

# Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	MSDH, Osborne Auditorium	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 6, 2025	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson* <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Andy Woodard (Resigned) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Suzanne Joslin* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Ryan Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Welborn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Eric Valles* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Davis* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Kendall McKenzie* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Clyde Deschamp <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pete Avara <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallis* <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ben Yarborough <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Amber Kyle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Mark Galtelli <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tyler Blalock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Billy Taylor* <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson	<b><u>State EMS Medical Director</u></b> Dr. Bob Galli  <b><u>Meeting Facilitator:</u></b> Ms. Teresa Windham - MSDH  <b><u>MSDH Staff Present:</u></b> Ms. Teresa Windham - OEMSACS Director Ms. Christy Berry - OEMSACS Deputy Director Ms. Courtney Day - OEMSACS Mr. Edwin Mitchell - OEMSACS Ms. Tammy Wells - OEMSACS Mr. Jonathan Wright - OEMSACS  <b><u>MSDH Staff:</u></b> Richard Burdine* Elaine Coleman* Billie Collier* Joshua Dawson* Stacie Graham* Katianne High* Stacey Maurer* Bethany McKissack* Andrew Nguyen*  *Meeting via ZOOM
	<b><u>GUESTS:</u></b> Dr. Rick Carlton* Matt Edwards - MTCF Dr. Michelle Goreth Patrick Graham* - NMMC Victoria Hickerson* Metro Ambulance* Scott Kolle* - MCCB Christy McGregor	Norman Miller - ASAP EMS Noel Morgan* Benji Sessums - MS EMS Educators Dr. Harper Stone* Chase Thompson* Michelle Tompleton Kathryn Turney Bridget Watkins*

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I	Call to Order	Dr. Edney called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
II	Roll Call	Ms. Windham advised that there was a quorum.
III	Old Business	<p>Dr. Edney held a moment of silence for the staff of AirCare 3.</p> <p><b>Review Minutes of Previous March 7, 2025, Meeting</b>            Motion by Dr. Donald            2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Kyle            None opposed.</p> <p><b>Office of EMS and Acute Care Systems Report - Ms. Windham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Stacy is working on reaching out to someone in the insurance industry to sit in on the EMS of the Future subcommittee that he leads.</li> <li>• Strategic Plan - A small group met with Dr. Stacy. He is incorporating that into his work group</li> <li>• Report on the EMS Workforce Survey - attached               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sent to 6,652 active users</li> <li>○ Received 875 responses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dr. Edney recommended requiring completion of the EMS Survey as part of the renewal process.</li> <li>• EMS Commissioners met, they are looking to put together a committee to explore criminal history, background checks, and a practice evaluation committee, especially for compact states. (Standards for all compact states)</li> <li>• NASEMSO - Narcan Leave Behind discussed; automated transport, standard for education programs, and removing programs that are not meeting the standard.</li> <li>• Data Acquisition &amp; Governance – workgroup formed to look at how EMS data is shared; including personal information as well as EMS Agency information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Report on the Mississippi EMS Dashboard - Mr. Wright</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the EMS Dashboard. It will be made available on the EMS website.</li> <li>• Discussed the number of records received since January and importance of agencies ensuring data submitted on time. We will be transitioning to Nemesis 3.5.1.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National EMS Quality Alliance has a Lights and Sirens Collaborative. This is the national effort to decrease lights, sirens, and accidents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Investigations: Complaints/Concerns - Mr. Mitchell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigations: Complaints/Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Received - 101 (YTD)</li> <li>Closed - 58</li> <li>Open/In Progress 43 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gathering Evidence - 36</li> <li>Monitoring/Track and Trend (6 months) - 5</li> <li>Awaiting the outcome of the trial - 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Validity of Complaints/Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantiated - 57</li> <li>Unsubstantiated - 6</li> <li>Inconclusive - 38</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dr. Deschamp - It might be helpful if there were a link on this side to complaints about other entities.</p> <p>Ms. Windham shared if we receive those complaints we work with other areas in the Department to investigate.</p> <p>Dr. Edney shared we can file complaints for all the entities we regulate, including the hospitals, nursing homes, and restaurants. There is a complaint portal for hospitals.</p> <p><b>Committee and Subcommittee Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>MDTQA/Performance Improvement - Dr. Galli</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have at least one ground service that is maintaining or a program of providing blood transfusions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients to date - 8</li> <li>Average units of blood - 2</li> <li>All patients are doing well.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Currently the only concern, unless we can get some kind of way where nationally there will be a process to be able to bill for the blood, then each service will have to get creative.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PI Committee met again, and there are excellent initiatives that we're working on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with Image Trend and team, I think we are going to be able to dig down and do any kind of study we want.</li> <li>Need to reinforce the concern for ambulance services to provide records on time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>MDTQA/Performance Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A request was made to expand the scope of practice for AEMTs to use benzodiazepines for pediatric procedures.</li> <li>After thorough discussion and review, it was determined no changes would be made to the current scope at this time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dr. Galli stated he tendered his resignation last month but will continue to help us with the transition to new leadership. Dr. Edney thanked Dr. Galli for his service.</p> <p><b><u>MTAC - Future Goals Adopted - Dr. Donald</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeff Tabor of the Arkansas Trauma System presented today regarding the Centralized Trauma Communication System they have in Arkansas. They have an up-to-date trauma dashboard with Juvare showing the capability of every hospital in their trauma system in real time. They can make recommendations to EMS services on where to take those patients.</li> <li>Trauma Rules and Regulations will have changes for the next meeting. Discussed the addition of some Charlie Criteria that was recommended by the Clinical Effectiveness Committee.</li> <li>Trauma Registry is improving; continue to work to get historical data transferred to new system.</li> <li>Trauma Systems Consult; there is another organization in Arkansas. Ms. Windham is looking into the price.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Blalock - Armbands were issued to all trauma patients as a way to track throughout the system. This may be useful for us at some point.</p>

