



Central Iowa EMS Directors Association

Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 25th, 2023

Tele - Meeting by Zoom

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Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

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- 1) **Call to Order** – Rebecca Morris/Brian Helland
 - 2) **Welcome** – Rebecca Morris/Brian Helland
 - a) Zoom system – meeting is being recorded
 - 3) **Additions / Corrections to the agenda** **Added our CIEMSD officer nominations to the end of the agenda**
 - 4) **Guest – Brooke Hagenhoff, National Weather Service** **Brooke provided information on a new NWS program for alerting vulnerable populations. Her slides are available on the website under the past meetings link.**
 - 5) **Pulsara Update** – Dave Edgar Upon David’s retirement, a replacement will be named for the Pulsara project. This item was added to the agenda due to high levels of activity with the project, but it falls under the larger umbrella of the Operations Committee. We will remove from the agenda until needed.
 - 6) **MCC** – Franny Medeiros There is not much activity from the MCC for this meeting. Franny provided an overview of the creation of the MCC (Medical Coordination Center) during COVID and the more recent events such as RAGBRAI. The MCC remains an excellent resource for streamlining communications between EMS and the healthcare systems in Des Moines.
 - 7) **Treasurer’s Report** - Franny Medeiros Balances - checking \$25015.66; savings \$7192.44; PayPal \$1456.63
 - 8) **Training Committee Report** – Mike Cardwell Mike was not available. Refresher registration on the website will be open shortly (is now open as of the distribution of the minutes) Dates are Feb 2, 3 & 4. Please promote Handtevy classes - this is a free training available through CIEMSD. It’s a turnkey pediatric course for which we have trained local instructors and provided equipment. It’s currently not being utilized. Contact Mike Cardwell or any training committee member if interested - training@ciemspd.org.
 - a) **NREMT Refresher**
 - b) **DAC** This program is an excellent course for improving airway skills and knowledge Next course is on December 14 & 15. CIEMSD is the sole provider of this program in Iowa, and it is subsidized by us to keep course costs low. Signup is on the website.
 - 9) **STEMI/Stroke Committee Report** – Brian Helland Brian gave a brief history and overview of the committee. Meeting are open and encouraged for participation. Current action items involve planning for ECMO integration at the hospital for out of hospital cardiac arrests. Program is on hold due to limited ECMO circuits available. Protocol was distributed to EMS directors month. Please contact Brian Helland if you have questions. bhelland67@gmail.com. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 19th at 8:00 AM via Zoom. More information and the link is available on the website.
 - 10) **Pharmacy Committee/CPR** – Rebecca Morris This group is working with Brian Benson, pharmacist at Unity Point. The group now includes pharmacists from each of the Des Moines hospitals (except VA - federal rules would likely prohibit them from participation). Overall goal is to provide a method for restocking medications at hospitals to allow ambulances to return to service faster, as well as decrease overstock and waste of medications throughout the area and be able to better manage drug shortages.

The goal of the Central Iowa EMS Directors Association is improved pre-hospital care for the sick and injured in our respective communities, and to maintain and improve communication and collaborative efforts between EMS agencies and associated organizations.

Rebecca also reported on a new project aimed at updating education for CPR. Des Moines FD has enacted a program for resuscitation that includes heads-up CPR among other components. They have been invited to share the details of their program with the goal to make the education available to any interested agency.

- 11) **Service Area 1A** – Lynn Royer/Franny Medeiros Franny provided a brief overview of the Healthcare Coalition. Lynn Royer has moved to Dallas County EMA and Franny is now managing the EMS portion of the Healthcare Coalition. A Coalition Coordinator will be hired to replace Lynn after the state reveals their overall plan for restructuring the coalitions. There are three deliverables for EMS grant funding. They are due by the end of the fiscal year, and they did not change from last year. No rush to get them completed until after a new coordinator is hired.
- 12) **Communications Center Report** Rob Dehnert reported the CAD to CAD project continues to move forward. The early phases that have been completed allowed interagency communication during RAGBRAI. Agencies need to determine how the system will need to be operationalized - examples include the ability for different communication centers to access and dispatch units from another communication center - e.g. Johnston and Urbandale. Estimation of another year before operationalization at this level.
- 13) **Polk County Fire Chiefs Association Report** Jim Mease reported that communications discussions are the most pertinent discussions.
- 14) **IEMSA** – Katy Thornton Katy was not available - Mark McCulloch reported that all actions are currently focused on the upcoming IEMSA Conference (Nov 9- 11). Legislative season is also getting into full swing and IEMSA is keeping an eye on subjects pertinent to EMS.
- 15) **Polk County Emergency Management** Brett McIntyre introduced himself as a new employee of Polk County EMS. He will be the training / exercise lead. Laura Kacer was also newly hired as the resiliency coordinator.
- 16) **Polk County Medical Examiner** A new medical examiner has been hired, however has not yet started. More information to come.
- 17) **Nominations** - Bylaws require elections in November of the odd year, with nominations in September. Nominations will continue until our November meeting when voting will occur. Terms are 2 years and being in January of the even numbered year. Current officers include Rebecca Morris (president), Brian Helland (vice president) and Franny Medeiros (secretary /treasurer). Rebecca and Franny have agreed to continue in those roles. Brian will be stepping down, and Mark McCulloch has agreed to be nominated to fill the vice president role. Nominations can be submitted to any of the current officers by e-mail.
- 18) **Other reports – Hospitals, Member Counties** No reports
- 19) **Announcements**
 - a) Hiring/Promotion/Recognition/Fund Raising Events No reports