

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION



Mobile Integrated Healthcare Advisory Committee

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m. EST

Location: via Microsoft Teams online

Members present: Dr. Michael Kaufmann, State EMS Medical Director
Kraig Kinney, State EMS Director
Chief Paul Miller, MIH-CP Program Director
Nate Metz, IEMSA Representative
Chad Owen, Non-municipal MIH-CP Program
Laura Schwab-Reese PhD, College/University
Shane Hardwick, MIH-CP Provider
Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, FSSA Representative
Keith Mason, Insurance Industry Representative
Andy Van Zee, IN Hospital Association Representative
EMS Chief Doug Randall, IN Fire Chiefs Association
Dr. Eric Yazel, EMS Medical Director

Other Present: Robin Stump, Dr. Sara Brown, Marshal Thacher, Dr. Jon Schmitz, Dr. Thomas Lardaro.

Absent Members: Dr. Lindsay Weaver, Steve Davison

Roll Call

Chairperson Kinney welcomed everyone and stated we had quorum only missing Dr. Weaver and Mr. Davison.

Adoption of Minutes

Chairperson Kinney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from November 18, 2020. Motion to approve the minutes from Chief Miller and second by Dr. Kaufmann. Roll call vote was taken for approval with unanimous approval.

Dr. Michael Kaufmann, YES

Laura Schwab-Reese, YES

Chief Paul Miller, YES

Shane Hardwick, YES

Nate Metz, YES

Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, YES

Chad Owen, YES

Keith Mason, YES

Andy Van Zee, YES

Chief Doug Randall, YES

Dr. Eric Yazel, YES

Kraig Kinney, Chairperson Did Not Vote

Chairperson Kinney moved on to legislation update. There is nothing at this time relating to mobile integrated health. Dr. Kaufmann spoke about a bill that was submitted Representative Vermillion that encourages a summer study session of the statewide trauma system. Initial focus on building a trauma system was focused on the hospital and not enough emphasis on the prehospital side of our trauma system. Another bill regarding balanced billing that may be submitted. The agency will keep everyone updated on any bill that could affect community paramedicine. Chief Miller asked if there were any updates on SB 1209 from 2020. Neither Chairperson Kinney nor Dr. Kaufmann had seen any updates or new versions on the bill.

Dr. Kaufmann spoke about EMS involvement with the COVID response with their response and community paramedicine initiatives. We are working to expand resources in our communities in a non-emergency fashion to better the health care and well-being of our continuants and by definition that is community paramedicine. We are seeing that with testing and administration of the vaccines by our EMS. There are many EMS agencies across the state stepping in to help with the vaccination effort. We worked with EMS agencies across the state to help vaccinate with Department of Correction employees. We are also working with Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to stand up mobile vaccination units to go into each district and county to help vaccinate to long term care facilities. Also working with the Indiana Family and Social Service Administration (FSSA) to help vaccinate the homebound individuals.

Dr. Yazel has joined the committee and gave a quick overview of what he is doing in Clark County. There are parts of the county that have a lengthy transport time for their 125,000 residents. Clark County had three EMS services that covered Clark County which were Yellow Ambulance, New Chapel and Clark County EMS. Clark County Health Department was given the oversight of EMS and they revised their public safety plan and made restriction in the plan that any service wanting to respond in Clark County they would be required to have some 911 territory and four units to cover. Many changes came with services in the county. The county did put together an EMS board with several different disciplines. The county is coordinating Pulse Point in the county and training the county first responders also with naloxone administration. They are also working on community assistance and resource engagement (CARE) sites where residents can walk in and there will be help to access the care they need. All first responders have had safe sleep DOSE training.

Dr. Sullivan stated that the earlier Scott County health officer was who notified the state for the Scott County HIV outbreak a few years ago. They now have a robust syringe service program, naloxone available and treatment programs from every point of connection in the county. Scott county remains the highest viral suppression rate in the country for HIV. It also has one of the lowest hepatitis C rates in the country because of the programs they have put in place.

Chairperson Kinney ask for any discussion regarding the vaccination efforts across the state.

Shane Hardwick stated that Indianapolis EMS paramedics have working hard on vaccinating. IEMS may be partnering with the local health department on their next vaccination efforts.

The EMS Commission gave authority to emergency medical technicians the ability to administer the vaccine. Dr. Kaufmann also state that the state of Massachusetts also gave their EMT's the same ability. There are other EMS agencies around the state that are going to be helping with the vaccine efforts.

There was discussion regarding programs with Fishers Fire Department, Crawfordsville Fire and Plainfield Fire Territory on the vaccination efforts.

Chairperson Kinney ask the group where the Committee should be headed in 2021 and gave some suggestions. The group would like to move forward with looking at educational standards and reimbursement options. Chairperson Kinney indicated that the Committee would start with the educational standards and transition to reimbursement mid-year.

Dr. Kaufmann stated that the agency had completed some groundwork on education requirements and will pull that information for the group.

Chairperson Kinney will draft a letter to send out to all programs and ask what they are doing in their program and any education standards they would suggest statewide.

Next meeting will be March 10, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

Motion to adjourn from Nate Metz and seconded by Dr. Kaufmann. Agreement by consensus.

Chairperson Kinney adjourned meeting at 11:22a.m.

These Minutes were adopted by the Indiana MIHAC on March 10, 2021.



Chairperson, Mobile Integrated Healthcare Advisory Committee