



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** May 8, 2026

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** MADE @ Plainfield – Community Room  
1610 Reeves Rd.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

**Members Present:** G. Lee Turpin – *Private Ambulance/ Chairman*  
Darin Hoggatt – *Public Representative*  
Patrick Hutchison – *Municipal Fire Services*  
John Zartman – *Paramedics*  
Dr. Sara Brown – *Trauma Physicians*  
Matthew McCullough – *Volunteer Fire EMS*  
Andrew Bowman – *Emergency Nurses*  
Dr. Jim Nossett – *Medical Director*  
Lori Mayle – *Air Medical Services*  
Dr. Eric Yazel – *Executive Representative of IDHS*

**Members Present Online:** Dr. Lisa Clunie – *Hospital EMS*  
Matthew Shady – *Training Institution*

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

**Members Not Present:** Jerry Harder – *EMTs*  
Mary Ann Dudley – *Volunteer EMS*

**Others Present or Present by Teleconference:** Stan Frank, Jaymi Thomas, Corey Wells 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 13, 2026.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Zartman to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2026, 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  
**Patrick Hutchison:** Yes    **Matthew Shady:** Yes    **John Zartman:** Yes  
**Dr. Sara Brown:** Yes    **Matthew McCullough:** Yes    **Andrew Bowman:** Yes  
**Dr. Jim Nossett:** Yes    **Lori Mayle:** Yes    **Dr. Eric Yazel:** Yes

## HONORARY CERTIFICATES

- a) **EMS Director's Award:** Stephanie Winegar
- b) **Emeritus:** Betty Schroeder, Steven D. Hartssock
- c) **EMS Star of Life:**
- d) **Certificate of Remembrance:** David Edmondson
- e) **Certification of Appreciation:** Justin Flanert, Jake Ellis, Jeremy Yankauskas, Justin Flanery, Micael Lowe, David Wallace
- f) **Stork Award:** Jonathan Lehman, Megan Felger, Mary Navarro-Florek, Felicity Clawson, Troy Kneflekamp, Zach Gardner, Collin Nelson, Blake Wiesler, Caleb Hufford, Ben Shultz, Dan Kurtz
- g) **Cardiac Saves:** Lindsey Brison, Chris Decker, Derrik Justice, Dave Krause, Kathleen Kmita, Nate Olejnik, Michael Waitman, Kylie Tomlinson, Samantha Eytchison, Kevin Moats, Brandon Barnell, Jamie Thacker, Beau Real, Clint Kelly, Glen Tomlison, Benjamin Crow, Michael Updike, Kyle D. McKibben, Michael A. Carter, Christopher T. Ice, Josiah D. Mackey, Joseph J. Millsbaugh Jr, Jeremiah Boshears, Jaydon Hoffman, Nate Percifield, Aaron Robertson, David Langley, Josh Hall, Seth Knapp, Joshua Lawton, Josh Strange, Mike Deshong, Ed Galliher, Collin Godfrey, Michael Bottos, Melissa Rork, Patrick Linn, Jeffrey Combs, Heather Foote, Eustace Mlagan, Dr. James Nossett, Ashli La Lond, Chad White, Kevin Whitt, Kyle Edie, Kamrick Holding, Tyler Ross, Levi Marshall, Austin Mills, Adam Roach, Daniel Becker, Daniel Kasper, Keith Boersma, Jarred Andras, Wesley Gilliam, Adam Isailovich, Kierra Dahlgren, Henry Georgas
- h) **Retirement:** Betty Schroeder, Barry Watson
- i) **Honorary Lifetime Certification:**

## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Trauma System Update—Director Kinney updated the commission that the Rural Health Transformation Program, the grant opportunity through the Federal Government, continues to be a large focus within IDOH. He reviewed the various initiatives that Indiana will be implementing as part of this opportunity. Dr. Yazel then gave a brief update regarding the MOCC development – stating that this is still in the early stages, figuring out framework and integration. There will be updates ongoing as this develops. Dr. Yazel also reported that the Trauma Care Commission has continued funding for two projects: Coordination of Care

Improvements and rural Trauma Simulation Training. Director Kinney stated that IDOH also has an Injury Prevention Campaign ongoing; this will include things such as National Trauma Awareness Month, Water Safety, Summer Safety (kids and adults), Hunting related safety and Falls Prevention Month.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Director Kinney reported on HB1202 – Requiring EMS background checks for initial certification, stating that this has now been signed into law by Governor Braun on February 24, 2026, taking effect on July 1, 2026. He then introduced the new IDHS Legal representative, Jazmyn Knight. She is replacing Sean Wooding after he took over the position of General Counsel for IDHS.

