



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)	
Meeting Location:	MSDH, Osborne Auditorium	
Meeting Date:	December 5, 2025	
Time:	1:02 p.m.	
Attendees:	<p><u>Council Members (X = Present):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daniel Edney, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. W. Duncan Donald III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeremy Rogers* <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jonathan Wilson* <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hugh Gamble <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hans H. Tulip <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Pam Wallis* <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Mr. Billy Taylor* <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jason Stacy <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Claude Brunson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. David Grayson* 	<p><u>State EMS Medical Director</u> Dr. John McCarter</p> <p><u>Meeting Facilitator:</u> Ms. Teresa Windham - MSDH</p> <p><u>MSDH Staff Present:</u> Ms. Teresa Windham Ms. Christy Berry Ms. Courtney Day Mr. Edwin Mitchell Ms. Tammy Wells Mr. Jonathan Wright</p> <p><u>MSDH Staff:</u> Richard Burdine* Elaine Coleman* Katieanne McMillen* Tina Riles* Alex Woods* *Meeting via ZOOM</p>
	<p><u>GUESTS:</u> Justin Allen - Rankin Co. EMA Dr. Rick Carlton* - Board of Health Chuck Carter - AAA Ambulance Matt Edwards* - MTCF Brian Grantham - Rankin Co. EMA Juvonda Hodge* - UMMC Burn Britt Hughey - NAEMT Christy McGregor* - MHCA Norman Miller - ASAP EMS</p>	<p>Benji Sessums - MS EMS Educators Dr. Chet Shermer Brad Shirley - EMS Educator Scott Stinson* Chase Thompson* iPhone 35* Jeffrey Welborn - Municipal Skylar Del Vescovo* User 6626361162*</p>



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I	Call to Order	Dr. Edney called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
II	Roll Call	Quorum present
III	Old Business	<p>Review Minutes of the previous September 5, 2025, Meeting Dr. Edney asked if anyone had questions, corrections, additions, or deletions concerning the previous meeting. There were none. He stated the minutes were approved as presented.</p> <p>Office of EMS and Acute Care Systems Report - Ms. Windham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reported under Old Business that the EMS Dashboard was discussed, with no additional updates. <p>Report on the Mississippi EMS Dashboard - Mr. Wright</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMS Dashboard was reviewed, with the number of incidents noted to have exceeded last year's total. • Discussion covered patient transports, call volumes, and agency reporting. • A comparison was made between state data and NEMSCO national averages for asthma, hypoglycemia, stroke, and trauma. • The number of certified personnel as of November was reviewed. <p>Ms. Kyle asked if EMS reporting is being validated similar to trauma reporting. OEMSACS is currently working with agencies to complete this process.</p> <p>Dr. Edney emphasized that, as part of the grant requirements, it is necessary to demonstrate how the funds were utilized and to provide evidence that the funding is making a measurable difference.</p> <p>Dr. Edney stated that funding details will be known by the end of the month.</p> <p>Investigations: Complaints/Concerns - Mr. Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations: Complaints/Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Received - 223 (YTD) ○ Closed - 158 ○ Open/In Progress 65 • Validity of Complaints/Concerns



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Substantiated - 143 ○ Unsubstantiated - 13 ○ Inconclusive - 67 ● Top Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fingerprint background reviews ○ Rules and Regulations violations ○ EMS interactions (with the public and facilities) <p>Ms. Windham asked EMS providers/operators to make sure all their trucks in service have permits. Random inspections will be carried out across the state.</p> <p>Committee and Subcommittee Reports</p> <p><u>MDTQA/Performance Improvement - Dr. McCarter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee was assigned the responsibility of developing model protocols for statewide use. ● Priority will be given to addressing the imminent threat of infant mortality in the state, in collaboration with subject matter experts. ● Long-term goals include a focus on OB, with future consideration of cardiovascular and trauma care. ● An in-depth discussion was held regarding the Performance Improvement Committee’s review of STEMI and PCI Transfers, the EMS Run Report Summary, and the PCI Center Map. ● Further discussion addressed the National EMS Benchmark Comparison and case reviews. ● Transport delays greater than 45 minutes are interfacility. ● Next meeting January 20, 2026 <p>Dr. Edney requested that Dr. McCarter present recommendations on RSI/Intubation at the next meeting, with the intent of proposing regulatory changes as indicated.</p> <p><u>MTAC - Dr. Donald</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee is working with the new registry to ensure all data is entered by March 31st. Trauma funding will be withheld from hospitals that fail to submit any data by that



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		<p>date. If no data is submitted by November 13th, one week prior to the final meeting of the year, funding will be withheld.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is underway on revisions to the Rules and Regulations for all trauma centers, in alignment with the 2022 standards issued by the American College of Surgeons. These updates are intended to reflect the recent changes and bring state standards more closely in line with national guidelines. The committee anticipates completing this work by the next meeting in February. <p><u>Rules and Regulations - Dr. Wilson (Teresa Windham)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Windham reported that the age requirement of 18 has been removed from Chapters 4, 6, 7, and 8. And the requirement for A&P updated. • Motion – Mr. Blalock 2nd Ms. Kyle <p>All in favor - motion carries</p> <p><u>Education and Workforce - Mr. Galtelli</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap assessment was unsuccessful in identifying gaps. The workforce survey is needed. • Efforts are underway to identify barriers related to education, cost, and scheduling, while exploring creative approaches to establish transformative and sustainable methods moving forward. • Next meeting January 20th. • Recruiting campaigns for the foundation are approaching 1.5 million engagements across social media platforms. <p><u>Telemedicine & EMS of the Future - Dr. Jason Stacy(Teresa Windham)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Windham - The group met and completed a document survey that was sent to approximately 50 people to obtain individual perspectives on EMS and ways to improve. Dr. Stacy is compiling the information and will be sending the document out to the group for review. <p><u>EMS for Children - Dr. Chet Shermer</u></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reported a productive year, highlighted by the adoption of the Mississippi Tribal Pediatric Designations for various hospitals. A task group was formed to review the requirements associated with the state’s EMS recognition issues. Hospitals have been designated as champions for pediatric care, and development of the EMS recognition plan is now underway. Meeting dates for FY 2026: February 24, 2026 May 26, 2026 August 18, 2026 November 17, 2026 <p><u>STEMI/Stroke Advisory - Ms. Christy McGregor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outcome metrics for the STEMI system of care showed improvement this quarter, with the exception of overall AMI mortality. The PI is collaborating with hospitals to review potential case misclassification in those instances. All key performance indicators for stroke care showed improvement this quarter, including mortality. Identified areas of opportunity include collaboration with thrombectomy centers to reduce door-to-device time. Reminder: CARES participants, corrected errors needed by 12/19. The symposium is February 21st, at the Sheraton.
IV	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Edney stated that funding levels will be determined by the end of the year, pending approval of the application. It was noted that funding will not be distributed as direct payments; instead, funds will be allocated through programs for which providers may be eligible.
V	Open Discussion/ Announcements	<p>Upcoming Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 27, 2026 May 29, 2026 August 21, 2026 November 20, 2026



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VI	Adjournment	Dr. Edney adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS			
#		Responsible	Due Date
I	Breakdown of EMS certifications by type over last 3 years.	OEMSACS	Next meeting
II	Validity of concerns, 143 substantiated, broken down into categories of offense.	OEMSACS	Next meeting
III	RSI/Intubation recommendations to propose regulation updates.	Dr. McCarter	Next meeting
IV	Update to EMS Rules & Regulations: delete prerequisite age of 18; delete A&P requirement (8.6.2)	OEMSACS	To Board of Health April 2026