



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)		
Meeting Location:	MSDH Osborne Conference Room 1 st Floor		
Meeting Date:	August 30, 2024		
Time:	1:00 p.m.		
Attendees:	<u>Council Members (X = Present):</u>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel Edney, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers *	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Billy Taylor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis *	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallace*		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson *		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Ryan Wilson		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Amber Kyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough		
	<u>Meeting Facilitator:</u> Ms. Teresa Windham		
	<u>MSDH Staff Present:</u> Ms. Christy Berry Mr. Sam Burdine* Ms. Kay Chambers* Ms. Elaine Coleman* Ms. Courtney Day	Ms. Kelly Drumm* Mr. Joshua Dawson* Ms. Teletha Johnson Ms. Stacy Maurer* Ms. Bethany McKissack * Ms. Katianne McMillen *	Mr. Edwin Mitchell Mr. Andrew Nguyen*
	<u>GUEST:</u> Mr. David Bennett * Dr. Rick Carlton * Mr. Chuck Carter * Mr. Nick Dubuisson * Mr. Matt Edwards Ms. Donna Everett *	Dr. Bob Galli Ms. Victoria Hickerson * Mr. John McCarter * Ms. Joselyn Miller * Dr. Norman Miller Mr. Greg Pafford Mr. Terry Wages	Mr. Benji Sessums Mr. Scott Stinson Dr. Harper Stone * Ms. Bridget Watkins *
	* via VTE ZOOM		



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I	Call to Order and Opening Remarks	Dr. Edney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and made opening remarks.
II	Roll Call	Ms. Windham – quorum present
III	Old Business Committee Subcommittee reports	<p>Previous minutes – M – Ms. Kyle, 2nd Mr. Blalock; no opposed. Ms. Windham provided OEMSACS update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey advised we have approximately 200 responses. Will give an update at the next meeting. • HB 1567 - To apply for the EMS Funding the Paramedic student must be enrolled in a college program first, and you are not guaranteed funding. This is with the WIN Job Center. • Pass Rates for NR for each college as compared to out of state – see slide on each of the colleges in state as compared to out of state pass rates. • Language related to CCP with EMS Compact – Ms. Windham states there is a task group working on this and will provide update when complete • Met with colleges – Ms. Windham and Dr. Edney have had several meetings with the colleges. The colleges will present a solution by the next quarterly meeting. Dr Edney advised that there are several additional options and healthcare and the rural scholars’ program and asked Teresa to check and see if it is available to Paramedics. • EMS – Children’s / Peds Ready System: The submission rate for the state was 58% which was above the Nation rate of 46%. • Online complaint / Concern process: Mr. Mitchell provided update: to date we have 41 complaints with 30 of them closed. Of the 11 that remain open there are (5) gathering evidence, (2) monitoring / tracking and (4) awaiting outcome of trial. The top concerns are unprofessionalism / attitudes, legal action / arrest and providers leaving / resigning during shift.



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		<p>Validation of the Complaint / concern is (8) Substantiated, (24) unsubstantiated and (9) Inconclusive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mitchell advised we are in the final stage for the fingerprinting process. Ms. Windham added this is one of the areas where we are out of compliance with the EMS Compact. • By-Laws: Dr Stacy: He advised that they have the draft, and it has gone through legal twice. It allows a clear path and reporting structure to the Board of Health and improves the functionality of the organization. Motion to accept by Mark Davis, 2nd by Ryan Wilson and all in favor. • MDTQA: Dr. Galli updated the group that Dr, Jay Baker “Japheth” to fill the vacant spot. • MTAC: Dr. Donald provided update MTAC. Including Trauma Fund Distribution. Updated group that Image Trend is the new registry, and they are working on implementation. They will bring up funding in the upcoming legislative session. We will send a survey of anticoagulants and the availability at hospitals. • Rules & Regulations: Dr. Wilson provided update; the group has (3) areas they need to present for discussion and recommendation. These changes are below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope of Practice: Agency expanded scope of practice. Quick reference guide. Medication Appendix Motion from the committee. All in favor. ALS Definition: CMS language clarification Motion from the committee. All in favor. - Critical Care Paramedic: rewrite of Chapter 10 - Language clarification, recertification and education requirements updated. Motion from the committee. All in favor. <p>Dr Deschamp asked the rules committee if it is currently</p>



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		<p>allowed for AEMT to provide TB Skin test with the proper certifications and training. Dr Edney emphasized the proper certification and training had to be met. This would need to be looked at by the TB specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Registry: Scott Stinson updated that there is 3.5 data coming in and they are monitoring it at this time. • Functionality Committee: Dr. Deschamp advised Treat and Release went into effect on 07/01/2024. But he believes we need to create regulations for guidance. Develop regulation related to transport to alternate destinations. Nurses to function in the ambulance, the medical director must evaluate the nurse's skill and sign off for the nurse to function in the ambulance.
IV	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Edney thanked the colleges for meeting with Jones College president and the Community College Presidents. He and Ms. Windham provided the concern of the EMT, AEMT and Paramedic workforce. The response was the colleges will have a solution to meet the needs and expand the number and access to the system/ industry. Dr. Edney & Ms. Windham met with the Governor's office also. • BEMS will coordinate meetings with industry representatives and colleges to provide a clear understanding of needs. • Benji advised the colleges formed a committee, and they are gathering information and many of the college presidents were not aware of the severity of this issue.
V	Adjournment	<p>Motion made to adjourn by Ms. Kyle and 2nd by Mr. Tyler Blaylock.</p> <p>Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 14:25p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Meetings: 12/06/2024 03/07/2025



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ACTION ITEMS

#	Step	Responsible	Due Date
I	Recognition Dr. Wayne Butts for service to MDTQA	EMSAC	TBD
II	Rural Scholars Program / Mitch Adcock and if it is available for Paramedics	Teresa Windham and Dr. Edney	Next meeting update
III	Allowing AEMT and / or EMT to administer and read TB skin test	Teresa Windham and Dr. Edney	Next meeting update
IV	Survey following the recertification process to assist in gathering that information.	OEMSACS	11-2024