## **EMS FOR CHILDREN**

Margo Kniefkamp stated the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project data is in. She gave a brief review of what the project goals were. Mrs. Kniefkamp reported that of the 15,293 EMS & Fire-Rescue agencies across the US and US Territories that were eligible to take this assessment, 7,039 agencies completed it in total with a response rate of 46%. Indiana had a response rate of 82%. Mrs. Kniefkamp then reviewed the data that was returned, covering the BLS & ALS agency response rates and scores respectively. During EMS Week, EMSC Day will be on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and on that day there will be a webinar, “*Rethinking Spinal Motion Restriction in Children: Evidence-Based Strategies for Prehospital Care*”, taking place online from 1-2pm CT. For more information you can contact Mrs. Kniefkamp. She states that she will be participating in EMS Division District Forums throughout this Spring and Summer so watch out for dates in your area.

## **INDIANA FIRE CHIEF’S ASSOCIATION**

Director Kinney reported that there were no major updates at this time and reminded all to save the date for the 2026 Indiana Fire & EMS Leadership Conference, which will take place September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Embassy Suites – Noblesville Conference Center. For more information visit, [www.indfirechiefs.org](http://www.indfirechiefs.org).

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

Tom Fentress stated that the 2026 Golden Siren Award Banquet as well as the Running with Shears event are coming up soon, the events will be taking place on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mr. Fentress noted that the Golden Sirens Awards will be hosted at Primo in Indianapolis, IN. Mr. Fentress reported that IEMSA is expanding its board to 10 members, representing the 10 EMS Districts throughout the state. This is to better represent the providers and allowing for their voices to be heard. Abstract applications for presentations are open as well for the 2026 Crossroads Conference. For more information regarding these upcoming events please visit their website, [www.indianaEMSassociation.org](http://www.indianaEMSassociation.org). Mr. Fentress reminded all of the annual IEMSA Poker Run memorial ride, taking place on September 12, 2026 in Vincennes, IN.

## **EDUCATIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Zartman reported that the committee has continued its work on the three education opportunities assigned by the Commission. At this time, Commissioner Zartman stated that the EOC is working on the AEMT Clinician Surveys, AEMT Provider Organization Survey, and a cost analysis (in regard to time, financial costs, potential AEMT gains versus potential AEMT losses). These surveys have a target release sometime during EMS Week (the week of May 18).

## **MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Director Kinney reported that the MIH Committee met on Friday, April 10, 2026. The MIH Subcommittees continue their work with plans for actionable items in the next year. He also stated that there is a current open position for the Non-Municipal EMS MIH-CP Program representative and Insurance Representative, if you are interested, please reach out to Director Kinney or MIH Coordinator, Emily Castor. Director Kinney stated that the next MIH Committee meeting will be on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 10:00 am at MADE.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Director Kinney on the status of the rural rule rewrite. A previously approved draft stalled after reaching the Secretary of Public Safety, largely due to changes initiated by the new administration and broader legislative interest in reducing and simplifying state rules. Due to Governor Braun and legislature pushing for fewer, more essential rules, the EMS Division is reviewing all EMS-related regulations. The goals are: Identify rules that may belong in statute rather than administrative rule, ensure rules are tied to essential functions, and remove rules that may hinder operations. Internal staff and IDHS General Counsel are now dissecting the rules. Some early opportunities include consolidating the air medical rules—specifically, merging fixed-wing and rotor-wing requirements and placing them under ALS since they are essentially the same service delivered on a different platform. This could reduce duplication and streamline the rule set.

Director Kinney raises a larger future discussion point: whether supervising hospitals should remain a required element of the EMS system. While supervising hospitals work well in many areas and support strong hospital-EMS relationships, some regions struggle to find hospitals willing or able to fill the role, leading to several waivers. Additionally, the evolving role of medical directors creates overlaps and even conflicts with supervising hospitals. The suggestion is to consider removing supervising hospitals as a mandatory requirement and instead treat them as a best practice—similar to how the EMR-before-EMT training sequence was handled after discussion in past years. Any proposed rule changes will go through the usual process: commission vote, drafting, and public comment. Director Kinney emphasizes that this is the beginning of the discussion and welcomes questions or comments.

