



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)</b>		
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	MSDH Osborn Conference Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor		
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 12, 2024		
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 p.m.		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b><u>Council Members (X = Present):</u></b>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel Edney, Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amanda Fontaine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Dennis Hebner <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Chris Howard <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amber Kyle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Benjamin Shrivner <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Katherine Waddell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallace <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard* <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough	
	<b><u>Meeting Facilitator:</u></b>		
	Ms. Teresa Windham		
	<b><u>MSDH Staff Present:</u></b>		
Ms. Christy Craft-Berry Ms. Kay Chambers Ms. Elaine Coleman Ms. Courtney Day Mr. Joshua Dawson *	Mr. Isacc Friday Ms. Teletha Johnson Mr. Steven Jones Ms. Scottie Martin * Ms. Stacy Maurer Ms. Katianne McMillen *	Ms. Chasity Meadows * Mr. Andrew Nguyen Ms. Melissa Parker Ms. Tammy Wells	
<b><u>GUEST:</u></b>			
Dr. Rick Carlton * Mr. Chuck Carter * Mr. Mark Davidson * Ms. Patricia Doty* Mr. Matt Edwards* Dr. Bob Galli Mr. Benji Sessions	Mr. John Gardner Mr. Patrick Graham * Ms. Victoria Hickerson * Mr. Mark Horne * Mr. Brandon McGowan * Mr. Christy McGregor Mr. Norman Miller	Mr. Greg Pafford Devan Simpson * Scott Stinson Terry Wages Dr. Thad Waites Bridget Watkins * Ms. Teresa Wilson	
* via VTE ZOOM			



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	AGENDA TOPIC	NOTES
I	<b>Call to Order and Opening Remarks</b>	Dr Edney called the meeting to order @ 1:00 pm and made opening remarks.
II	<b>Roll Call</b>	Ms. Windham– quorum present
III	<b>Previous Minutes Office of EMS &amp; ACS Report</b>  <b>Subcommittee reports</b>	<p>Minutes M- Dr. Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Galtelli Ms. Windham provided OEMSACS Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Windham gave an update on all the Action Items from the previous meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Update - NEMSIS 3.5</li> <li>* Online complaint Process and tracking mechanism</li> <li>* Inspector Audit Process to make sure we are all inspecting the ambulance the same.</li> <li>* Revisions to the Rules and Regulations, initial &amp; renewal online certification process, and initial &amp; renewal online ambulance licensing process.</li> <li>* Working with Image Trend on issues within the platform that causes incorrect dates.</li> <li>* New EMS Website in development.</li> <li>* Collaboration with Office of Rural Health &amp; Primary Care for grant opportunities.</li> <li>* Working with MSDH Communications on the EMS 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Logo.</li> <li>* EMS Memorial Bill in the legislature.</li> <li>* Survey following the recertification process to assist in gathering that information will be sent out the week of April 15.</li> <li>* Provided pass rates for MS and surrounding states for NREMT – MS is falling behind other states over the last 10+ years.</li> <li>* Updated on several Legislative bills related to EMS. House Bill 317, House Bill 1489 and was combined with House Bill 1629.</li> <li>* EMSOF update.</li> <li>* AED for Public &amp; Charter schools update</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dr. Edney advised that he is making EMS a top priority when he is at the Capital. And the update on the ARPA funds.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Peds Readiness:</b> No new updates</li> <li>• <b>MDTQA:</b> report by Dr. Galli: He advised about DAI and how to address topics, such as reviewing the scope of practice.</li> <li>• <b>MTAC:</b> report by Dr. Donald: He gave report and states that the proposed trauma funding bill died in committee. ESO ransom attack; unable to access data at the state level. Discussions at ITS Board and MSDH legal. Dr Edney states that it is a high priority. Trauma symposium coming up in Flowood.</li> <li>• Dr Edney advised that at the Board of Health meeting earlier this week that the Office of EMS and Acute Care will be directly in the State Health Officer and items after the MTAC AND MSAC meeting will be brought to the Board of Health for discussion on items that may need their approval.</li> <li>• <b>Rules &amp; Regulations:</b> Dr. Wilson provided update for EMS Rules and Regulation subcommittee. The goal is to align with the National Scope of Practice. The group received the draft prior to the meeting for review; vote taken on consensus with chapter 8 being held to discuss. Chapters 1,4,6,7 motion to approve – XXXXX; 2<sup>nd</sup> – XXXXX. Chapter 8 discussion – Mr. Blalock 8.19.7 after discussion the group voted to continue with current draft. Motion to approve – XXXX; 2<sup>nd</sup> XXXXX The approved chapters should be packaged and presented to BOH in July.</li> <li>• <b>EMS Registry:</b> Scott Stinson updated that all must be transferred to 3.5 and the deadline to start submissions is on or by May 1st.</li> <li>• <b>MHCA:</b> Dr. Stone provided update on STEMI &amp; Stroke and the importance of EMS. The data presented reflects an increase in times related to transfer of patients. Request EMS to look at ways to improve times.</li> </ul>
IV	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Centralized Transfer:</b> Ms. Kyle advised that the group has met several times. They have come up with operational objectives. Looking at all systems of care as well as other states. The goal is to get real time data.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Alternate Pathways/Trainings:</b> Mr. Terry Wages presented information related to the number of calls and number of EMS needed to support the calls. Requested the group to look at different pathways to provide education as we have students that continue to go out of state.            Access to education: urgent demand for education to get more EMT's, Advance and Paramedics in the profession, we are not meeting the needs of the industry currently. They did a survey that they have several responses that want online or hybrid, but most are wanting the online programs. He asked that we go back and review chapter 8 of Rules and Regs to change so that the BEMS will have the authority to approve / or not courses for accredited programs. This is about what we can do to get Paramedic in the field by not restricting access. Dr. Wilson advised that they are looking at ways to do nontraditional classes.            Dr. Edney advised that he is going to appoint a group to investigate.         </li> <li> <b>EMS Performance Improvement:</b> Dr Stacy will be charring the bylaws committee.         </li> </ul>
V	<b>Open Discussion/ Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming meeting dates</li> </ul>
VI	<b>Adjournment</b>	Motion made to adjourn by Dr. Jonathan Wilson and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Clyde Deschamp. All in Favor Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

## ACTION ITEMS

#	Step	Responsible	Due Date
I	Certification Survey results	BEMS - Education	Next meeting
II	EMS Functionality Meeting	EMS Functionality	Next Meeting
III	By Laws update	Dr. Stacy / Staff	Next Meeting
IV	Education task group	BEMS / Dr. Stacy	Next Meeting