



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)	
Meeting Location:	MSDH, Osborne Auditorium	
Meeting Date:	December 6, 2024	
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 type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Ryan Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallace <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amber Kyle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock <input checked="" 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. Bob Galli</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 Ms. Courtney Day – OEMSACS Ms. Tammy Wells – OEMSACS Mrs. Teletha Johnson – OEMSACS</p> <p>*Meeting held via ZOOM</p>
	<p><u>GUESTS:</u> James Dukes – Northwest Community College; Scott Stinson – AAA Ambulance; Terry Wages – Pafford Ambulance; Norm Miller – ASAP Ambulance; Alan Ashley – Acadian Ambulance; Derek McCoy – Acadian Ambulance; Benji Sessums – MS EMS Educators; Matt Edwards - MTCF; Dr. Chester Shermer – UMMC; Erin Hines - UMMC; Brad Shirley – Copiah Lincoln Community College; Dr. Harper Stone – MHCA; Christy McGregor – MHCA</p>	



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	AGENDA TOPIC	NOTES
I	Call to Order	Dr. Edney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
II	Roll Call	Ms. Windham advised there was a quorum.
III	Old Business	<p>Review Minutes of Previous August 2024 Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Tyler Blalock to approve. • Second by Mark Galtelli • Passed without opposition. <p>Office of EMS and Acute Care Systems Report</p> <p>Special recognition of Kelly Drumm, previous EMS Performance Improvement Coordinator, who recently passed away on November 2, 2024.</p> <p>Ms. Windham provided a follow up on action items from the previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rural Scholars program applies only to medical students. • AEMT/EMT TB skin test administration – would require extended scope of practice and completion of TB class (taught by MSDH) to provide. • Discussion was held to determine if this should be referred to EMS Rules and Regulations and then brought back to EMSAC or to MDTQA for protocol review. Determined to refer to MDTQA for approval. • Received around 200 responses from EMS Workforce Survey. It was determined to conduct this survey with state recertification and tailor questions for any specific needs (include workforce and education committee). • Vial of Life – Free medical information service that is available to assist emergency responders. • Validation reports have been sent to all EMS Services – requesting these sent back to OEMSACS as soon as possible to ensure valid data is being provided by OEMSACS. • Compliance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Investigations = 65 • Closed Investigation = 46



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Investigations = 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering information = 15 • Monitoring/track and trend = 2 • Trial pending = 2 • Substantiated = 19 • Unsubstantiated = 31 • Inconclusive = 15 <p>Top concerns – unprofessionalism, legal issues, not completing PCR's according to law (within 24 hours), working without medical control (ensure all providers have medical control submitted through ImageTrend)</p> <p>Committee and Subcommittee Reports</p> <p><u>MDTQA – Dr. Galli</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have established an EMS PI Committee and an agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAI, way to see all medical records for reporting, additional studies looking at STEMI and stroke (transfers, time to procedure, etc.) • Interest on part of some services concerning sepsis <p><u>MTAC – Dr. Donald</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating new trauma registry product through weekly meetings to include last 20 years into new system • Identified 7 Level IV hospitals have not been participating in new registry. Notifying them if unable to participate, funds will be withheld and if non-participation continues, funds will be returned to Trauma Care Trust Fund. • Clinical Effectiveness Committee – putting emphasis on Level III and IV facilities to institute hemorrhage control and transfer after operation if general surgeon is available. • Considering adding “Charlie” activation criteria for increased mechanism of injury • State PI Burn Committee – now have 4 approved burn centers with South AL Burn Center’s recent designation. • MS Trauma Symposium May 5-7, 2025.



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		<p><u>Rules and Regulations – Ms. Windham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion from Rules and Regulations Committee to amend EMS Rules and Regulations include Institutes of Higher Learning to provide education for MFR, AEMT, EMT, and paramedic in four separate motions for each level. <p>Voted on all four motions simultaneously – passed unanimously</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently, NTEMS medical control is only through the UMMC Center Emergency Services. Have received requests to obtain alternative medical control. - Requesting to remove “statewide” from Rules and Regulations 1.20.2.4. The physician would still be required to be a board-certified emergency physician licensed in MS (same requirement as EMS) and have to pay a fee. <p>Motion – Dr. Stacy 2nd – Mr. Blalock All in favor – passed unanimously</p> <p><u>Education and Workforce – Mr. Galtelli</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented recruitment video – “What is EMS?” • Looking for any avenue to do videos on social media ~\$7000 • Foundation building out recruiting webpage • Updated EMS refresher cycle – Mr. Sessums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 new refresher cycle (NCCP) will need MDTQA approval • Have the ability to add any additional classes/specific areas <p><u>Telemedicine and EMS of the Future – Dr. Stacy</u> Significant legislative interest in how EMS will look in the future and how regionalization will impact that.</p> <p><u>EMS for Children – Dr. Shermer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed Sports Injury Course – available for first responders and Emergency Departments. • MS School Nurse Coordinators/Family Advocate Network



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		<p>(members of EMS-Advisory Committee) –help bring EMS awareness into the schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMS Safety Fair – February 27th – MS Trade Mart – 5th – 8th grade students <p><u>MHCA</u> – Ms. McGregor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges with first medical contact and transfer times Looking into a statewide imaging repository
IV	New Business	<p>EMT/Paramedic Taskforce Update – Scott Coley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A&P I and II classes in the curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and removed API and APII. Curricula will be validated over the next few weeks, then go through additional steps that will require a minimum of 8 months and up to 12 months before implementation. Discuss remedial/refresher class(es) for those that fail EMS registry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team agreed to work in collaboration with EMSAC Education Committee. The curriculum team and the EMSAC committee will work together in the months ahead and develop a strategy to combat the issue. <p>Dr. Edney asked MS Community College Board to remain on agenda for upcoming meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Galtelli reviewed MS EMS Workforce Study
V	Open Discussion/ Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Edney announced Dr. Stacy as the EMSAC Vice Chair. Mr. Blalock requested some type of representation from the insurance industry on our subcommittees <p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 7, 2025 June 6, 2025 September 5, 2025 December 5, 2025
VI	Adjournment	<p>Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 2:36p.m.</p>



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ACTION ITEMS

#	Step	Responsible	Due Date
I	Coordinate EMS Workforce survey to coincide with state recertification and include Workforce and Education Committee for specific needs.	EMS Workforce subcommittee/ OEMSACS	Prior to 3/31/2025
II	Add representation from the insurance industry to EMS subcommittee(s).	Rules & Regulations	TBD
III	Remedial/ Refresher for individuals that do not pass registry	EMS Workforce subcommittee	Next meeting
IV	Amend EMS Rules and Regulations to include Institutes of Higher Learning to provide education for MFR, AEMT, EMT, and paramedic in four separate motions for each level.	OEMSACS	Next meeting
V	Remove “statewide” from Rules and Regulations 1.20.2.4. The physician would still be required to be a board-certified emergency physician licensed in MS (same requirement as EMS) and have to pay a fee.	OEMSACS	Next meeting