During discussion, Chairman Turpen and Commissioner Zartman echoed their support in a “best practice” approach for organizations. Dr. Nossett stated that Supervising Hospitals have their benefits and they should have (or could have already in place) guidelines/ guardrails

for organizations. Dr. Yazel recommended collaborating with Indiana Hospital Association to ensure that there is no fracturing of these partnerships and continue to foster positive relationships. Dr. Brown echoed Dr. Yazel's sentiment and stated that collaboration is critical amongst hospitals and EMS agencies and fears that doing away with Supervising Hospital rules could cause division down the line.

The commission came to consensus that this topic will be discussed further in the future to determine a positive resolution. Commissioner Bowman approached the topic of the introduction of Advanced Practice Provider role into the framework of EMS within Indiana and volunteered to write the proposal and help with development. Director Kinney stated that while this action would be adding to the rules, he has made a note to continue to follow up possible APP introduction into EMS would be feasible.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

- 1) Administrative Proceedings
  1. Waiver Orders
    - a) Personnel Waiver
    - b) Provider Waiver
      - I. 836 IAC 1-1-5: Submission of organizational data
        - a. Aspire Indiana Health
      - II. 836 IAC 1-2-1: Indiana certification for provider organizations
        - a. First Care Ohio
      - III. 836 IAC 2-2-1(d): Provider organization contract/agreement with Supervising Hospital
        - a. Aspire Indiana Health
      - IV. 836 IAC 2-2-1(g): Paramedic Coverage 24/7
        - a. Alexandria Fire Department
        - b. Aspire Indiana Health
        - c. Keener Township EMS
      - V. 836 IAC 2-2-1(h): Paramedic required in patient compartment and EMT onboard during ALS transport
        - a. Rush Memorial Hospital
    2. Discipline Orders
      - a) Personal
        - I. Letter of Reprimand
        - II. Probation – 1 Year
        - III. Probation – 2 Years
          - a. Gillaspy, Morgan
          - b. Scott, Darion
        - IV. Suspension – 7 Days
          - a. Scott, Darion
        - V. Suspension – 30 Days
          - a. Gillaspy, Morgan

- VI. Suspension – 180 Days
  - VII. Suspension – 1 Year
  - VIII. Suspension – 2 Years
  - IX. Suspension – Emergency Order
    - a. Bobo, Leviathan
  - X. Revocation
  - XI. Censure
  - XII. Initial EMR Denial
    - a. Hogg, Michael
  - XIII. Surrender
3. Provider
  4. Administrative Rulemaking: None Pending
  5. Appeals Docket
    - a) Re: Troy Dulaney: RESOLVED by Agreement of the Parties
    - b) Re: Mike Masters: Matter PENDING

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Data Registry – Robin Stump**

Robin Stump reported that Data Manager – Ireland Straub, will be moving to the IDHS IT department. Ms. Stump stated that NERIS has been turned on and if an organization is unable to create a new NERIS incident, please contact the EMS Office. She reported that all 2026 fire incidents must be completed on the NERIS form and if 2026 was completed on NIFRS, this data will not be transferred to NERIS. Ms. Stump continued that ImageTrend is still not exporting to NERIS at this time so organizations should continue to enter data into ImageTrend as usual. Also, ImageTrend has been updated to the latest version. Ms. Stump reminded all that voting for change requests for V3.5.2 will end on May 8, 2026. While reviewing reporting numbers, at this time EMS Reporting was at 92%.

### **Operations Report – Robin Stump**

Robin Stump reiterated that if department administration changes, please ensure this is updated within Acadis and if permissions need to be added, to fill out the Agency Roster Request in the webforms in Acadis as well as ensuring that the organization has updated their Points of Contact. 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. Ms. Stump reviewed that EMS District Manager monthly involvement – explaining their in-depth involvement within their districts.

