



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 9th, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: MADE @ Plainfield
1610 Reeves Rd
Plainfield, IN 46168

Members Present: G. Lee Turpin – *Private Ambulance/ Chairman*
Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*
Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*
John Zartman – *Paramedics*
Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*
Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*
Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*
Jonathon Whitham – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

Members Present Online: Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

Ex-Officio Members: Kraig Kinney (*Indiana State EMS Director*) – (non-voting)
Dr. Eric Yazel (*Indiana State EMS Medical Director*) – (non-voting)

Members Not Present: Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*
Jerry Harder – *EMTs*
Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*
Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*
Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Robin Stump, Corey Wells, 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 March 14th, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the March 14th, 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 **Matthew Shady:** Yes
John Zartman: Yes **Matthew McCullough:** Yes **Mary Ann Dudley:** Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes **Jonathon Whitham:** Yes

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- a) **EMS Director's Award :** Priscilla Roderick
- b) **Emeritus:** George J. Schulp
- c) **EMS Star of Life:**
- d) ***Certificate of Remembrance:***
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** Hannah Beswick
- f) **Stork Award:** Ian Garrison, Daniel Wingham, Bailey Gregory, Ivan Gonzalez, Robert Scheele, Gene Matlock-Milton, John Eason Doug Dunwoody, Joel Raters, Adam Warren, Kelly Mullis, Scott Sargent, Alexandria Comingore, Joshua Monroe, Landry Moore, Zach Birdsong, Ronald Terrell, Christopher Overpeck, Zach Milam
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Kennedy Cross, Crystal Tyler, Scott Dreamer, Abigail Ebbert, Andy Ebbert, Daniel Ebbert, Mason Maynard, Josh Willis, Matt Decker, Ron Benoodt, Brent Sitton, Jeremy Polston, Noemy Galan, Julio Rodriguez, Zane Dickson, Sarah Miller, Michael Howlett, Adam James, Anthony Locker, Richard Byrd, Katie Cook, Katei Cummins, Aubrey Huffman, and Anthony Taylor
- h) **Retirement:** Lisa Renee Brown, David Tinsley
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Vincente Benchino reviewed the most recent Trauma Care Commission meeting. This meeting was held on May 2nd, 2025, within the Trauma System Designation, they continued discussion on Whitespace and Level 3 expansions – Seymour and New Albany both in talks currently. Mr. Benchino reported the third round of Trauma Regional Advisory Council (TRAC) meetings are in process and have continued to expand and stated that the TCC has approved funding allocation and oversight structure.

Mr. Benchino reviewed some of the 2025 sites that the TCC has visited so far and what they have scheduled for reverification: Lutheran Hospital of Indiana – Fort Wayne, Memorial Jasper, Parkview Regional Health, Ascension St. Vincent Evansville, Riley Hospital for Children, Franciscan Health Crown Point. He then discussed the 2025 National Trauma Awareness month toolkit, this has been shared with LHD, ISMA, all trauma and injury partners including EMS. Mr. Benchino stated that Dr. Lindsey Weaver created a series of videos called “Conversations with Commissioner” and which includes discussions with various trauma physicians from around the state.

Mr. Benchino reported that the Rural Health Innovation Collaborative (RHIC) has received grant funding and will be hosting trauma simulation events throughout the state in 2025, beginning in May. For more information on these free trainings, you can find that on their website, <https://www.in.gov/health/trauma-system/indianas-trauma-system/educational-opportunities/>. Mr. Benchino reminded all to save the date for the 2025 Statewide Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium on October 1st and 2nd, held at Monroe Convention Center in Bloomington, IN.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney stated that the legislative session that began on Jan 8th and ended April 25th. For all bills from the 2025 session, visit <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills>.

Director Kinney reviewed the bills that the EMS office had been tracking. These include the State Budget – EMS Readiness at \$4.1 million each year but the MIH Grant funding did not pass. *HEA 1051 MIH Grants*- Amended to include provider organization and hospitals. *HEA 1113* – Allows EMS coverage as a formation basis for a fire protection district. *HEA 1118 Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefings* – Creates a privilege and confidential communications related to CISM and CISD. *HEA 1587 Insurance Matters* – Limited to state plans but it does create a sustainable pathway for MIH services funding.

HEA 1297 Motor Vehicle Medical Information program – Better known as the “Yellow Dot Program”, Allows responders, including EMS to recognize the yellow dot a utilize information when located and is protected from immunity.

Ambre Marr, a representative with AARP Indiana, gives a more in-depth description of this program, detailing the voluntary program for Hoosiers that 22 states across the US have already implemented. Mrs. Marr states that participants will be given a “yellow dot”, a sticker, for the rear lower left driver’s side window of their vehicle. This specific dot signifies that there is a folder in the glove compartment containing the motorists’ name, close-up photo, emergency contact information, physician’s contact, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and a list of current medications. At this time FSSA is in the process of compiling these packets, and once they are complete you will be able to access them at your local Indiana Area Agencies on Aging or at the BMV. These packets are free of charge, and you can just pick them up to begin participating in the program.

