



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)</b>	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	570 East Woodrow Wilson Ave. Jackson, MS (Osbourne Auditorium) & Virtual Teleconference Environment (VTE)	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	January 13, 2023	
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 p.m.	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b><u>Council Members (X = Present):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rick Carlton, Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers*</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Mike Cole</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dennis Hebner</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis*</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie*</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallace</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Katherine Waddell*</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amber Kyle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Chris Howard</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Benjamin Scrivener</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Rodney Frothingham</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amanda Fontaine</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy*</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>State EMS Medical Director</u></b> Dr. Bob Galli*</p> <p><b><u>Meeting Facilitator:</u></b> Mr. David Hall - MSDH</p> <p><b><u>MSDH Staff Present:</u></b> Mr. David Hall - EMS/ACS Director Mr. Steven Jones – BEMS Mrs. Macy Bassett – BEMS/ACS Ms. Kay Chambers – BEMS Ms. Teresa Windham – ACS Ms. Chasity Meadows – ACS Mrs. Teletha Johnson – ACS Ms. Tammy Wells – ACS</p> <p>* via VTE ZOOM</p>

Minutes Submitted by: Steven Jones, Manager, EMS Operational and Professional Services



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	<b>GUEST:</b> Cristy Mcgregor – MS Healthcare Alliance (MHCA); Scott Stinson – AAA Ambulance; Wyth Collins – EmServ Ambulance; Chuck Carter – AAA Ambulance; Victoria Hickerson – MS Trauma Care System Foundation; Benji Sessums – MS EMS Educators Association; Matt Edwards Mississippi Trauma Care System Foundation (MTCSF); Abbie Carroll; John Gardner MTCSF	



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<b>I</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>	Dr. Carlton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with recognitions and announcements
<b>II</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	Mr. Hall checked the roll, welcomed members and guests, and advised quorum present
<b>III</b>	<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Review Minutes of Previous November 2022 Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correction to the November 2022 meeting minutes to add Tyler Blalock as present</li> <li>• Motion by Dr. Carlton to approve the minutes as written with correction</li> <li>• Second by Dr. Johnathan Wilson</li> <li>• Passed without opposition</li> </ul> <p><b>Bureau of EMS Report</b>  <u>MSDH/BEMS Administrative Report</u>            Mr. Hall provided the report, including information on the year in review (2022):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEMSACS was formed in January 2022</li> <li>• BEMS webpages updated</li> <li>• Started the EMS Education and Workforce – Forum and Study to identify challenges, discuss complexities and develop sustainable solutions for EMS education and workforce in Mississippi</li> <li>• Updated EMS Rules and Regulation Updates to include: Wall Times became official May 18, 2022; Non-Transport EMS (NTEMS) and Nonemergency Medical Transport (NET) became official on July 1, 2022; EMS Tiered Response Option on November 27, 2022</li> <li>• Produced and provided a single application for the licensing/permitting of ambulance services and NTEMS</li> <li>• Updated fee schedule available on MSDH website</li> <li>• Resumed in person certifications; 2 options to certify (online or in-person)</li> <li>• NTEMS program launched; MS State Fire Academy key partner; rules to provide framework were official on July 1, 2022</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESF-8 Primary Partner statewide Medical Direction for NTEMS UMMC; provides statewide medical direction and covers substantial costs related to the program</li> <li>• Updated the EMS guidelines for the field triage of trauma patients using the National Guidelines for Field Triage of Injured Patients; now a standalone document on MSDH website</li> <li>• Processed updated council and committee membership lists for EMSAC, MTAC, EMS Rules and Regulations, Critical Care Paramedic Committee</li> <li>• Developed and stood up the new EMS Registry Committee for the purpose of reducing costs and redundancies between EMS and SOC registries, improving data quality, and collaborating with the Trauma Registry Committee</li> <li>• Developed the Narcan Leave Behind Program with the pilot service being AMR-Jackson and looking to expand to other pilot sites in the new calendar year</li> <li>• Established an Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) transport protocol</li> <li>• Launched the NET program</li> <li>• Hired additional staff needed for ambulance inspections and data analytics</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Hall spoke on EMS Workforce and information gathered during the forum meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intent to understand the relationship between currently approved EMS education programs capacity vs occupancy</li> <li>• Found student interest and enrollment is the biggest issue</li> <li>• Data suggests efforts should be aimed at recruiting for current EMS education programs</li> <li>• Data supports that current state approved EMS education programs are accredited, have the capacity, and are ready to train the next generation of EMS providers in MS</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific data collected from the EMS education programs:               <table border="1" data-bbox="667 470 1495 667"> <thead> <tr> <th>School</th> <th>Capacity</th> <th>Occupancy</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>EMT</td> <td>68%</td> <td>32%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AEMT</td> <td>85%</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paramedic</td> <td>62%</td> <td>38%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Critical Care</td> <td>56%</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>BEMS conducted meetings in all public health regions and with the state fire academy</li> <li>Challenges noted by EMS workforce operators were as follows: funding/pay, staffing, education access empirical evidence and EMS, increasing obligations and requirements for operators, resource utilization, insurance requirements, proper alignment of EMS between public service and healthcare, professionalism, expansion of career opportunities for paramedic, and unnecessary transfers</li> </ul> <p>Next EMS Education and Workforce Forum meeting during PIP at IP Casino on May 15-19, 2023</p> <p>Hall shared that the BOH approved EMS Rule 8.1.2, which provides for BEMS to approve/disapprove EMS student practicum for students enrolled in out-of-state EMS education programs</p> <p>Hall shared that the BOH approved changes to the STEMI Rules and Regulations, which provide for a more dynamic and inclusive membership makeup on the respective STEMI PI and Advisory committees</p> <p>Hall then thanked the EMS Registry Committee for their committee work and talked about how use of a common vendor between EMS and Trauma may reduce costs and redundancies (estimated savings of \$195K over a five-year contract period); shared the EMS Registry Committee supports pursuing a common vendor and believes that only one vendor has the capability to provide specific functions (which will make for a sole source request).</p>	School	Capacity	Occupancy	EMT	68%	32%	AEMT	85%	15%	Paramedic	62%	38%	Critical Care	56%	44%
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		<p><u>EMS Operational and Professional Services</u>            Mr. Steven Jones provided the report; Jones shared the BEMS Operations update and talked about certification numbers; number of state certified personnel appears to be slowly increasing; shared EMSOF grantee meetings were held in December 2022; shared BEMS will start processing EMSOF applications next month; shared OEMSACS has hired staff including the Finance Manager and NET Specialist; shared BEMS is still in the process of looking for an EMS Educator/EMS-C manager and a coordinator for NTEMS</p> <p><u>EMS-C</u>            Mr. Hall provided the EMS-C report; shared that the current grant ends on March 31, 2023; shared BEMS is currently awaiting the decision on the next 5 year grant; if approved the new grant would increase to \$205K (annually) and support efforts associated with the PEDS-READY SYSTEM</p> <p><u>Committee and Subcommittee Reports</u></p> <p><u>MDTQA</u>            Dr. Galli provided the report; shared MDTQA has discussed several items through email communications and polls, including NTEMS medical control and ventilatory management with the educators; shared his appreciation of BEMS staff efforts</p> <p><u>MTAC</u>            Dr. Donald provided the report; shared MTAC met this morning; specific points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data points related to transfers times out from Level 3 and 4 trauma centers on alpha patients</li> <li>• Discussed formation of a advocacy subcommittee and planning for trauma advocacy day</li> <li>• Trauma funding task force continues to work on evaluating cost of providing trauma care across the state</li> <li>• Trauma Rules and Regulations Subcommittee working on regulations to keep us up to date with the new guidelines</li> <li>• Trauma Registry Subcommittee is working with the EMS Registry Committee to come up with a plan to utilize a</li> </ul>



