



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Date: July 12, 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 – *Public Representative*

Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*

Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*

John Zartman – *Paramedics*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nosssett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

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

Members Present Online: Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

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

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

Members Not Present:

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 May 10th, 2024, session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting listed above with the correction to Page 5, changing “Glucose to Glucagon” and note that his vote was ‘Abstain’ and not “Yes”. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoggatt. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
Dr. Lisa Clunie: Abstain Patick Hutchison: Abstain Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: 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) **Emeritus:** EMT-Paramedic Kenny Ming
- 3) **EMS Star of Life:**
- 4) **Certificate of Remembrance:**
- 5) **Certification of Appreciation:** Emily E. Miller, Rocky Allen Buffum, Michelle Mason, Susan Gay Dillery, and David Phelps.
- 6) **Stork Award:** Boaz Fredrickson, Brandi Query, Anthony Cranfill, Brian Dilley, Nathan Krahn, Dominick Juarez, Andrea Mickschi, Shay Burrell, Sean Ryan McCarthy, Blair Connelly, Jimmy Randolph, Kylee N. Harrington, Brandon Perry, Ashley C. Green, Jacob Daniels, and Christopher Wolf.
- 7) **Cardiac Saves:** Craig Lutz, Kelsey Gray, Logan Kerr, Ron Niebel, Arica Cole, Jonathon P. Addler, Baylea Hamilton, Kylee N. Harrington, Martha J. Miller, Anthony J. Taylor, Benjamin Fiest, Stephen Kerr, Brandon Watson, Daniel Hendry, Grant Bryan, John “Matt” Wolfe, Kathy Hudson, Donnie Watson, Brian Poole, Lacey Helmer, Jason Simonson, Roy Bumgardner, Deborah Miller, Bob Campbell, Polly Shuee, Adam Richardson, and Jeffrey S. Reeder.
- 8) **Retirement:**
- 9) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update— Director Kinney reported that Terre Haute Regional Hospital is dropping their Level III status at the end of the month while Union Hospital will remain a Level III trauma center. Director Kinney stated that that Indiana State Trauma Care Commission met on May 3, 2024, and have formed the following subcommittees: Trauma System Planning, Education and Outreach (Deaconess, Jay Woodland), Registry (Parkview, Lisa Hollister), Performance Improvement (IDHS, Dr. Eric Yazel), and Disaster Preparedness and Military Integration. The next meetings will be held on August 2, 2024 and November 22, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST at IDOH, 2 North Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Adams Auditorium).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported that the County Commissioner surveys have gone out. He proceeded to explain the information requested in the survey and gave a brief update on the counties that have completed the survey. Director Kinney reminded all the HEA 1302 County EMS Survey; those are due by July 15, 2024. IDHS must complete a report by August 15, 2024.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Margo Knepelkamp stated that this will be the last opportunity to remind everyone to fill out the EMS Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Survey; she stated that Indiana is at 60.2% response rate currently. Ms. Knepelkamp encouraged all to reach out to agencies within their respective counties and ensure that as many agencies respond as possible. She reported that the survey ends at the end of July and 80% completion rate is the minimum requirement for the state. Mrs. Knepelkamp reported that at the end of the survey your agency will receive a confidential Gap report and reminded all that this survey will not repeat for another 5 years. You can find this survey at EMSpedready.org and it takes on average 30 minutes to complete.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Jarrold Sights reported that registration is open for IERC. The conference starts October 2, 2024, through October 5, 2024. Chief Sights reminded everyone that the conference has moved locations this year and will be held at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, IN. (13700 Conference Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060).

