



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)	
Meeting Location:	MSDH, Osborne Auditorium	
Meeting Date:	September 5, 2025	
Time:	1:00 p.m.	
Attendees:	<p><u>Council Members (X = Present):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel Edney, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson* <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard (Resigned) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin* <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Ryan Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallis <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amber Kyle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Billy Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson 	<p><u>State EMS Medical Director</u> Dr. John McCarter</p> <p><u>Meeting Facilitator:</u> Ms. Teresa Windham - MSDH</p> <p><u>MSDH Staff Present:</u> Ms. Teresa Windham - OEMSACS Director Ms. Christy Berry - OEMSACS Deputy Director Mr. Edwin Mitchell - OEMSACS Ms. Tammy Wells - OEMSACS Mr. Jonathan Wright - OEMSACS</p> <p><u>MSDH Staff:</u> Elaine Coleman* Stacie Graham* Katieanne McMillen* Bethany McKissack*</p> <p>*Meeting via ZOOM</p>
	<p><u>GUESTS:</u> John Beard - Metro Ambulance Chuck Carter - AAA Rita Kay Chambers - Metro Ambulance Matt Edwards - MTCSF Patrick Graham - NMMC* iPhone 35*</p>	<p>Scott Kolle - MCCB* Marqueshia* Norman Miller - ASAP EMS Harper Stone - MHCA Catherine Tyrney - TPM Memorial Health System Bridgett Watkins - Life Care*</p>



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I	Call to Order	Dr. Edney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
II	Roll Call	Ms. Windham advised that there was a quorum.
III	Old Business	<p>Review Minutes of the Previous June 6, 2025, Meeting</p> <p>Motion – Dr. Stacy 2nd – Dr. Gamble None opposed.</p> <p>Office of EMS and Acute Care Systems - Ms. Windham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Windham - Dr. Galli announced his retirement at our last meeting. Dr. John McCarter will be our state EMS Medical Director. • EMS Survey will be part of the certification renewal process with the next certification cycle. • Revisions to EMS Rules and Regs made it out of oral proceedings, will go to the Board of Health in October, and we will wait 30 days for final approval. • Mr. Galtelli - Recruitment and Retention Campaign (3 months spent educating the public on EMS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June - August 662,282 engagements ○ To date, 700,000 engagements ○ We have moved up to pages 1, 2, and 3 on Google searches. Viewers are getting Mississippi-specific EMS-related information. ○ 18 to 24-year-olds spent more time in search of information/career opportunities. • Ms. Windham said we participated in the Rural Health Transformation Survey. • EMS Compact - EMS Commissioners are working on a committee to ensure the same standards are provided and followed for the history, fitness, and background checks. • Some of the national bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CARE Act is currently working with Medicare and Medicaid. ○ Community Paramedic Act payments will expire in September 2025. Trying to extend until 2027.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EMS Workforce Development nationally, to address the EMS and paramedic shortage. ○ EMS Clinicians Count to address obtaining a specific count of actual EMS providers in the state and nationally. ● Ms. Windham asked everyone to share with their contacts that there will be a memorial dedication on September 23rd, starting at 10 a.m. <p>Report on the Mississippi EMS Dashboard - Mr. Wright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the first two quarters, the number of incidents reported increased. Historically, we were not getting all the calls from agencies, and there were issues with the automation. ● Ms. Wells emails the monthly data quality assurance reports to identify gaps. ● In the Sick Person category, the highest type of calls responded to are altered mental status, unwell, or ill. ● This quarter - 365 documented Dispatchable Delays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 71% with light and sirens ○ 29% without lights and sirens ○ The last quarter's dashboard is posted on the EMS website. This one will also be posted. <p>Investigations: Complaints/Concerns - Mr. Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigations: Complaints/Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Received - 142 (YTD) ○ Closed - 102 ○ Open/In Progress - 40 ● Top Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fingerprint background reviews ○ EMS and hospital interactions/communications ○ Rules and Regulations violations <p>Committee and Subcommittee Reports</p> <p><u>MDTQA/Performance Improvement - Dr. McCarter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Performance Improvement Committee had PI meetings under Dr. Galli and investigated some MI cases and drug-assisted intubation cases. Quarterly meetings for the PI Committee will resume. <p><u>MTAC - Future Goals Adopted - Dr. Donald</u></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Care Trust Fund distributions are in process • Migrating the data from the old registry system with ESO into the new registry system with ImageTrend is ongoing. 5,000 records were migrated over this week. • The trauma center inspection process is currently underway, with additional inspections scheduled through the end of this year and continuing into the first half of next year. • We reviewed our dashboard for injuries and noted that we have a dominance of blunt injury mechanism. There was some discussion about breaking that down to see where we might have some opportunities for injury prevention, blunt injury falls, MVCs, ATVs, where our injury prevention efforts might be most effective. • Discussed some of the brain injury guidelines and ED thoracotomy, particularly in lower-level hospitals, and how that may affect transfers. • The burn committee is looking at double transfers and offering advanced burn life support classes. • Discussion regarding a centralized image system. A subcommittee from MTAC reviewed a product that offers the ability for a centralized image repository. <p><u>Rules and Regulations - Dr. Wilson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting and no action items. <p><u>Education and Workforce - Mr. Galtelli</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting, both committees are working together. <p><u>Telemedicine & EMS of the Future - Dr. Jason Stacy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this stage, we are receiving feedback for EMS needs from a varied group of frontline providers, administrative EMS, and engaged stakeholders. • Email response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25% Response rate ○ 60% Acknowledged and will respond. ○ Generally, a favorable response rate. <p><u>EMS for Children - Dr. Chet Shermer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report at this time. <p><u>STEMI/Stroke Advisory - Ms. Christy McGregor</u></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next quarterly meeting is on the 11th. Reviewed terms around receiving center definitions as Levels 1, 2, and 3 diversion protocols and staffing requirements for cardiology.
IV	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Edney - Dr. Rachel Morris at UMMC will be leading the maternal side, Dr. Henderson in Hattiesburg will be leading the neonatal side, and more groups are forming and pulling together maternal levels of care designations and neonatal levels of care designations. The Rural Health Transformation Grant Program is \$50 billion funding over five years; we will receive \$100 million a year for five years. The state of Mississippi is eligible for up to \$200 million a year. Applications must be submitted to CMS by November 1st. We will know by the end of December what our award will be. Mr. Grayson - The EMS Conference will be held at the Golden Nugget in Biloxi on October 13th and 14th.
V	Open Discussion/Announcements	Upcoming Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 5, 2025 February 27, 2026 May 29, 2026 August 21, 2026 November 20, 2026
VI	Adjournment	Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS			
#		Responsible	Due Date
I	Post the Mississippi EMS Dashboard to our website.	OEMSACS	Prior to the next meeting