

# IDAHO EMSPC MEETING MINUTES

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February 6, 2015

A meeting of the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physician Commission was held on this date at Oxford Suites, 1426 S. Entertainment Ave., Boise, Idaho.

**Members Present:**

Mark Urban, M.D.  
James Alter  
Veronica Mitchell-Jones  
Paul Johns, M.D.  
Eric Chun, M.D.  
Ian Butler-Hall, M.D.  
Curtis Sandy, M.D.

**Member's Position:**

American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter  
Citizen Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness  
Idaho Fire Chiefs Association  
Idaho Medical Association  
Idaho State Board of Medicine

**Members Absent:**

Keith Sivertson, M.D.

**Member's Position:**

Idaho Hospital Association

**Vacant Seats:**

American College of Emergency Physicians, Idaho Chapter  
Idaho Association of Counties  
American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma

**Others Present:**

Jennifer Symonds, D.O.  
Dave Reynolds  
David Jackson  
Bill Holstein  
Chris Way  
Kevin Bollar  
Corey Child  
Richard Radnovich  
Jayme Berheim  
Lynette Sharp  
Larrin Sant  
Curt Christensen  
Bruce Cheeseman  
Dean Neufeld  
Mindi Anderson  
Christian Surjan  
Janna Nicholson  
Chuck Cutler  
Brian Esslinger  
Season Woods McClelland  
Wayne Denny

**Other's Position:**

USDA Forest Service  
Moscow Fire Department  
Nampa Fire Department  
Shoshone County EMS  
KCEMSS  
INL  
Madison Fire Department  
ICEMS  
Donnelly Fire & EMS  
Air Methods  
Lincoln County EMS  
Injury Care/Emmett Fire  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Section Manager  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - Licensing Supervisor  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Field Coordinator  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - TSE Section Manager  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Field Coordinator  
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Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - EMS Field Coordinator  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness - Bureau Chief

Corrine Dalzell  
Jennifer S. Brown

Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness – Admin. Assistant 2  
Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness – EMS Communications  
Specialist

Chairman Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

### **Approval of Minutes from 11-14-14**

**Commissioner Alter, Citizen Representative, moved and Commissioner Chun, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association, seconded the motion to accept the draft minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Annual License Action Report**

Season Woods McClelland gave an overview report of the number of cases investigated, peer reviews, and license actions taken over the last year.

37 cases were closed in 2014, 14 with license actions. There are currently 44 open cases.

### **Commission Vacancies**

There are currently 3 vacancies in the EMS Physician Commission. Brian O’Byrne has intentions of submitting his name to be re-seated as American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma commissioner. Dr. Jamie Karambay has submitted his name for the American College of Emergency Physicians seat. The third vacancy is the Idaho Association of Counties seat.

### **Agency OM Usage Report**

Commissioners reviewed the final Optional Module (OM) report for CY 2013. It was noted that the reporting has improved as agencies have become more familiar with what OMs are. There was a discussion on quality control over OMs and the provider’s skills training and credentialing. Dean Neufeld of the Bureau of EMS and Preparedness explained that they rely on the agency medical directors to monitor both the OM skills training and credentialing. It is probable that rural agencies lack opportunities for much clinical time. The medical directors are responsible to ensure competency in OMs

### **Medical Director Education Subcommittee Report**

The medical director welcome letter was re-reviewed. The Bureau will use Chairman Sandy’s electronic signature for this letter and send it out to new medical directors. These will go out in electronic format. A request was made to make the EMSPC Standards Manual more user-friendly with turning pages. The Bureau will look into obtaining a program for this type of formatting.

The next Medical Director roundtable will be in Idaho Falls on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. There were some concerns about MDs who have been to prior roundtables having to sit through agenda topics they’ve already been through. Some topics we might like to have are: CHEMS, POST DNR, Simulation Training and Resources, and high performance CPR.

There may be some CAH funding from the Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care. Bruce Cheeseman, from the Bureau, will let Chairman Sandy know what funds, if any, are available. Chairman Sandy will poll the MDs as to what they would like to discuss.

Planned attendees for May MD Roundtable – Ian Butler-Hall, Curtis Sandy, Mark Urban

There was a brief discussion on future roundtables and where they are needed. Perhaps we could hold some in McCall in May or Payette/Weiser in July, depending on funding. Somewhere along the Hwy. 95 corridor would be good.

Inspection reports from agencies were reviewed. Commissioner Mitchell-Jones noted that many seem to be confused about credentialing and what it means. Chairman Sandy pointed out that you can get an idea of the medical director's depth of oversight in their agency's activities based upon the responses on the inspection reports. It is difficult with larger agencies to keep track of their providers.

### **Wildland Fire Update**

Chairman Sandy will be meeting with Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) on Monday to go over Idaho Medical Director requirements for Type 1 fires and their incident medical unit. Attached to the fire team is a medical unit with a medical unit leader and front line medical personnel. Each medical unit is required to have an Idaho Medical Director (MD) but there is no process or direction for how to get a MD, what he is responsible for, any protections he may or may not have, his risk of liability, etc. Obtaining insurance is a potential difficulty for MDs. Chairman Sandy has a vision of how it should look, whether they get there or not is still a question.

