

EMS Advisory Committee – February Meeting Minutes



Location: Oxford Suites
1426 S Entertainment Ave, Boise, ID 83709 & Teams

Date: February 11th, 2026
Time: 09:00AM – 4:30PM MST

Committee Members:			
Mark Babson - Chair Career Provider	Jordan Levy Dispatch/Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)	Dee Mortensen Emergency Department Physician	Greg Vickers Idaho Hospital Association
Debby Carscallen - Vice Chair Pre-hospital Agency Administration Volunteer EMS	Robert Kohler Emergency Manager	Zachary Peterson Volunteer EMS Provider	Peter Holley Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
Stormy Cox Community Health EMS (CHEMS)	Kristi Hofhine State Board of Nursing	Mark Phillips Private EMS Agency Administration	Christopher Parrott Air Medical
Cody Killmar Pre-hospital Agency Administration Career	Lara McLean EMS Education Instructor	Doug Dixon EMS Medical Director	Kirstin Weldin Idaho Transportation Department
Sarah Hirsch Trauma Surgeon	Troy Nelson Public Health Districts	Dr. Mark Urban Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician	Thomas Wright Third Service Non-Transport EMS
Bureau Staff			
Wayne Denny Bureau Chief	Jathan Nalls Branch Chief	Melissa Ball Branch Chief	Derek Coleman EMS Operations Manager
Stacy Rodgers Program Specialist	Nic Montoya Records Supervisor	Kaycee Alvarado Senior Administrative Assistant	Renee Houston Field Coordinator
Gail Zarr Program Specialist	Maegan Kautz Program Specialist	Tim Rienstra Field Coordinator	Marta Tanikuni Branch Chief
Kristi Matthews Administrative Assistant			



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09:00 – 09:05	Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (Action Items) Review/Approval of November Minutes & Changes to the Agenda	Mark Babson/Debby Carscallen
	Motion to approve by Zach Peterson. Seconded by Mark Phillips. Changes to the agenda include removing the mental health program funding cuts discussion.	
09:05 – 09:15	Welcome/Introduction - New Members	Mark Babson
	New members were introduced, and they provided a brief background on careers/interest in EMS.	
09:15 – 09:30	TSE and EMSC	Melissa Ball/Stacy Rodgers
	Melissa asked the group if they are interested in keeping the TSE EMS designations. Consensus is to continue with this designation. Group wants to figure out the data info Image Trend can offer and if they can accommodate needs.	
09:30 – 09:40	Legislative Updates	Wayne Denny
	Mark Babson had people reach out about what it looks like to take things from code to rule. Got a small group together to discuss the process.	
09:40 – 10:00	General EMS Updates	Jathan Nalls/Derek Coleman
	Jathan discussed Broselow Tape and how the bureau website IdahoEMS.org has the correct version agencies need listed to replace recalled version.	

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	It was discussed that the DEA created a new registry category “Emergency Medical Services Agency.”	
10:00 – 10:15	Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) – Medical Direction Overview	Dr. Curtis Sandy
	The CAG has plans to go over protocols.	
10:15 – 11:00	Meridian Fire Community Risk Reduction Fall Prevention Program	Carly Shears
	Carly went over the program details. For more information, please email cshears@meridiacity.org .	
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK	BREAK
11:15 – 11:30	General EMSAVE Grants Discussion (Standing Item)	Marta Tanikuni and Gail Zarr
	Meeting attendees discussed the EMSAVE grant. Specifically, how the application process works regarding system vs. agency application. The discussion that occurred included possibly looking into the scoring matrix and the overall intent of the grant.	
11:30 – 12:00	Idaho Rural Health Transformation Grant Update	Wayne Denny
	A five-year grant with an amount of over 900 million dollars. Grant is in the hands of legislators to discuss where and how it should be funded.	
12:00 – 12:30	WORKING LUNCH	WORKING LUNCH
12:30 – 2:15	Statewide Strategic Plan Discussion – Survey Results & Next Steps	Wayne Denny
	The results of the survey were broken up into the top 13 recommendations to include in the strategic plan. Those top 13 results were combined/consolidated into 8 recommendations. Those	

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	top 8 recommendations will be sent out to EMSAC members and the top 5 from that list will be identified and then later decided upon if they will be included in the strategic plan.	
2:15 – 2:45	Statewide Mental Health Program - Funding Cuts (TENTATIVE)	TBD
	This topic was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. No discussion.	
2:45 – 4:25	Subcommittee Report Outs (Action Items) • Administrative – Peterson • EMS Education – McLean • Transportation - Weldin Workgroup Report Out (Action Items) • EMS Mental Health – McLean • EMSAVE Grant Application Process/Eligibility – Wright	Subcommittee/Workgroup Chairs
	Next big, planned task for admin committee is scoring the FY27 grants applicants. Lara McLean was not present to provide an update. Kirstin reported that ITD does have EMS grant funding available but the knowledge of what it can be used on is very limited. Funding can't be used for medical specific purposes. Funding can be used for training purposes.	
4:25 – 4:30	Upcoming Meetings: • EMSAC: TBD • Final Questions/Discussion	EMS Bureau Staff/ Debby Carscallen/Mark Babson
	June 10 th tentative meeting date	

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