

State EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15th, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 11:17 a.m.

Call to Order by Mike Hansen- at 10:07 a.m.

EMS Roll Call Vote: Council Members Present: Richard Fantus M.D., Chief Michael Hansen, Chief Juan Hernandez, Lisa Krane, Kim Godden, Kevin Bernard, Sara Brown, Charles Kelly, Brad Robinson, Scott French, M.D., Ralph Gaul, Steve Peters, Martha Pettineo, Al Ponton, Adam Sowell, John Nowack, Micheal Gilbert, Ken Pearlman, M.D., Amy Crane, Dan Donahue, Stuart Schroeder, Cyd Gajewski

Approval of 2025 February13, EMS Meeting Minutes -Approved by S French & K Bernard

No Correspondence, no public comment

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT: Bobby Van Bebber

- See detailed report attached.

TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT – Dr. Richard Fantus

- We had a meeting on March 13th, we had our IDPH report, Joe gave a registry update, and we had 12,300 records for the Q 1/20/25.
- The Registry subcommittee meets regularly and has excellent attendance from all the regions.
- We clarified some definitions moving forward for 2025.
- We're still working on statewide benchmarking with Northwestern and they're putting together risk adjusted outcomes with our own data.
- We are utilizing data from our registry, so trauma centers do not feel the submission of data is competent lower extremity where the flow only goes one way.
- We have a new platform module for TNS revisions.
- Legislature has been busy for Level 3 and level 4 Acute Injury Stabilization Center. Once we get this through, I will put it forward to rename this AISC of level 4. So, we can fit it in with the rest of the Legislative Committee in conjunction with the Illinois Hospital Association and put a letter out surveying to all non-trauma hospitals in the state to see what type of resources they currently must get for a better understanding of what is available as we move forward to put together rules and regulations for what is required for Level 3 and 4 acute injury stabilization.

- We are also utilizing as a resource guide the American College of Surgeons Committee on trauma, who has a designation criterion already in place for those so that would be a template. The survey would be tabulated and we're looking to have a stakeholder meeting linked with one of the Advisory Council meetings for Trauma. It will most likely be a hybrid fashion with locations around the state centrally located.

EMS DATA: PATRICK SENNETT

- No Report

EMS EDUCATION: CONNIE MATTERA

- See detailed report attached.

EMS RECRUITMENT/RETENTION: STUART SCHROEDER

- No Report
- Connie would like to mention there is a webinar Friday, May 16th, starting at 9:00 AM put out by the EMS Leadership Academy on recruitment and retention with a panel of experts at a national level. They are going to be bringing forth successful strategies and you can sign up for free.

STATE STROKE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE: CHARLES KELLY

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kim would like to mention items from the EMT Recruitment and Retention Task Force are being worked on Including Legislation Senate Bill 711.
- Kim brought up the issue that was addressed downstate where non-EMS professionals are driving ambulances while two EMS professionals are with the patient. We put some provisions in there for that to happen under a waiver through IDPH, clarified some language on pass rates and created a pathway for us to have the 1st 40 hours of EMT class, and the MRI exam can be taken so individuals can be earning and learning at the same time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A I would also like to bring into light Senate Bill 2405, the State Ambulance Association. Ground ambulances. Were the only health care provider excluded from federal and the committee was put into place to look at suggestions to keep patients out of the middle and recommend the states pass their own legislation for fair and reimbursement. 87% of ground ambulance providers in the country are not in the network. There are no

negotiations since a patient doesn't look into their portal to determine a new network provider. They either call 911 or hospital calls an ambulance provider when they need to go to a higher level of care based on response time. We're still working on that and asking for clarification in the language for Senate Bill 711, where it discusses department approval tests besides the National Registry Exam to be administered by the EMS MD. Kim stated that was a point of discussion on the Recruitment and Retention Committee about an alternate pathway for individuals. It will continue to be discussed.

- Shannon asked regarding electronic T card usage, if there was a part of the language in the bill that stated it would not be required. Kim stated there was language about lead instructors and making sure we have a pathway to them. That was the only change she saw. Kim suggested she email Bobby for further explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- N/A

FUTURE EMS MEETINGS: VIA WEBEX 2025

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

JAC SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Motion to adjourn by Dr Fantus & R Graul ***Adjourned: 11:17am***