### **Medical Direction Requirements for Limited Duration Agency License**

Dean Neufeld asked the Commission if agencies applying for Limited Duration licenses could submit a shortened version of their Medical Supervision Plan (MSP) in order to expedite the process. The Commission responded that the MSP for Limited Duration Agency Licenses must meet the same criteria as a regular duration license.

There was a discussion on the Scope of Practice for providers practicing under Limited Request for Recognition (LRR). It was determined that these providers can only practice to the floor scope at the level they are licensed and cannot practice optional modules. The Medical Director of the Limited Duration Agency License will determine what protocols should be used by LRR providers.

Realistic timelines and the inability to get LRR approvals from the Bureau within the needed time frame for wildland fires was discussed briefly. EMS Bureau Chief, Wayne Denny, pointed out that Idaho is working on an Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) that will resolve a lot of the issues mentioned.

### **Protocol Subcommittee Update**

The need for a Patient Restraint protocol was discussed. Bill Holstein requested that the current procedure be vetted by the Bureau and the Commission and then added to State protocols. Several factors that complicate this subject were noted including: who has authority for involuntary holds, patient mental hold transfers, et. al.; patient rights; and liability. Dr. Chun volunteered to do further research on this topic and it will be discussed in May. Dr. Sandy will research NASEMSO's position on patient restraint.

Dean handed out the updated Lidocaine protocols and procedures for review. Changes were reviewed and discussed.

Latest version of protocols came out in September 2014. The next protocol retreat will take place in November 2015 directly preceding the EMSPC meeting.

### **Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)**

“Best Practices for Dispatch Centers Providing EMS Dispatch (EMD) Services” draft document was discussed. The committee plans to continue to work on the wording.

### **Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) as an Optional Module**

The Commission discussed Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) as an optional module for paramedic level providers.

**Commissioner Chun moved to make the surgical cricothyrotomy optional module (OM) for the paramedics a 2 OM and make RSI for critical care a 2, 3 OM, and that line 49 (Ventilators, Automated - Enhanced Assessment & Management) needs to be changed from a 2 OM to a 2, 3 OM with an additional requirement that they must be credentialed in the RSI optional module. Commissioner Urban seconded and motion passed unanimously.**

### **State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP)**

Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division of Public Health Administrator and Mary Sheridan, Bureau of Rural Health and Primary Care, presented an overview of the State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP). In December 2014 The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare received a state innovation model grant for \$39,683,813. The grant, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, will fund a four-year model test that begins on Feb. 1, 2015, to implement SHIP in Idaho. During the grant period, Idaho will demonstrate that the state’s entire healthcare system can be transformed through effective care coordination between primary care providers practicing patient-centered care, and the broader medical neighborhoods of specialists, hospitals, behavioral health professionals, long-term care providers, and other ancillary care services.

The following are approximate amounts of the SHIP grant funds that are related to EMS:

- \$108,000 for paramedic training,
- \$48,000 for EMT training,
- \$178,000 mentoring (includes community health workers),
- \$63,500 for continuing education conference,
- \$20,000 for BLS/ILS program development

The question was raised as to whether scope of practices need to be adjusted to fit Community Health EMS providers. A decision was made to revisit this topic in Years 3 and 4 (2017 and 2018) of the SHIP grant period.

### **Community Health EMS (CHEMS) Task Force Update**

The Community Health EMS Task Force is working on defining and developing a scope of practice for CHEMS. Mindi Anderson of the Bureau is also working closely with Mary Sheridan on meeting SHIP grant requirements.

## **Time Sensitive Emergency Update**

Christian Surjan, TSE Program Manager for the Bureau gave an overview of their progress to date. Rules for TSE have been completed and are currently in the Legislature for approval. STEMI/Stoke portion was removed due to lack of agreed upon criteria. TSE will be following the American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma criteria but are not having ACS designate facilities. Mr. Surjan has found that ACS accreditation was restrictive in how they designated the levels of facilities. The Idaho system will be more inclusive and voluntary. Regional meetings continue around the state with plans to begin designating state trauma facilities (Levels 1 through 5) by July 1, 2015. Please visit [www.tse.idaho.gov](http://www.tse.idaho.gov) to stay up to date on TSE activities.

## **2016 Rules Revisions**

Commission was asked to consider any rule changes they may have for the next year.

## **Strategic Plan**

- Medical Director education on SHIP grant
- Critical Care status throughout the state – Agencies
- February meeting date set for 2/5/2016
- Providers who are suing Medical Directors – how can we protect MDs against administrative legal action?
- Next Roundtable to include MD training on due process with regards to provider sanctions
- Commission elections in May
- Discuss the term of the Chair in May – currently term is one year

**Commissioner Urban , American Academy of Pediatrics, Idaho Chapter, moved to adjourn. Commissioner Johns, Idaho Bureau of EMS & Preparedness, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment 2:53pm

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Curtis Sandy, Chairman  
Idaho Emergency Medical Services Physician Commission