Mrs. Marr stated that AARP will be compiling a branded flyer that will explain the program and how to navigate to start up. She also stated that there will be some upcoming training and will release those dates to Director Kinney once those have been set.

Director Kinney continued his review of the most recent legislation session reviewing *SEA 1 Property Tax Relief* – If local finances are cut then it could potentially impact funding of local EMS. *SEA 505 Emergency Transport to Appropriate Facility* – Allows EMS personnel to

transport to a health care facility, mental health facility, or urgent care facility that can provide the individual with appropriate treatment – Provides that EMS personnel may be reimbursed for transporting to such facility. SEA 505 does require a prior agreement on operational aspects for transport to a non-hospital.

Director Kinney stated that all the legislation that has passed has been signed into law and will be effective as of July 1, 2025.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Margo Kniefelkamp reiterated that the Prehospital Readiness Program is currently on hold for government review at a federal level. You can show your support for this program by visiting their website https://npdcoalition.org/_/04/EMSC-Advocacy-Toolkit.docx. Mrs. Kniefelkamp reports that EMSC is still awaiting HRSA clearance on the pediatric pre-hospital survey data. In the meantime, your organization is able to review the Gap Report and utilize the Toolkit.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Jarrod Sights reported that the Indiana Emergency Response Conference is rebranding. The conference will now be Indiana Fire and EMS Leadership Conference. The conference will remain from September 17, 2025, to September 19, 2025, at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, IN.

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Jeremy McKinney reported on IEMSA's upcoming events: Running with Shears 5K and Golden Siren Banquet on May 17th, EMS Memorial Benefit Poker Ride on September 6th, and the Crossroads Emergency Medicine Conference from November 19th to November 21st. For more information regarding these upcoming events please visit their new website, www.indianaEMSassociation.org.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman stated there is nothing to report at this time.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, April 11, 2025. The MIH Subcommittees continue to do work with plans for actionable items in the next year. The MIH Data collection pilot continues, as participating programs have begun using version 2.0 of the MIH Run form. There are five pending program approvals today: *North Vernon Fire Department, Salem-Washington Township Fire Department, Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service INC., Starke County Ambulance Service, and Warren County EMS.* Director Kinney stated that the next MIH Committee meeting will be on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 10:00 am at MADE.

MIH Coordinator, Emily Castor, presented all five applications to the EMS commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to approve all five Mobile Integrated Health program applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** Yes **Dr. Lisa Clunie:** Yes
Matthew Shady: Yes **Matthew McCullough:** Yes **Mary Ann Dudley:** Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes **Jonathon Whitham:** Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney gave an overview of the proposed Mandatory PI Education Forum dates. The EMS state office holds EMS District Forums every other year, on even years, but this year EMS Education Section Chief Kari Lanham proposed PI Education forums. They have not been held in over a decade and with the continual changes it's important to keep up to date so it's the staff's request for EMS Commission to approve the PI Education Forums as mandatory.

EMS Education Section Chief Kari Lanham presented the proposed details for the North, Northeast, Central, Northwest Central, Southeast, and Southwest forums. Mrs. Lanham states that while these are being proposed as mandatory, sessions will be recorded in case a make-up opportunity is needed. At this time this is just the one-time occurrence, pending the outcome, the EMS Division will recommend a long-term format.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clunie to approve all Mandatory PI Education Forums and dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitham. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** No **Dr. Lisa Clunie:** Yes
Matthew Shady: Yes **Matthew McCullough:** Yes **Mary Ann Dudley:** Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes **Jonathon Whitham:** Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Director Kinney addressed the proposed Title 836, Article IV Rulemaking Consideration. He highlighted the proposed rulemaking stating that most is previously adopted Commission rulemaking to update in 2019 that was stalled due to COVID, adds a Code of Conduct, adds minimum standard of performance for training institution programs, adopts essential job functions for EMS as it relates to EMS education, adds rules for issuance of EVOC certifications, upgrades the categories of continuing education to match the Nation Core Competencies with NREMT, and allows submission of NREMT recertification as evidence of having met NCCP national component hours – removing duplicate tracking.

Director Kinney stated that the Commission is not being asked to take action on this today, but he would like to update them as to where they are in this process, which will be approval of the Secretary of Public Safety prior to Draft Language and Initiation of Rulemaking by EMS Commission.

Director Kinney reports that there was a question regarding continuing education hours for a PI. He stated that as it is written now, it reflects that 80 hours of educational sessions based upon the emergency medical services curricula must be met as well as 12 hours of continuing education that specifically addresses the topic of educational philosophy and techniques offered by the affiliated or approved training facility.

Director Kinney stated that it is staff's recommendation to keep the minimum of 12 hours of adult continuing education hours, reduce the teaching EMS topic hour requirement from 80 to 40 hours per certification cycle and make it mandatory to attend any state EMS education update sessions during the certification cycle as approved by the commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to modify the EMS Rulemaking draft to reduce the hours from 80 to 40 hours for PI EMS teaching hours and then add a requirement to attend any updates as required by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mayle.

Commissioner Whitham recommended an addendum to limit any additional hourly updates needed should be required by statute.

Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes **Darin Hoggatt:** Yes **Dr. Lisa Clunie:** Yes
Matthew Shady: Yes **Matthew McCullough:** Yes **Mary Ann Dudley:** Yes
Lori Mayle: Yes **Jonathon Whitham:** Yes

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
 1. Waiver Orders
 - a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-9-5: Extended time for Continuing Education
 - a. Sarah Wallace
 - b) Provider Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1(h): Waiver to allow driver with Paramedic if EMT is not available
 - a. Indiana Donor Network
 - b. Martin County Ambulance
 - II. 836 IAC 1-1-5, 1-3-4, 1-3-5, 2-2-1(b): Waiver of data reporting, equipment and supervising hospital

- a. Indiana Donor Network
- 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - a. Brown, Nicholas
 - b. Orr, Dan
 - c. Renz, Benjamin
 - d. Stith, Joshua
 - II. Probation – 1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
 - V. Suspension – 30 Days
 - VI. Suspension – Emergency Order
 - a. Brummett, Cody
 - VII. Revocation
 - VIII. Censure
 - a. Buis, Dawn
 - IX. Initial EMT Denial
- 3. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending
- 4. Appeals Docket

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that EMS reporting for February 2025 was 89% and April 2025 was 94%, Fire reporting for February 2025 was 64% and April 2025 was 69%. Ms. Stump also announced that the Indiana transition from NFIRS to NERIS will take place in December of 2025.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump stated that the Acadis Roster and Organization Management transition is ongoing, reporting that changes of personnel needing access to rosters should be submitting the new webform or a new permissions form. Ms. Stump reviewed the upcoming events that the EMS District managers will be participating in such as the State Level Exercise – “Awakening of the Wabash”, they will also be attending the Indianapolis International Airport exercise and will be out making visits during EMS Week.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Corey Wells

Corey Wells reviewed the EMS Certifications 1st Quarter numbers for all certification levels. He stated that the total number of Indiana EMS Certifications as of March 31, 2025, was 25,362 clinicians, this is 79 more than the 4th Quarter of 2024! The total number of audits from January 1, 2025, to March 31, 2025, were 236 with on 6% (12 total) being incomplete – no response from the individual and six certification dishonesty sanction orders were issued.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham reported that the Jones & Bartlett test prep packages have been approved and classes starting July 2025 or after are eligible to receive them. At this time the two packages available are the Indiana Instructor Driven Test Prep Bundle and the Indiana

Student Driven Test Prep Bundle. The test codes will be issued by IDHS staff. Mrs. Lanham reviewed the upcoming Mandatory PI Education forum dates and locations and reminded all about the 2025 PI Quarterly meeting dates and times.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney reviewed the EMS Dispatch newsletter; this will be released once a month and sent to all Indiana EMS personnel that hold a certification. He informed all of the upcoming EMS Hospital Summit on May 25th, 2025. This will be held at MADE at Plainfield, and the event will discuss key topics such as hospital diversions, interfacility transfers, EMS charting, regional medical control, alternative destination, and legislative updates. Director Kinney explained the EMS Readiness budget for FY2026-2027, specifically pointing out the areas in which have been the focus of EMS's budget in previous years such as Education, Equipment grants, and Training.

Director Kinney stated that the IU Bowen Center contract is in place, they will be providing additional reporting and a workforce dashboard by June 30, 2025. He announced that Indiana EMS is finalizing a contract with the National Registry of EMTs that would allow the state to cover the first two attempts for the NREMT for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic students. The students eligible for this are the ones that have successfully completed a course and are eligible for the NREMT entrance exam. This is not a reimbursement but a direct bill to the state from the NREMT.

Director Kinney stated that EMS Week is coming up, May 18-24, 2025, this year's theme will be, "We care. For Everyone.". For more information visit <https://www.in.gov/dhs/ems/ems-week/>. He reminded all of EMS World Expo coming up this fall. This event will be hosted in Indianapolis this year from October 20-24, 2025, and registration is currently open.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel touched on various topics such as collaboration between EMS and Education, stating the importance of AEDs in schools and the development of Student Emergency Response Teams. He mentioned the continued growth of Mobile Integrated Health and the importance of utilizing such a service in rural communities to bridge the gap in care when there's a lack of a hospital or critical access hospital.

Dr. Yazel reviewed the CARES registry and states that an update will be sent out to provide in the coming weeks with more information regarding this service and how organizations can participate. He stated that there are now six total organizations utilizing the whole blood pilot, if organizations would like more information they can reach out to him (Dr. Eric Yazel). Dr. Yazel reminded all of his monthly state in-service; these are on the first Wednesday of the month.

CHAIRMAN'S REORT AND DIRECTION

Chairman Turpen reported that CARES reports were recently distributed to those agencies in the registry. These results help gauge where your organization is compared to the state as well as the nation. He stated that the Eagles conference is coming up, this will be held in Hollywood, FL the second week of June.

NEXT MEETING

The next EMS Commission meeting will be on July 18th, 2025, at 10:00am at MADE at Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.