

**EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 15, 2021  
Virtual Attendance Via Teams**

**Members Present:** Tim Meyer, Jeff Sather, Kelly Dollinger, Curt Halmrast, RJ Benth, Kari Enget, Adam Parker

**Members Not Present:** Lynette Dickson, Karin Mongeon, Theo Stoller, Tim Blasl

**DoH Representation:** Christine Greff, Sam Harrison, Kerry Krikava, Chris Price, Deb Dutchuk, Rocksanne Peterson

**Others Present:** Lindsey Narloch, Corrie Geurts, Ken Rensch, PJ Ringdahl, Ron Lawler, Chris Montera, Patricia Hardy, Sandra O'Connor, Cheryl Flick, Heather Christianson, Jeremy Mattison

**Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were made for all present.

**Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2020**

*Motion was made:* Approve minutes from January 21, 2021, as written.

Motion made by Kari Enget; second by Adam Parker.

No further discussion: Motion carried.

**Council Membership**

*Discussion/Update:* The council had a discussion regarding the position held by a someone from rural health. Kylie Nisson had once been a member of the council. Tim Meyer asked if that is a position that must be replaced. Chris stated that it is not a requirement. Tim felt that someone from rural health has always been a part of the council and it is a member at large position. This position is a recommended position from the council and appointed by state health officer. Theo Stoller and Adam Parker felt is fine to continue with the rural health representation.

*Action: Recommendation to approve Kylie Nisson as rural health representative as a member at large.*

*Motion was made:* to approve appointment.

Motion by Kari Enget; second by Theo Stoller. Motion carried.

*Discussion/Update:* The council also discussed the medical director adhoc/member at large position, it was suggested to appoint Dr. Kadon Hintz.

*Action: Recommendation to approve Dr. Kadon Hintz as the medical director adhoc a member at large.*

*Motion was made:* to approve appointment.

Motion by Adam Parker; second by Kelly Dollinger. Motion carried.

**Governance Document**

*Discussion/Update:* Chris gave an update on the Emergency Medical Systems website and stated the documents regarding the service area determination and needs criteria would be put on the website.

**NDEMSA Legislative Initiatives**

*Discussion/Update:* Adam Parker, no report.

**Other Legislative Updates**

*Discussion/Update:* Chris gave a legislative update: HB1186 Relating to rural ambulance service districts signed by Governor March 29. HB1463 Relating to armed first responder conceal, carry firearms signed by Governor April 19. Community paramedic, Adam is meeting with the Governor regarding it, alternative

destinations will direct us to create multiple licensure levels for EMT's. We are responsible for licensure rules and DHS will be responsible for payment. Chris talked about EMS compact will be implemented HB1073; HB1206 relating to EMS communication systems passed and signed by the Governor on April 19; SB2121 seatbelt failed; HB1435 passed and signed by the Governor on April 19; HB1146 technical correction issue passed and signed by the Governor on March 17; funding formula imposed on us HB1493, lack of concurrence, changed to use the median versus the mean, compels the county auditors to use the taxable property evaluation; SB2004 DOH budget there is a hearing regarding the FTE and the spending budget; HB1247 merger of DHS and DOH, September 1, 2022, the intent isn't to reduce FTE's, does not know what the governors intent is, anticipates this will move forward.

### **Rules (Title 33-11)**

*Discussion/Update:* Chris Price submitted the rules to the attorney general's office. He is still waiting for their response. He is anticipating he will hear more once the legislative session is over.

### **Process for Determining Service Areas**

*Discussion/Update:* Adam thanked the subcommittee members for their work on the documents and reviewed the recommendation on Service Area Determination document. The health department has regulation over the service areas. The council discussed the documents and the process. Chris spoke about situation that recently happened; the criteria was used, and he felt it worked well. This will put it in policy.

*Action:* Recognize and to accept the work done by the subcommittee.

*Motion was made:* to approve the documents and put into policy through the DOH and implement.

*Motion by* Kelly Dollinger, second by Curt Halmrast. Motion carried.

*Discussion/Update:* Adam Parker reviewed the Recommendation on Needs assessment Criteria document. Kelly asked about two ambulance services vying for services in one area. Both ambulance services would have to meet the needs criteria, you cannot have competing ambulances. The council discussed what would be the best interest of the city and the area. Theo Stoller asked what if the current area ambulance is not meeting the needs and someone wants to establish a new license, minimum standards were discussed.

*Action:* Recognize and to accept the work done by the subcommittee.

*Motion was made:* to approve the documents and put into policy through the DOH and implement.

*Motion by* Kelly Dollinger, second by Curt Halmrast. Motion carried.

### **HRR/DEMS Update**

*DEMS Update:* Kerry Krikava reported the division is in the middle of recertifying the Quick Response Units, the website is under construction, and provisional certifications will end December 31, 2021. She also reported that Portfolio is almost completed. Kerry stated several sites are starting ambulance inspections.

*Stroke and Cardiac Task Force Update:* Christine Greff gave an update on the Cardiac and Stroke Task Forces. She spoke about starting a Cardiac Registry, Helmsley Grant, and an AED project. 1700 AED's will be disturbed across the state. Christine spoke about filming educational Stroke videos.

*EMS Children:* Samantha Harrison gave an update regarding children's and pediatric emergency medical services. An assessment in hospital needs regarding the promotion of pediatric education will be mailed out. The pediatric care manual is finished and will be on our website. Tentatively will be hosting a webinar on May 11, 2021, <https://www.pedsready.org> – National Pediatric Readiness Project. Contact Sam at [sharrison@nd.gov](mailto:sharrison@nd.gov) to notify her about a Pediatric Care Coordinator in your agency. Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals – Coming Soon.

*Trauma Update:* Chris have a Trauma update on training equipment in critical access hospitals. He also spoke about expanding the EMS big picture registry to look a lot like the nurse aide registry and having a

combined product with Health Facilities, with licensure aspects look for start of end of June. Finally got permission to have ambulances reimbursed for their help with COVID vaccinations. Chris spoke about the Carpio Ambulance Service closure and having a new agency in place to service the area. Chris would like to have the council think about what process could be put in place for ambulance service to identify if there are issues or problems. Chris asked about an active county report, felt it may be good to start up those reports again. Lyndsey Narloch stated the report fell by the wayside.

#### **Grant Update**

Chris gave an update regarding the rural grants; about half are remaining. Chris also stated we have removed the quarterly grant requests.

#### **Other Business**

*Discussion/Update:* Discussed the potential in person meeting.

*Action:* The chairs will decide if the meeting will be in person or virtual. The council's next meeting is July 15, 2021, at 10:00 – 3:00 pm.

#### **Adjourn**

Motion was made: to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 am.