



Emergency Medical Services Council



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Executive Committee

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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6250 Tracy Avenue, Edina 55436

Draft Summary

Present	Absent
1. Todd Joing, MD, EMS Council Chair 2. Michelle London, MD, Medical Standards Committee Chair 3. Angela Walker, EMT-P, Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee Chair 4.	1. Marc Conterato, MD, Quality Committee Chair 2. Paul Nystrom, MD, Ambulance Medical Directors Subcommittee Chair 3. Vacant, Operations Committee Chair (not counted in quorum)
Guests	Staff
	1. Kristin Mellstrom

1. The meeting was called to order by EMS Council Chair Joing at 1:01 p.m., with a quorum assembled.
2. The June 8, 2020 Executive Committee meeting summary and today’s agenda were approved by consent.

3. Nominations to EMS Council and committee seats and vacancies

The following nominations approved to move to the EMS Council April 9, 2020 meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the April council meeting was cancelled, so these nominations will be moved to the Oct. 8, 2020 EMS Council meeting. In the meantime, staff will email a notice to membership to submit nominations for open seats.

EMS Council

- Vacant - Vice Chair, EMS Council (Administrator)
- Chris Breitbach - as MHealth/Fairview University alt. admin. rep. (vacant seat)
- Anna DePompolo, M.D., to replace Paula Kocken, M.D. as admin. rep. for Children's Hospital
- Vacant - MHealth Fairview alt. admin. rep.
- Vacant - Hennepin Healthcare HCMC admin. rep.
- Vacant - Hennepin Healthcare HCMC alt. admin. rep.
- Vacant – North Memorial Health Medical Center alt. emergency physician
- Nick Simpson, M.D., to replace Jeff Ho, M.D. as ambulance medical director
- Jeff Ho, M.D., to replace Nick Simpson, M.D. as alt. Hennepin EMS ambulance medical director
- Marty Scheerer as Hennepin EMS admin/other rep. (vacant seat)
- Ryan Mayfield as Hennepin EMS alt. admin/other rep. (vacant seat)
- Peter Tanghe, M.D. to replace Marc Conterato, M.D. as ambulance medical director for North Memorial Health Ambulance
- Vacant – Alt. Ambulance medical director for North Memorial Health Ambulance
- Scott Sampey as North Memorial Health Ambulance admin/other rep.
- Anthony Ebensteiner as North Memorial Health Ambulance admin/other alt. rep.
- Vacant – Ridgeview Medical Center admin/other alt. rep.
- Vacant - Primary Public Safety Answering Point rep.

Medical Standards Committee

- Chair nomination – Michelle London, MD offered to continue as Chair until COVID-19 epidemic work has decreased
- Vacant - ALS service administrator/manager rep. from an unscheduled ambulance provider

Ambulance Medical Directors Committee

- Nick Simpson, M.D. to replace Jeff Ho, M.D. as AMD for Hennepin EMS
- Peter Tanghe, M.D. to replace Marc Conterato, M.D. as AMD for North Memorial Health Ambulance

Operations Committee

- Vacant – ambulance medical director from an unscheduled ambulance provider
- Vacant - Hennepin EMS rep.
- Vacant – North Memorial Health Ambulance rep.
- Vacant – Public representative without EMS industry affiliation

Quality Committee

- Chair nomination- Marc Conterato, MD offered to continue as Chair until COVID-19

epidemic work has decreased

- Anna DePompolo, M.D. as admin. rep. from a medical control hospital (Children’s Hospital)

4. 2020 Work Plan and Committee Updates:

Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee (Walker)

The subcommittee did not meet last quarter.

Ambulance Medical Directors Subcommittee (Staff, on behalf of Nystrom)

The subcommittee did not meet last month due to COVID-19 work.

Medical Standards Committee (London)

The committee has not met since the October 2019 council meeting. Several committee members were involved in Ordinance 9 work group meetings until COVID-19 work delayed scheduled Ordinance 9 work. Ordinance 9 and work plan projects will resume when the Executive Committee of the EMS Council determines that committee work should restart, after COVID-19 work has decreased.

The chair seat is being held over while EMS Council committees were suspended. The current chair, Dr. London, offered to continue as chair until the committee meets again and chooses a new chair.

Operations Committee (Staff)

The committee had not been meeting while the focus of most operations work has been to complete the ordinance review and was subsequently suspended due to COVID-19 work. The chair seat is currently vacant. When the committee meets again, members will choose a new chair.

Quality Committee (Staff, on behalf of Conterato)

Q1-4 2019 and Q1 2020 Response Time Standard Report – Staff requested all 2019 and Q1-2 2020 response time data from the five ambulance services and from the EMSRB to compare data sets and create new reports. Four of the five services have submitted data that can be used for reports. One ambulance service is working to review its data to ensure that it’s being reported accurately.

Staff has received a response from the EMSRB data manager, who is reviewing the quality of the data in MNStar before it is distributed publicly. There are differences in the types of data submitted to MNStar. Staff will continue to work with the EMSRB on this data request.

Committee Chair

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5. Old Business

a. Standing Item: Medical control radio checks (Staff)

Staff updated contacts at each of the 16 medical control hospitals; most hospitals have completed monthly radio checks in the last quarter, however, four of sixteen medical control hospitals in the Hennepin EMS Council system continue to have inconsistent monthly checks. Staff will continue to engage with contacts at those hospitals to encourage that monthly checks are completed and reported. In the past quarter, there have been no incidents reported to council staff that medics were unable to access medical control when they hailed or called a hospital, except during the extensive hospital closures and diversions that occurred during the periods of civil unrest in May and June.

b. Ordinance 9 Review Work Group update (Staff)

Work to update the ordinance proceeded through the scheduled board briefing on Feb. 20, 2020, but the public hearing scheduled in March was postponed due to COVID-19 and the local state of emergency declaration. The original timeline was to hold the public hearing, then the County Board of Commissioners would take action on the proposed changes to the ordinance by the end of May. The new ordinance could then be on the June agenda of Executive Committee of the EMSRB and moved to the full EMSRB meeting in July. This timeline will need to be revised to meet new deadlines for a public hearing and county and EMSRB meeting schedules after the EMS Council reconvenes and determines if new work needs to be done on the proposed ordinance changes before it can move to a public hearing and subsequent board action requests.

This update will be presented to the EMS Council at its Oct. 8 meeting, with a discussion of next steps to resume this process either by setting a date to re-assess when this work could restart or setting a tentative date to reconvene the Ordinance 9 Work Group and resume this work.

6. New Business

a. Action: Approve revised 2020 meeting calendar and work plan

The committee agreed that holding the EMS Council on Oct. 8 would be useful to reconnect council members, reflect on work that was in progress until COVID-19 abruptly suspended all council business, and plan for the upcoming six months. The 2021 work plan will be reviewed and tentative plans for resumption of committee work will be discussed at the upcoming council meeting.

- Meetings - 2020

- Exec. Committee meetings - Edina Fire Department, Station #1 Mondays 1:00-2:30p.m.
Dec. 14 or online

- EMS Council meetings - Thursday 3:00-4:00p.m. Oct. 8 online

- Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.