



Emergency Medical Services Council



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Executive Committee
Monday, June 10, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
online

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Draft Summary

Present	Absent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Susan Long, NRP, EMS Council Chair 2. Peter Tanghe, MD, EMS Medical Directors Committee Chair 3. Tony Martin, Operations Committee Chair 4. Nick Simpson, MD, Medical Standards Committee Chair 5. Mike Morelock, Quality Standards Committee Chair 	
Guests	Staff
Todd Joing, MD, Immediate Past EMS Council Chair	Kristin Mellstrom, HC Public Health

1. The meeting was called to order by EMS Council Chair Susan Long at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum assembled.
2. The March 11, 2024 meeting summary and today’s agenda were approved.

3. Nominations to move to the EMS Council – None received

4. **New Business**

A. Vice Chair of the EMS Council open seat

The new Vice Chair will need to be a physician because the Chair/Vice Chair seats rotate between Administrative and Physician representatives. Staff and the Chair will send a letter to the EMS Council physicians to look for nominations for this open seat.

B. Nominations for hospital system representatives

With the 2023 EMS Council Bylaws change, representation for hospitals was pared down to one representative (a regular and an alternate, one of whom must be a physician) for each hospital system. Per the current Bylaws, the following hospitals/systems would each have one representative and one alternate: Allina Health; Children's Hospitals; Hennepin Health-HCMC; Methodist-Health Partners-Park Nicollet; MHealth-Fairview (UMMC and Southdale); North Memorial Health; and Ridgeview Medical Center.

A significant change will be to the MHealth Fairview system that currently a seat for both Southdale ED and one seat for the three UMMC hospital EDs. Dr. Joing explained that the EDs in the two locations operate independently from one another, so it would be challenging to find a physician or administrator who could represent both locations.

Chair Long suggested that, because this is an EMS-focused council, a letter could be sent to the hospitals that also have EMS representation and they could work with their system's ED Medical Directors to find nominees for the regular and alternate seats for that system.

In the case of Southdale and UMMC EDs, neither have EMS representation on the EMS Council because MHealth Fairview University system does not operate 9-1-1 EMS that serves Hennepin County. Both hospitals receive many patients from 9-1-1 EMS providers that serve Hennepin County: Southdale is involved in responses for patients that require the ECMO truck, which is currently stationed at an Edina Fire Station. UMMC EDs receive many patients for a variety of care needs including behavioral health and pediatric care. The discussion about a single representative for both locations was tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Long and Staff will send a note to EMS and ED Medical Directors to begin the nomination process; discussion will continue at the next EMS Council Executive Committee meeting.

C. **Action:** Reschedule Fall EMS Council meeting - Approved

Staff will send a new invitation for Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 4:30pm, online

D. 2024 Legislative Updates and EMS Council

The EMS Council EMS Medical Directors Committee recently began a discussion about the changes to the structure and membership of the EMSRB that were approved by the

2024 MN State Legislature, to be enacted Jan. 1, 2025. This committee will continue to monitor the activity at the state level and seek information from the MN Ambulance Association, legislators and other contacts and bring updates to the next meeting.

5. Staffing Study Update- Staff

EMS Council committees thoroughly discussed the data needed to answer the County Board of Commissioners' questions regarding staffing configurations, associated costs, recruitment and retention challenges, and equitable service across the communities in the county. Due to significant concerns of EMS Providers about data privacy, Staff did not receive any of the requested data. Upon consultation with the County Attorney's Office, it was agreed that these data are not subject to the data reporting requirements in Ordinance 9.

Staff used public MNStar data provided by the EMSRB, to write a first report which compared clinical performance measure outcomes between 9-1-1 crews utilizing a two-paramedic model versus a one paramedic and one EMT model. The report was submitted to the County Board in April.

The second part of the report, referenced above, that would require EMS Provider data on staffing recruitment, training, retention, and labor costs, is due July 1, 2024. The report is on hold until Staff receives further direction from Hennepin County leadership.

6. Committee Chair Updates

A. EMS Medical Directors – Dr. Pete Tanghe

Current projects include work with the east metro and within Hennepin County EMS and First Responders to review the different approaches to out of hospital cardiac arrest care.

B. Medical Standards – Dr. Nick Simpson – The committee has not met in the last quarter.

C. Operations Committee – Tony Martin

The committee will renew efforts to update the hospital destination matrix, which is often requested by medics when seeking appropriate dispositions for patients. Dan K., at West MRCC is working on the initial updates then Staff will reach out to ED Medical Directors and/or ED Administrator contacts to request updated information about special teams/care at each hospital.

D. Quality Committee – Mike Morelock

The committee approved the use of Overall Survival, a CARES data point, for a cardiac arrest metric for the EMS Council; this new QA metric will be brought to the EMS Council this fall.

The committee continues to discuss the use of public data sources such as CARES and MNStar for all EMS Council QA/QI metrics (stroke, cardiac arrest, and trauma).

Committee members described a number of technical issues and concerns regarding the interpretations of the data definitions in NEMESIS-based MNStar and how EMS Providers' ePCRs are mapped to MNStar. The committee will continue discussions about ways to reduce the burden on EMS Providers that currently send quarterly

metrics data to Staff. If public data sources could be used, it may also be easier to access the data for research or projects beyond the monitoring and reporting requirements in Ordinance 9.

7. **Future Standing Meetings**

Exec. Committee meetings - online

Second Mondays 1:00-2:30p.m. in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

EMS Council meetings - online

Second Thursday 3:00-4:30 p.m. in April

*Rescheduled for this fall: First Thursday of October (Oct. 3, 2024) 3:00-4:30pm

8. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