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		<p>single vendor for both registries moving forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTCSF asked for an increase in funding to offset cost; MTAC authorized a 2% increase so long as the MTCSF cut 2% from its operating budget</li> <li>• Discussion of upcoming educational opportunities</li> <li>• UMMC to sponsor the first critical care conference in April</li> <li>• University of South Alabama will have annual conference in March</li> </ul> <p><u>EMS Rules and Regulations</u> Dr. Wilson – NSTR</p> <p><u>EMS Registry Committee</u> Mr. Stinson provided the report; shared the committee is scheduled to meet every month and has discussed the benefits of a common vendor between EMS and Trauma; shared committees is working on the data dictionary for the next NEMESIS dataset that goes into effect 01/01/2024</p> <p><u>Critical Care Paramedic</u> Mr. Galtelli – NSTR</p> <p><u>MS EMS Educators Association</u> Mr. Sessums provided this report; shared positive news related to EMS education; Pass/Fail rates are going up at all three levels; numbers in the EMS classrooms are going up; EMS programs continue to have room for additional EMS students; plans to develop a high school component for EMT training; presently there are 6 programs doing dual enrollment with high school seniors for the EMT class; the group is always looking for new ways to get students</p> <p><u>Mississippi Center for Advancement of Prehospital Medicine</u> Mr. Sessums gave a report on the Foundation; states that they have received funding from several agencies; shared that students taking the EMT course in Covington County had their tuition, books and uniforms covered</p>



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		<u>MHCA</u> Mrs. McGregor gave the report; statewide symposium is in February 2023 at Hilton Jackson; MI mortality is still trending down; stroke mortality is even better; CARES registry data is due on 01/31/2023
IV	<b>New Business</b>	Dr. Cole wanted to know if there was a way to streamline the process of receiving state EMS data; Mr. Hall shared information related to the approval process for data release.
V	<b>Open Discussion/ Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No need for Executive Session</li> <li>Next Meeting: April 14, 2023 at 1pm.</li> </ul>
VI	<b>Adjournment</b>	Dr. Carlton adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m.

## ACTION ITEMS

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