewide collection. Ms. Stump Reported the EMS reporting for January was at 90% In February was at 86%.

2) Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that the major update for operations is that the office is currently moving all of the provider Certifications out of the current DFS database that we utilize in house as it is an antiquated system in our moving them Into Acadis. Each district manager will be moving their providers quarterly for transport services, but not training institutions or supervising hospitals yet.

3) Certifications and Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney

Director Kinney reported That since we are in the middle of a quarter, we do not have any end of quarter data to present at this time. Ashley Johnson Reported that she was working on a new web form that would allow individuals or organizations to request staff to your facility or agency for questions, such as recertification, class set up, things of that nature. Miss Johnson states that this is a work in progress and for any questions to contact her at the office.

4) EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham reported that the education in training personnel hosted an instructor development workshop. This was in Cooperation And a federally funded program. This was hosted at the fire Academy in conjunction with Louisiana State University. The class lasted three days but they are talking about bringing the class back again in the fall, just possibly in a different location. Mrs. Lanham also stated that she recently got approval to post the pass rates of training institutions of different levels of certification and they will be posting third attempt past rates. Mrs. Lanham reported that the next PI quarterly update will be in April on April 23 from 9 AM to 10:30 AM EST and then another on April 24 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM EST.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1) Director Kinney Director Kinney reviewed Indiana EMS 2025, The project is proceeding, and the group hopes to have a written report in June. The committee has monthly meetings, consisting of the main committee with subcommittees to work on focus areas, and recommendations. Director Kinney oversees the project as an IDHS, EMS division initiative and IDHS legislative Director Alyssa Schroeder Has agreed to be the project manager to coordinate and compile the project report. The group meets on April 3, and after that May 9, both of which will be downtown at the Government Center South from 9 AM to noon EST and Are open to the public if anyone has interest to attend.
- 2) Director Kinney reported that Health First EMS Readiness grants are in full swing with the Training Institution Equipment grant That awarded a total of \$1.3 million to a total of 41 recipients. Director Kinney reviewed the EMS on-line Education courses, Bowen Center Continued funding for workforce initiatives in 2024, RAPID Interfacility Transfer Pilot, And EMT student electronic testing preparation package for all EMS students. He updated that the Acadis funding would add additional modules for continuing education tracking through portal accounts And NAEMSE instructor development, such as online course scholarships in an in-person course in the spring of 2024 with specialty continuing education, professional development for existing primary instructors. Director Kinney reported the upcoming Dates for the EMS District provider forum, for more information on those dates and their locations, see the IDHS EMS website.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

- 1) Dr. Yazel reported that he has been looking into behavioral health data (approximately 80,000 runs annually) and long distance in our facility transfers and how that affects fatigue of providers. Dr. Yazel stated that he just hosted an online state in-service, those are held

once a month and the topics vary from month to month. He stated he is open to suggestion of topics and if you'd like to participate, reach out to the office for more information.

CHAIRMAN'S REORT AND DIRECTION

- 1) Commissioner Turpen stated that if providers are still using the terms, agitated or excited delirium to consider discontinuing that language as it is not recognized and it is strongly discouraged to use as Protocol titles, diagnosis, or otherwise. Commissioner Turpen reported some important dates to keep in mind, Running with Shears on May 11, The Golden Siren Awards banquet on May 18, and The Eagles meeting will be held in June at Hard Rock in Florida.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting will be on Friday, May 10th, 2024, beginning at 10:00am at MADE at Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.