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		<p><b><u>Rules and Regulations - Dr. Wilson</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 1 Subchapter 5, -see attached document related to color of ambulance.</li> </ul> <p>Motion – to accept changes as written - Subcommittee 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr. McKenzie In Favor – 11 Opposed – 4 Motion Carries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 10, New language inserted to create rule 10.7.3, which outlines a process for reciprocity for Critical Care Paramedics coming from other states. (see attached documents)</li> <li>Dr. Carlton - This seems a reasonable solution to allow people to comply when transferring to Mississippi.</li> <li>Mr. Galtelli – asked if we could also move forward with the remaining changes that were sent previously.</li> </ul> <p>Motion – Subcommittee All in favor – motion carries</p> <p><b><u>Education and Workforce - Mr. Galtelli</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education &amp; Workforce met and put forth the curriculum rewrite to remove collegiate A&amp; P as a requirement. This has been adopted.</li> <li>Recruiting campaign update. A national company was engaged; he will present the data analysis at the next meeting. Working with the Mississippi Ambulance Alliance.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Telemedicine &amp; EMS of the Future - Dr. Jason Stacy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Windham - Dr. Stacy is not joining. No action items. The group met, another meeting is scheduled, and he is working with the strategic plan.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b><u>EMS for Children - Dr. Chet Shermer</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Berry – Dr. Shermer is not joining. We met this week and rolled out the Pediatric Hospital EOP Template. Even though there wasn't a quorum, we are sending it out for a vote.</li> <li>Ms. Berry - When this is ready, we will work with the MSDH Division of Strategic Planning and Response to move forward, work with hospitals, and incorporate Pediatrics in strategic planning. No action items.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>STEMI/Stroke Advisory - Ms. Christy McGregor</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mississippi Cares Registry update - national benchmarks in everything except for the last three metrics we looked at which were: sustained ROSC, survival to hospital discharge, and favorable neurological prognosis. We were at 3.3 versus 8.2 for national.</li> <li>STEMI and Stroke, improvements this time and with mortality.</li> </ul>
IV	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Edney - The OB system of care is on the go. The Board of Health has approved of us moving forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Stakeholder meeting kicked off a few weeks ago and was well attended – he thanked Ms. Windham for her work on this meeting.</li> <li>Discussed neonatal transport issues in the state but actively working towards resolving those problems.</li> <li>Provided an overview of how the OB System of Care will look and operate. It will function much like the Trauma System of Care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mr. Galtelli – Acknowledged the information Ms. Windham shared with group related to certification/ licensure of EMS. He would like to see EMS Rules and Regulations updated to see providers licensed rather than certified. Ms. Windham stated this was listed in statute, and would need to be updated there.</li> </ul>
V	Open Discussion/ Announcements	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 5, 2025</li> <li>December 5, 2025</li> </ul>



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VI	Adjournment	Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS			
#		Responsible	Due Date
I	Require completion of EMS Survey as part of certification renewal process	OEMSACS	Next meeting
II	Provide EMS Dashboard on the MSDH EMS website	OEMSACS	Prior to next meeting
III	Revision to EMS Rules and Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update Chapter 1 – Subchapter 5 (ambulance color)</li><li>Insert Rule 10.7.3 (Critical Care Paramedic reciprocity)</li></ul>	OEMSACS	Next meeting
IV	Update on the Recruitment and Retention campaign	Mr. Galtelli	Next meeting