

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 19th, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: French Lick Resort – Ballroom A

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French Lick, IN 47432

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*

Jerry Harder – *EMTs*

John Zartman – *Paramedics*

Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*

Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*

Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*

Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*

Dr. Eric Yazel – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

Members Present Online: Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*

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

Members Not Present: None

Others Present or Present by Teleconference: Stan Frank, Jason Smith, Jennifer Schurman and other members of the EMS community.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00pm by Chairman Lee Turpen. Jennifer Schurman called roll and announced quorum. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- ❖ Adoption of minutes from September 17th, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoggatt to approve the minutes from the September 17th, 2025, meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hutchison. Roll call vote was taken:

G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: 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 Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes

HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- a) **EMS Director's Award:**
- b) **Emeritus:**
- c) **EMS Star of Life:** Robert "Bob" Miller
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** John Adkins.
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** John Robert Stickels.
- f) **Stork Award:** Hunter Morrow, Eli Donan, Xavier Rainey, Benjamin Treece, Michael Daulton, Michael Hicks, Jaleesa Watson, Stacy Brunkhart, Immanuel Duncan, Stephen Bruner, Travis Farmer, Kristin French, Timothy Burhardt, Alaine Rigdon, William England, Nicole Chilemba, Thomas Szybowski, Kayla Reed, Mike Wieczorek, Matthew Whitford, Brad Myers, Tyler Nixon, Cameron Cook, Ethan Chafin, Amelia Ferguson, Adam Shaffer, Sydney Moon, Eric Rozzi, Megan Holliday, Corbin Lopez, Phil Bushman, Logan Adams, Darryl Adler, Klint Willis, Jacob Hibbs, Andrew Murphy.
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Donnathon Buckley, Melissa Tames, Bill Hufford, Christy Webb, Nicole Erb, Caleb Payzant, Caleb Maddox, Patrick O'Brien, Spencer Ford, Gregg Hensler, Kayela Sparks.
- h) **Retirement:**
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Vincent Benchino reported briefly on the Rural Health Transformation Program and the main contexts of the grant opportunity through the Federal Government. He reviewed the Trauma Care Commission's 2025 Annual Report, highlighting things such as their Implementation of formula-based models to fund TRACs including governance and reporting requirements, and developing a statewide performance improvement (PI) plan aimed at targeting key performance indicators. Mr. Benchino gave a brief update regarding TCC subcommittees and the ongoing TRAC meetings.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Kinney reported that the 2026 Legislative Session is approaching and reported that IDHS will not be tackling any major bills as this is not a budget session, but the agency

will be looking to include language to add mandatory biometric screenings for EMS certifications into statute – this is currently in rule form. He did note that there is currently a review of Boards and Commissions for possible reform – which could potentially affect this commission but there is no official word at this time.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Director Kinney reported that the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness reports have been released from HRSA. EMSC Programs are now reviewing the data and will share in the near future. He also stated that 70 Indiana EMS Providers attended the 6th Annual Midwest EMSC Prehospital Symposium on November 6th, 2025. The attendees should be able to see their training hours in Acadis – courtesy of EMS Certifications – for questions regarding this please contact Margo directly.

INDIANA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Chief Jarrod Sights stated that there were no major updates but thanked all for their service 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 thanked all for their attendance at the Crossroads Conference. He noted 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, open on January 1st, 2026. For more information regarding these upcoming events please visit their website, www.indianaEMSSassociation.org.

EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Zartman reported that the committee had met previously to review NASEMSO's Student National Minimum Competency which led to conversations regarding the possible recommendation of new Indiana Minimum Competencies. He states that these conversations revealed that competencies will likely be 30 contact minimum for students which will be further broken into pediatric and geriatrics categories as well. Commissioner Zartman stated that while there is no formal request for motion at this time, the committee would like the opportunity to review this in more depth as they are now looking at the psychomotor exam for BLS. Per Chairperson Turpen, the committee is granted continuance to present at the next EMS Commission meeting in January 2026.

MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, October 10th, 2025. The MIH Subcommittees continue to do work with plans for actionable items in the next year. He reminded all that Emily Castor – MIH Coordinator, is continuing to collect updated MIH Program information to ensure the MIH Map is updated and adding the MIH Programs

into Acadis. Director Kinney stated that the next MIH Committee meeting will be on Friday, December 12th, 2025, at 10:00 am at MADE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to approve all three Mobile Integrated Health program applications as presented: Bangersville Community Fire Department, Decatur Township Fire Department, and Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRA). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dudley. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: Yes Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes; Abstaining from TRA
Andrew Bowman: Yes; Abstaining from Bangersville Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Turpen stated that Advanced EMT Cardiac Monitoring is continuing to be a requested topic as providers are trying to find solutions for shortage of paramedics. Stating that patients are waiting extended periods of time if on a cardiac monitor as ALS units are not always available for transport. Chairperson Turpen reviewed the current AEMT scope of practice and education requirements, then created a proposal that he would like for the Education Oversight Committee to review and make recommendations prior to formal review by the commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Brittany Daulton with the IU Bowen Center gave an overview of the ongoing Sustainable EMS Workforce project that has been ongoing since 2023. Dr. Daulton gave a quick background regarding the IU Bowen Center and what they do, such as data stewardship, policy expertise and service & research. She explained the Evaluation of Student Perspective which is a survey that was implemented in the Acadis system and it targets students that have recently completed a training program and collects data such as demographics, training characteristics, skill readiness as well as employment plans.

Dr. Daulton covered the process of their data collection and how this impacts their data processing. She then discussed the EMS Workforce Reporting dashboard which allows providers to now filter desired results by things such as renewal year, license type, primary focus and EMS roles. She provided the QR codes for all specific dashboards. For more information you can visit bowenportal.org or contact them via email at bowenctr@iu.edu.

Commissioner Bowman presented the ISMA Resolution regarding Hospital-initiated EMS Diversion, he reminded all of this document which was initially introduced to the commission at the July 2025 meeting. Since the original document was introduced, the

author – Dr. Jonathon Schmitz – there have been a few changes. Commissioner Bowman summarized the updated version of the Diversion proposal as well as the ISMA Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowman to adopt the ISMA Resolution regarding hospital-initiated diversion. 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 Jerry Harder: Yes
John Zartman: Yes Dr. Sara Brown: Yes; states conflict as ISMA Board Chair
Matthew McCullough: Yes Andrew Bowman: Yes Mary Ann Dudley: Yes
Dr. Jim Nossett: Yes Lori Mayle: Yes Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

Dr. Eric Yazel addressed the AEMT Scope of practice, discussing the possible addition of approving Lidocaine for use during an IO initiation. Dr. Yazel stated that since the first initial conversation, he has done some personal research along with Director Kinney. Dr. Yazel stated that he would recommend for approval as Lidocaine administration specifically as part of the IO initiation procedure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve Lidocaine for IO initiation at the AEMT level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Roll call vote was taken:

**G. Lee Turpen: Yes Darin Hoggatt: Yes Dr. Lisa Clunie: Yes
Patrick Hutchison: Yes Matthew Shady: 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 Dr. Eric Yazel: Yes**

ASSIGNMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

1) Administrative Proceedings

1. Waiver Orders

- a) Personnel Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 4-4-2(e): Extension for certification in-service
 - a. Ziobro, Anthony
 - II. 836 IAC 4-2-2(a)(1): Certification Eligibility
 - a. EMR Approval
 - i. Godfrey, Collin
 - b. EMT Denial
 - i. Godfrey, Collin
 - III. 836 IAC 4-9-5: Extension for certification in-service
 - a. Pruitt, Michael