INDIANA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (IEMSA)

Bob Miller started by announcing the five recipients of the Golden Siren Award in 2024: Robin Stump, Dr. Jim Nossett, Brian Peterson, Jerry Miller and Mel Tucker. Mr. Miller stated that registration is now open for the upcoming Crossroads Emergency Conference. Beginning on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, pre-conferences that will be offered include MIH and Handtevy Instructor with the full conference to follow on November 21 -22, 2024. Pre-conference classes are \$50.00 to attend. Mr. Miller reminded all of the upcoming Governor's Cup in September and October and there will be more information on this soon.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman reported that the AEMT Psychomotor Exam will be coming up on August 1, 2024. He stated that when the committee met prior that they finalized the training scenarios and testing scenarios and have been submitted to the Commission appointed Medical Directors for review and validation. Commissioner Zartman stated that he will work with Kari Lanham, State Education Coordinator, to develop a website to request the exam. He reminded all that as of July 1, 2024, the National Registry is no longer doing any type of

psychomotor exam so the candidates that were in the midst of their programs will automatically convert to the new exam for Indiana.

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Dr Lisa Clunie: Yes Patrick Hutchison: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes John Zartman: Yes
Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Joel Thacker: Yes**

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, June 10, 2024, at 10 AM at MADE in Plainfield. The committee reviewed three MIH program applications and also discussed the upcoming MIH Pre-Conference at the Crossroads Emergency Conference in French Lick this winter as well as the MIH Grant opportunity. The next meeting will be on August 9, 2024, at 10 AM at MADE in Plainfield.

Emily Castor, MIH Coordinator, reviewed the applications for Crown Point Fire & Rescue Department, Morgan County EMS, and Pike Township Fire Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve all MIH program applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
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NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinney reviewed the eligibility requirements of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grant for fiscal year 2025. He reiterated that the grant will be awarded to new programs or expansion of existing programs. The total funding available is \$500,000, the target award is \$50,000 with a maximum award of \$75,000. Director Kinney stated that this grant application closed on July 1, 2024, at midnight. All applications were reviewed by staff with

recommendations to deny the following programs due to ineligibility by statute: Grant County EMS, Ripley County Health Department, and Davies Community Hospital.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to deny the MIH Grant applications of Grant County EMS, Ripley County Health Department, and Daviess Community Hospital. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes
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Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Joel Thacker: Yes**

Director Kinney reviewed the staff recommended MIH Grant applications for approval which included Gas City Fire Rescue for \$50,815.70, Indianapolis EMS for \$74,308.20, Cicero Township Volunteer Fire Department for \$50,000.00, Crown Point Fire & Rescue for \$75,000.00, Goshen Fire Department for \$75,000.00, and Bloomington Fire Department for \$75,000.00. This will leave a balance of \$99,876.10 to possibly reopen the grant process again or hold off and let it roll over as it is non-reverting per IC 16-31-12-5(d).

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the MIH Grant applications for Gas City Fire Rescue, Indianapolis EMS, Cicero Township Volunteer Fire Department, Crown Point Fire & Rescue, Goshen Fire Department, and Bloomington Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

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Commissioner Brown commented that she would like to see the EMS Commission work with the Legislature to make the MIH Grant eligibility more inclusive to include a broader range of MIH Provider's throughout the state, including County and Hospital-based systems. After a short discussion it was suggested to draft a letter to the Governor's office regarding a change to the legislation allowing county and hospital-based programs to be eligible for future grant cycles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown for IDHS staff to work with the Governor's office to change the MIH Grant limitations and be more inclusive. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bowman. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes

Dr Lisa Clunie: Yes Patrick Hutchison: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes John Zartman: Yes
Dr. Sara Brown: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Joel Thacker: Abstain

OLD BUSINESS

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
 1. Waiver Orders
 - a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-5-2: Waiver for Testing/Certification
 - a. Randell, Douglas
 - b. Dixon, Mary
 - c. Phipps, Robert
 - d. Berwick, Tammy
 - II. 836 IAC 4-9-5: Waiver to allow more time to collect paramedic hours
 - a. Yamane, Naoe
 - III. 836 IAC 4-4-1: Waiver to allow more time to test for EMT certification
 - a. Riley, Shauna
 - b) Provider Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1 (h): Waiver to allow RN and RT in place of paramedic in patient compartment, also to allow a non-EMS certified driver
 - a. Deaconess EMS
 - II. 836 IAC 2-2-1 (g): Waiver to allow non 24/7
 - a. Highland Fire Protection District
 - b. Keener Township EMS
 - c. Madison Township Fire Department
 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - a. O'Neal, Ashley
 - b. Compton, Tanner
 - c. Weidner, Matthew Scott
 - II. Probation—1 Year
 - a. Sheridan, Janel
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Ford, Jacob
 - b. Hernandez, Michael
 - IV. Suspension—Emergency Order
 - V. Revocation
 - VI. Censure
 - VII. Initial EMT Denial
 - a. Bouabid, Lina
 - b) Provider

