

**Metro Region EMS System
EMS Technical Operations Committee
December 21, 2021**

Members:

Allina Health EMS - **absent**
Anoka County- Susan Perkins
Burnsville - **absent**
Carver County - **absent**
CentraCare - **absent**
Cottage Grove EMS – **absent**
Dakota County- **absent**
Edina Fire – Ryan Quinn
Elk River Ambulance- **absent**
Gold Cross, St. Cloud- **absent**
Hastings Fire - **absent**
HealthPartners Transportation- Brian Fisher
Hennepin County – Kristen Mellstrom
Hennepin EMS – Tyler Lupkes
Isanti County - **absent**
Lakes Region EMS - **absent**
Lakeview EMS – Jon Muller
M Health Fairview - **absent**
Mahtomedi Fire - **absent**
Maplewood Fire - **absent**

Mdewakanton Fire & EMS - **absent**
Medical Director, East - **absent**
Medical Director, West - **absent**
Minneapolis Fire - **absent**
Northfield EMS – Brian Edwards (**Chair**)
North Memorial Ambulance - **absent**
North Memorial Ambulance, PZM- **absent**
Oakdale Fire - **absent**
Ramsey County - **absent**
Ridgeview EMS John Scheuch
St. Paul Fire - **absent**
Scott County - **absent**
Sherburne County – Adam Boler
South Metro Fire - **absent**
University of MN EMS - **absent**
Washington County - **absent**
White Bear Lake Fire – Joe Schmidt
Woodbury Public Safety - **absent**

MESB Staff: Ron Robinson, Jill Rohret

Guests: Matthew Cannefax, *Lakeview EMS*;

1. Call to Order – No Quorum

Brian Edwards, 2021 EMS TOC Chair

Edwards said he attended the MDSAC meeting this morning. Discussed were ambulance diversion and Crisis Standards of Care. Dr. Burnett is the chair of the MDSAC. He will be sending out a synopsis of the discussion. It is possible there will be another special meeting called next month if the EMS Systems across the state elect to enact their Crisis Standards of Care.

Ron Robinson said an emergency meeting can be called as of January 1 virtually to complete this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda - None

3. Approval of Minutes - None

4. Guest Presentation - None

5. Action Items - None

Edwards said the vote for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at next quorum meeting. The terms are for 2 years. The EMS Executive Committee must also be voted on by the EMS TOC.

Robinson said he will send out the EMS by-laws to members for all the committees. The by-laws should be re-evaluated in terms of number of members and term limits. Any interested persons should email Robinson.

6. Reports and Updates

A. EMSRB

Edwards said he attended this month's meeting which was to be the executive meeting, but it was

changed to a special full board meeting. The interview process for a new executive director was completed.

B. Healthcare Coalition

Ron Robinson said the Healthcare Coalition met yesterday. It has morphed through COVID to focus on long-term care and hospitals. MNTrac gives an update daily on available beds. There was a presentation on Omicron. Dr. James Campbell is a good resource to follow on the internet for tracking the new variant.

Edwards said he gave a presentation last week at the MAA meeting. Back in November Northfield began giving antibodies to their EMS stations as a clinic service. There is a 70% reduction in hospitalizations due to these injections. December 1, 2021, MDH published a letter from Dr. Malcolm saying they were going to a scoring system for those people eligible to receive those antibodies injections. A score of 1 or higher was required to be eligible. The score has been raised to 4.

Robinson said it could take 2-3 months for the supply to catch up with demand.

C. Surge Planning

Robinson said Ridgeview EMS has been working with some of the smaller hospitals to secure some 30 LTD vents.

D. Regional Programs

Robinson said there are many 3E, MEDL, Liaison, ICS 300 and 400 and CAD classes coming up. EMS Leadership classes are going forward even though there has been some temporary drop-outs due to staffing shortages.

There was conversation of the de-escalation classes. Edwards said he would recommend the instructor class.

Robinson said the Incident Command bus is now housed in St. Francis.

E. MESB Update

Jill Rohret said there are many changes in the 9-1-1 area. Mike Mihelich is the new 9-1-1 Manager.

Rohret said the state's NG9-1-1 RFP for core services and the egress network should be released in January.

Rohret said the MESB is working on some CAD-to-CAD Interoperability. During the civil unrest last year Minneapolis was getting a lot of calls. Anoka County was able to take some of those calls for both Ramsey County and Minneapolis. The thought is if they could put the information in via CAD, and that information is able to discern what they need, then they could dispatch without having to try and reach them on the phone to transfer a call.

Rohret said GIS in preparation for NG9-1-1 is ongoing. Work on Hennepin County was held off just because there was so much to do.

Rohret said the FCC sent a notice for a proposed ruling earlier this year regarding diversion of 9-1-1 funds. Those funds pay for the ARMER System. The report is very vague regarding the definition of call completion. It is also unsure if the state is going to enact any additional rules. The dollar amount in question is estimated at 9.5 million. The situation is being monitored.

F. EMS TOC Executive Committee - no report

G. EMS Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

Robinson said Strike Team Leadership classes are important. Ziplt has been used for storms and civil unrest.

Tyler Lupkes said the West Metro Group has a call at 2:30 today.

H. MMRTAC

Robinson said a lot of the focus has been on penetrating trauma. The numbers from the metro are 600 and 900%. The diversion issue came up at the last RTAC. They meet quarterly. The next meeting is in February. There will be some changes to trauma management that will interface with EMS.

I. Local EMS Updates

Ryan Quinn said Edina has taken possession of the big RV.

Muller said EMS has moved out of Lakeview Hospital in October. Lakeview needed to put in a Cath lab and needed the space. EMS is now at the old Denny Hecker's car lot on 36, where it will remain till 2023 or so.

Muller said they are fully staffed. Bridget has moved on to Regions EMS. Matt Cannefax introduced himself.

Kristen Mellstrom said Hennepin EMS Council met last week to discuss the diversion issue.

J. Other Updates

Robinson gave a Narcan update.

7. Old Business

8. New Business