

EMS Advisory Committee – February Meeting Minutes



Location: Chinden Campus – Bldg 8
11331 W. Chinden Blvd Boise, ID 83714& Webex

Date: February 13th, 2024
Time: 09:00AM – 3:30PM MST

Committee Members:			
Mark Babson - Chair Career Provider CHEMS	John Haugh Emergency Medical Technician Administrative	Emergency Department Physician Vacant	Greg Vickers Idaho Hospital Association
Debby Carscallen - Vice Chair Pre-hospital Agency Administration Volunteer EMS Education, CHEMS	Robert Kohler Emergency Manager EMS Education	Zachary Peterson Volunteer EMS Provider Administrative	Shawn Rayne Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
Ricky Bowman Public Health Districts – South Representative	Mike McGrane State Board of Nursing	Mark Phillips Private EMS Agency Administration	Michael Weimer Air Medical Administrative,
Jon Perry Pre-hospital Agency Administration Career	Lara McLean EMS Education Instructor EMS Education/Mental Health - Chair	Dr. Curtis Sandy EMS Medical Director Administrative	Kirstin Weldin Idaho Transportation Department
Trauma Surgeon Sarah Hirsch	Troy Nelson Public Health Districts – North Representative	Dr. Mark Urban Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician	Thomas Wright Third Service Non-Transport EMS Education
Bureau Staff			
Wayne Denny Bureau Chief	Jathan Nalls Program Manager	Melissa Ball TSE Supervisor	Derek Coleman EMS Supervisor
Stacy Connolly Program Specialist	Nic Montoya Compliance Supervisor	Kaycee Alvarado Administrative Assistant, II	Renee Houston Field Coordinator
Gail Zarr Program Specialist	Maegan Kautz Program Specialist, TSE	Tim Rienstra Field Coordinator	Marta Tanikuni Program Manager
Kristi Matthews Administrative Assistant I			

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Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (Action Items) Review/Approval of November Minutes & Changes to the Agenda	Robert Kohler made a motion to approve the November minutes. Kirstin Weldin seconded the motion. No opposition. Minutes approved.	Mark Babson/Debby Carscallen
Bureau Update (Standing Item)	Jathan provided updates on what has been happening in the bureau. He discussed rules, the website redo, and (reference slides)	Jathan Nalls/Derek Coleman
EMS Update (Standing Item)	Derek discussed complaints and investigations the bureau has received. There are currently 6 under review. Nic Montoya discussed licensure throughout the state. It included updates on agency licensure counts, personnel licensure totals, and initial licenses issued. Dr. Sandy asked for numbers of first year license holders did not renew. Nic will get those numbers sent out.	Jathan Nalls/Derek Coleman
TSE (Standing Item)	Stacy Connolly provided updates for TSE and EMSC. TSE Council goals were discussed. Facility reports will be distributed in March. There is a bill to repeal the Yellow Dot program. Bureau is keeping its eye on this bill to see what outcomes will be.	Melissa Ball
EMS Physician Commission Update (Standing Item)	Next meeting is Feb. 14, 2025. Bureau is working on getting protocols finalized. A question Dr. Sandy put out to the group is: Should there be a minimum scope requirement for agency levels? It was suggested that a workgroup be formed to discuss.	Dr. Curtis Sandy
Statewide F2 Radio/State Comm Update	46 Inspections completed across several counties. 9 out of 46 agencies had deficiencies. The majority of the issues were related to programming errors, which have since been resolved after proper programming of the radios.	Renee Houston/Tim Rienstra/Jeremy Elliott

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EMS Sustainability Update	Wayne provided updates on HB206. The bulk of the bill is about moving title 56 to title 46, meaning the bureau of EMS would move out on Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and move into the Idaho Military Division.	Wayne Denny
EMSAC Chair & Vice Chair Overview/Nominations (Action Item)	Jathan reviewed the history of the process of Chair and Vice Chair appointments which had the appointments made by the State Health Officer/Administrator for the Division of Public Health. With the uncertainty of House Bill 206 and its impact on the organization, it was decided to table nominations. Those interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair were encouraged to submit a statement of interest to the Bureau. Those will be forwarded to the Administrator.	Mark Babson/Debby Carscallen
DRAFT EMSAC Policy Review/Discussion (Action Item)	Marta reviewed the updates that were made. Some discussion was held over the changes. The primary change was to utilize the EMSAC webpage to communicate meeting outcomes and to have an opt in option for individuals to receive an email with notifications of changes. Committee members were asked to provide feedback prior to the end of February for consideration into the policy.	Marta Tanikuni
Statewide Naloxone Distribution Program Update (Standing Item)	With the program being by request only, the agency developed a saturation threshold goal of 73 kits per 100K. Upon review, there are many counties that are below that threshold. Efforts to increase requests to meet that threshold will be done with in person visits. Beginning in April visits to local Health Districts will begin. In addition to distributing the medication, fentanyl test strips are also being distributed.	Ken Bookamer
Findhelpidaho Review/Updates – United Way of Treasure Valley	Anne Wolverton walked through the Findhelpidaho website. She went through the different search parameters and how to search what you are specifically looking for.	Anne Wolverton

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EMSAVE Grants – DAG Review Update	Wayne discussed the response from the DAG regarding rural entities applying for a grant that are sharing a system license. The idea to form a workgroup to discuss this was suggested. Tom Wright agreed to spearhead and form the workgroup.	Wayne Denny/Jathan Nalls
General EMSAVE Grants Discussion (Standing Item)	Admin subcommittee is going to meet and discuss/come up with a document on what is expected on a narrative when agencies are submitting a grant application.	Marta Tanikuni
Statewide EMS Strategic Plan Development	Slides will be emailed out to EMSAC members who will work through the slides to determine goals for each of the recommendations.	Marta Tanikuni
Subcommittee Report Outs (Action Items) • Administrative – Peterson • EMS Education – McLean • Transportation - Weldin Workgroup Report Out (Action Items) • EMS Mental Health – McLean	Admin subcommittee waiting for grant cycle to end to provide a report out. No report out for transportation subcommittee. Lara reported education roll out for mental health. Well received in both initial EMT and fire academy classes.	Subcommittee/Workgroup Chairs
Upcoming Meetings:	• EMSAC: Meeting to occur May 8th, 2025 • EMSPC: Meeting to occur April 25th, 2025 with a roundtable the evening prior	EMS Bureau Staff/ Debby Carscallen/Mark Babson
Final Questions/Discussion	Motion to adjourn made by Debby. Moved by Mark Phillips and seconded by Robert Kohler. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.	

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