3. Administrative Rulemaking

a) Title 836 Rule readoption

- I. Hillary Egan stated that final readoption vote for Title 836 Rules would be required today so that all readoption deadlines are all on the same schedule versus multiple times throughout the year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to readopt Title 836 Rule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nossett. Roll call vote was taken:

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Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Joel Thacker: Yes**

b) Criminal Background Checks / AEMT adoption

Hillary Egan stated that this adoption has to go into regular Title 836 Rule due to being an emergency rule and statewide on October 1, 2024, all Emergency Rules will expire. Deputy Counselor Egan did state that this rule will need to be completed prior to October 1, 2024.

The public hearing for *Title 836 regular rulemaking that incorporates the AEMT certification language and the criminal history background check language*, takes place on **Monday, July 29, at 10AM**. (Here is the link to the Rulemaking Docket, which is posted on the EMS Commission's webpage: <https://www.in.gov/dhs/files/rulemaking-docket-title-836-ems-commission-2024-06-26.pdf> .) The location is the Indiana Government Center South Conference Room 4 on the main floor on July 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

The EMS Commission will hold a Special Session for final vote for this rule making session on Monday, August 5, 2024, at 10 AM at MADE in Plainfield.

4. Appeals Docket

a) Re: Matthew Copeland – Status PENDING

b) Re: Troy Dulaney – Under advisement post hearing

c) Re: Troy Louthen - PENDING

d) Consideration of ALJ Non-Final Order re: Chris Mitchell revocation

- I. Director Kinney explained the ALJ Non-final Order pertaining to the revocation of Chris Mitchell's certification. It was found the individual had a prior sexual misconduct violation and was subsequently registered sex offender, this was not brought to full staff review and approved by a previous staff member. Once Mr. Mitchell's certification was revoked, an appeal was filed, and he attempted a Post Conviction Relief claim that was ultimately denied. Director Kinney stated that this non-final order is affirming the action of the department, and they are asking for approval of the non-final order as a final order.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to maintain the ALJ Non-Final order as final on Chris Mitchell revocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zartman. Roll call vote was taken:

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STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Ken Foster

Ken Foster reported that EMS reporting for June was at 100%. Mr. Foster stated that he pulled the fire department reporting starting on January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024, and it was 71.4%, and he encouraged fire departments to report monthly instead of year end as it creates a large influx of data at one time and causes a large backup in the system. Mr. Foster continues to work with MIH Coordinator, Emily Castor, Dr. Eric Yazel and the MIH Data team to create a working form for MIH Providers to use in the field and track their patient encounters. Mr. Foster stated that he continues to work with Rakesh Yennam, a Governor's Summer intern, in which he has been working on the National EMS Quality Assurance as well as cleaning up databases and ImageTrend.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reported that Stan Frank oversees the EMS Equipment Grant, this application period has since passed and been awarded to the Providers selected. Ms. Stump reminded all that were awarded the grant that if you have not submitted reimbursement that you have to submit no later than September 30, 2024. Ms. Stump stated that if you do not have Acadis Permissions for your organization, you should be contacting your District Manager as the office is in the process of moving all Provider Organization to Acadis daily.

Certifications and Compliance Report – Kraig Kinney

Director Kinney reviewed the different ways to reach the EMS office, as our office numbers have changed, the main number and the 800 number are still functioning but is now a call tree, EMS is Option 6, as well as the new office number is now 317-664-7627 and he recommended the use of consolidated emails for correspondence. (I.e. EMSCertifications@dhs.in.gov) He then gave a brief update on the EMS certification status of the second quarter which reviewed EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, and Primary instructor certifications and recertifications.