### **Certifications and Compliance Report – Corey Wells**

Corey Wells reviewed the currently certified individuals for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2026, which ended on March 31, 2026. Mr. Wells reported that the overall number of providers in the state as of March 31, 2026, was 26,559 – which is 911 more than the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025. He stated that there has been a total of 225 audits through March 31, 2026, with

three certification dishonesty sanctions issued. For issues or questions, please reach out to [PSIDquestions@dhs.in.gov](mailto:PSIDquestions@dhs.in.gov) or [EMScertifications@dhs.in.gov](mailto:EMScertifications@dhs.in.gov).

### **EMS Education and Training – Director Kinney**

Director Kinney reviewed the 2026 schedule for the PI Quarterly Updates, these will be in April, June, September, and December. For exact dates and times, please reach out to Kari. Director Kinney reported on the EMT/ Paramedic testing, with the state paying for the first two National Registry testing attempts. He reviewed the current numbers and pass/ fail numbers.

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

Director Kinney reminded all of the 2026 EMS District Forums, reviewing the schedule of those events and what to expect when attending. There will be a total of 9 forums across all areas of the state. For those that would like to attend, it is asked that you register in your Acadis account so that we have ample space. There are no registration or participation fees associated with these events.

Director Kinney discussed the DEA finalizing its rule implementing the 2017 Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act, which now requires EMS agencies using controlled substances to obtain their own state controlled substance registration (CSR) and federal DEA registration unless they are fully owned and operated by a hospital. Because the DEA released the final rule abruptly and made it effective within 30 days, agencies must transition quickly from using their medical director's registration to obtaining their own. Indiana is ahead of many states due to prior work establishing the EMS CSR, but only about half of the state's EMS organizations currently hold an active CSR, and some have expired without realizing it. Agencies must maintain both state and federal registrations, and an upcoming Board of Pharmacy online training will help guide newer or transitioning agencies. The state EMS office will continue to support the process, even though authority for controlled substances lies fully with the Board of Pharmacy, and the topic will also be discussed in district forums.

Director Kinney reiterated the IEMSA/ ENA Crossroads Emergency Conference 2026 and reminds all that the registration is opening soon and that the call for abstracts is ongoing. This window will close on May 31, 2026. He then reviewed the various grants that IDHS – EMS Division has given out thus far such as the AED grant for BLS services and both of the MIH Grants for FY2026. Director Kinney gave a brief update regarding the G.R.O.W initiatives that EMS is directly involved with, but there are no major updates at this time.

Director Kinney updated on the EMS Compact, where he serves as Indiana's Compact Commissioner and the Chairperson for the Compact. He stated that Acadis has completed the transfer connection to the NEMSCD database and practitioners are not in that database. He emphasized that there are still numerous providers that have not entered their SSN into Acadis, which has not allowed all Indiana providers to transition. It is

encouraged for all providers to ensure that their SSN is in their Acadis portal, this can be done by manually inputting this into the system.

Director Kinney gave a brief update regarding NASEMSO. The NASEMSO Annual Meeting was in Kansas City, KS from April 26 – 30, 2026. Here, Indiana was awarded the 'State EMS Office Excellence Awards Program, this was for innovation in EMS and celebrates state EMS offices that have demonstrated creative and impactful use of innovation to address challenges, improves system performance, or enhance provider and patient experiences.

### **STATE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS REPORT**

Dr. Yazel talked about the Trauma Commission and encouraged all the be active participants in their local TRAC meetings. He reviewed C-Collar education and how the topic continues to evolve. Also, he mentioned the continued High Fidelity Simulation training opportunities, the most recent will be taking place at Harrison County Hospital. Dr. Yazel stated that there could be potential for this to be hosted at other locations throughout the state as well. Dr. Yazel revealed that he has taken a position with IDOH as their Chief Medical Officer, alongside another physician. Assuring all that he will still be heavily involved in EMS, with a slightly different role.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REORT AND DIRECTION**

Chairman Turpen thanked Dr. Yazel for his time at IDHS – EMS Division and his dedication, engagement and progress he has championed over his 4 years. Chairman Turpen reiterated that the Golden Sirens Banquet is coming up and reminded all of the Eagles conference that is coming up in June and encouraged all provider organizations to focus on their organization CAREs reports, as they are vastly important knowing your organizations rates and how to run those reports. He stated that if you are having issues with locating your reports, contact Moses – CAREs Coordinator, at IDOH.

### **NEXT MEETING**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.