- b) Provider Waiver
 - I. 836 IAC 2-2-1(i): Wavier to allow director to response without an EMS certification/license
 - a. Steuben County EMS
 - II. 836 IAC 4-2-1(b): Waiver of educational affiliation requirement
 - a. The Staff, Inc.
- 2. Discipline Orders
 - a) Personal
 - I. Letter of Reprimand
 - a. Guenthner, Hayden
 - b. O'Grady, Tamalynn
 - c. Reese, Scott
 - d. Widger, Michella
 - II. Probation – 1 Year
 - III. Probation – 2 Years
 - a. Collins, Tyler
 - b. Taylor, Dakota
 - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
 - a. Addison, Michael
 - V. Suspension – 30 Days
 - VI. Suspension – 1 Year
 - VII. Suspension – Emergency Order
 - VIII. Revocation
 - a. McCandless Sr., Dustin
 - IX. Censure
 - a. Kaiser Warrick Fire Department
 - X. Initial EMT Denial
 - XI. Surrender
- 3. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending
- 4. Appeals Docket

STAFF REPORTS

Data Registry – Robin Stump

Robin Stump stated that fire departments should have received an email to log into their NERIS accounts, once logged in, you will select the departments 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 for EMS reporting, ImageTrend had been updated to the latest version, and they are working to update to V3.5.1.

Operations Report – Robin Stump

Robin Stump reviewed the updated totals of EMS Provider organizations by level, Transporting, Non-transporting, and Air Medical. 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 from the 3rd Quarter, which ended on September 30, 2025. All certified areas (EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, and PI) have shown growth this quarter thus far. Mr. Wells reported that the overall number of providers in the state has risen to 26,151 – which is 627 more than the 2nd quarter of 2025. He stated that there was a total of 212 audits through September 30th, 2025, with 16 audits incomplete/no response and only six certification dishonesty sanctions issued. For issues or questions, please reach out to PSIDquestions@dhs.in.gov or EMScertifications@dhs.in.gov.

EMS Education and Training – Director Kinney

Director Kinney reviewed Mandatory PI Education training, stating that PI's are required a total of 12 hours of "Instructor Continuing Education" and attending one of the in-person updates covers most of those hours. He stated 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 an EMS class or be involved in the EMS course after that date.

STATE EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kinney announced the recent changes in leadership at IDHS: Executive Director – Jonathan Whitham, Chief of Staff: Operations – Justin Guedel, and General Counsel – Sean Wooding.

Director Kinney reported that the EMS Division has a booth during the conference as well as the new EMS Mobile Driving Simulator, which is in addition to the Mobile Simulation Lab. He reviewed the EMS Dispatch newsletter that was introduced in April. These are sent to all EMS certified persons, and it includes Section Updates, Special announcements, and calendar items like EMS Commission meeting. Director Kinney reported that he and Dr. Yazel co-presented on EMS response to MCIs at the Statewide Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium in October.

Director Kinney reviewed the EMS Readiness budget, where the division is monetarily during the 3rd year of funding. Director Kinney reviewed the special projects that stemmed from this year's budget which included an MIH Companion Grant – which received 29 applications, allowing EMS to award 18 MIH Programs with a grant. He revealed that 11 programs were turned away due to various reasons ranging from ineligibility, previous grant recipients and fiscal limitations. He also reviewed the IDHS AED Grant which was available for all current state-certified BLS non-transport providers or those in the process of becoming BLS non-transport.

Director Kinney reviewed the most recent events from 2025 such as the EMS Division's participation at EMS World Expo and the MIH Summit by NAMIHP.

STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Yazel thanked IEMSA for hosting the EMS Commission meeting as part of their conference. He reiterated from earlier in the meeting the importance of staying involved and engaged with the Rural Health Transformation Act as EMS is prioritized in that funding. Dr. Yazel also discussed the importance of being active within the IDOH TRAC meetings and collaborating in your Regional Coalitions. He mentioned the Comprehensive Alternative Response to Emergencies Act which is essentially a 5-year treatment model which Medicaid would reimburse for treat no transport. This could be a potential pathway for sustainability within MIH programs and alternative destination etc. 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 announced NAEMSP registration has opened and that it will be hosted in Tampa, FL – usually the 2nd or 3rd week of January. This conference tackles breaking science and has abstracts that is beneficial to the clinical side of EMS.

NEXT MEETING

The next EMS Commission meeting will be on January 9th, 2026, at 10:00am at MADE @ Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.