EMS Education and Training – Kari Lanham

Kari Lanham discussed the new NREMT cognitive exam for AEMT's and Paramedics that officially went live on July 1, 2024. Mrs. Lanham stated that the NAEMSO Education Committee is working on drafting education standards for Community Paramedics as well

as collaborating with NAEMSE to establish IMS Instructor recommendation standards. They are also developing Minimum Competencies for the EMT and EMR certification levels and discussing allowing out of state clinicals among states. The NASEMSO Education Committee meets again in September. Mrs. Lanham reminded all of the PI Quarterly Updates on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 5 PM EST and Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 9 AM EST.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney updated that the EMS Division had a recent departure in the Certifications position and announced the possible positions for posting of the EMS Certification Systems Section Chief as well as the EMS Certifications Specialist. Director Kinney announced some recent website changes to the EMS Division page on the IDHS webpage, with the EMS Forms being a highlight as you can find all forms for anything EMS related in this section. He then updated all on the ongoing EMS District Provider Forums and encouraged all to attend as it is a great opportunity to learn about what's going on at the state level of EMS. Director Kinney then reported on Health First EMS Readiness and spoke about the ongoing grant opportunities with the MIH Grant as well as the EMS Education and Equipment Grants and gave a brief update HandTevy as the office is still enrolling provider's at this time and updated all of the upcoming HandTevy Instructor Courses coming up on July 22 (Plainfield, IN), July 23 (Fort Wayne, IN), and November 20 (French Lick, IN). Director Kinney announced that the Training Institution Equipment Grant has closed and there was a total \$1,339,763.04 award to 28 ALS training institutions as well as 13 BLS training institutions. He reported that there is now the opportunity to have EMS education on-line with the School of EMS. The online Paramedic course will have a focus in enrollment and offer on-site skills in east central Indiana along I-70 as well as online EMT courses to include one focused in Northwest Indiana (Newton, Jasper and White counties) and one focused in the South (Martin, Davies, Lawrence and Orange counties). Director Kinney reports that the Bowen Center has continued funding for workforce initiative in 2024 and currently those services include additional reporting and a workforce dashboard that is in progress and are due by June 30, 2025. He stated that the EMT student electronic testing preparation package for all EMS students bid process has been initiated and that Jones and Bartlett were awarded that bid with information on the two test prep packages being issued by IDHS coming soon. Director Kinney then gave a National Partner update, stating that upcoming events for the NASEMSO Regional in-person meeting as well as the annual meeting, the NREMT Board Meeting in November.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel discussed that mental health initiatives throughout the state and his working with the Division of Mental Health and Addictions to find trainings for providers. He reported that the CARES Registry is moving along as well, the State Coordinator Position will be housed within the Indiana Department of Health. Dr. Yazel stated that Indiana now has four Provider Organizations utilizing whole blood at a field level with good outcomes and has received interest from many other services as well. Dr. Yazel discussed the 'OB Desert' this is becoming increasing larger in Indiana, stating that of the graduating OBGYN Residents

in Indiana in 2023, not a single one chose to stay within Indiana and that this will continue to have a significant trickle-down effect on Emergency Services. Dr Yazel then reiterated the importance of completing the EMS for Children Peds Survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Merry Addison spoke briefly about her time in healthcare of 26+ years and would like to know how she can assist with recruiting for the EMS workforce.

CHAIRMAN'S REORT AND DIRECTION

Commissioner Turpen reported that The Eagles meeting held at Hard Rock in Florida, was very beneficial and he discussed the growing interest in Prehospital Whole Blood as well as other topics of interest at the meeting. Commissioner Turpen encouraged all to review the updated OSHA Guidelines for Fire and EMS as the ongoing fatigue issue was not addressed. He reminded all of the upcoming events such as IERC and Crossroads Emergency Conference. Commissioner Turpen closed by encouraging all to the importance of completing the EMS for Children Peds Survey and congratulating the recent Golden Siren recipients.

NEXT MEETING

Next EMS Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, beginning at 1:00 PM at Embassy Suites, 13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Indiana Emergency Response Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.