

State EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 7th, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Mike Hansen- at 10:02 a.m.

EMS Roll Call Vote: Council Members Present: Richard Fantus M.D., Connie Mattera, Chief Michael Hansen, Chief Juan Hernandez, Kim Godden, Kevin Bernard, Stuart Schroeder, Sara Brown (Proxy Mike Slade), Charles Kelly, Brad Robinson, Scott French, M.D., Ken Pearlman, M.D., Ralph Gaul, Lisa Kirane, Steve Peters, Amy Crane, Rebecca Tracy, M.D

Approval of 2024 May 9 EMS Meeting Minutes -Approved

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:

- Next meeting will be held December 12th.
- A new advocate Medical Center will be opening next fall in Chicago.
- We have been working on Rules for the Legislative and Planning Subcommittee and have met on several occasions. New legislation for the multi-tier trauma system that was passed will go into effect pending formal rules and regulations that need to be configured. We will have an existing level 1-2 and 3 and an acute injury stabilization center which in theory is a level 4, but we are not using level 4. We will have 4 levels of designation for trauma care.
- To apply. Those who are not currently trauma centers who are interested we are working on a survey to go out to non-trauma centers to see what kind of level of interest there is.
- We will be adding new rules for Level 3 and 4.
- Some of the waivers dating back to 1988 may be lifted and recommendation to go from a level 2 to a Level 3

EMS DATA: PATRICK SENNETT

- No Report

EMS EDUCATION: CONNIE MATTERA

- There was a meeting October 28th with over 100 people joining on the call.
- Update to the National Registry exam that went into effect on July 1st has a good outcome not only in Illinois but across the country. We've seen a bit of uptick in what the scores have been as well as the confidence level.
- There is a lot of help on the registry website as well as some of the vendors that people use for their learning management system or for your textbooks. There is now an electronic practice exam that people can take as well, with instructional information that you would be able to share with your educators and with your students so that they would be well prepared to take the test. We spoke a little bit on how our lead instructors and premier educators should be prepared and credentialed.
- In our last meeting of the National Association of State EMS Officials they've mentioned that they have a collaboration document that has been published. You can find that on the website.
- If anyone would like any copies of anything, I would be more than happy to forward that to you.
- We will have new updated competency documents starting in 2025 that have already been rolled into the Illinois CE competency model.
- We have site visits going on right now that are being recognized with no citations.
- Our next meeting is Monday, January 4th.

EMS RECRUITMENT/RETENTION: *STUART SCHROEDER*

- Discussion on proper PPE to wear with fevers of unknown origin.
- Working on funding, staffing and interest and mirroring the task force.
- Counties in Iowa are having trouble with staffing especially rural. They've made a referendum adornment on the ballot making an essential service with the charge of 75¢ for \$1000 assessment, all 7 counties passed unanimously by 70%.
- Our next meeting is December 7th for recruitment and retention. I will be bringing up that assessment fee at our next meeting.

STATE STROKE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE: *CHARLES KELLY*

- No Report

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: *ARIEN HERMANN*

- No Report
- Connie did want to mention preparing for any new diseases' popping up. We do have the swine flu, the bird flu, and another virus that we have been watching.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike would like to mention MedStar Ambulance and they have been reaccredited as a 59th Center of Excellence. Congratulations Chuck Kelly and your team at Med Star.
- Mike has mentioned dates for 2025 council meetings.
- Mike would like to see discussion about EMS as an essential service in Illinois. Documenting or getting a something into the form for a legislative standpoint.
- Connie mentioned the EMS agenda and education agenda for future may be in the process of an update after taking a poll asking stakeholders around the country.
- Connie mentioned a hybrid approach to education so we may stay connected with what we are teaching and how we are measuring competency.
- Charles Kelly would like to invite Dr Tataris to the Committee for Essential Services. Connie mentioned we would certainly like to have experts contributing to the discussion.
- Stuart discussed Representative Hauter and Senator Anderson. He believes are really on top of essential services. They are on the EMT task force.
- Stuart will follow up with some of his contacts in Iowa and see how they have promoted essential services and will also bring that up in the retention committee.
- Connie asked to keep members informed through websites, education programs, and communication with your members. As far as retention and recruitment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- N/A

FUTURE EMS MEETINGS: VIA WEBEX 2025

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

MAY 15, 2025

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

JAC SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Motion to adjourn. *Adjourned: 11:30am*