Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Introductions. Roll call by Chairperson

Minutes. Minutes approved

Educational Presentation. Pediatric Airway presentation by Dr. Micky Sofer and Dr. Sid Johnson.
  a. Proficiency at pediatric intubation related to 10 intubations per year, which is not feasible in EMS. b. Should we add supraglottic airways for pre-hospital use? If so, how would that be reflected in the agency protocols and standing orders. c. This will probably be discussed further as State Standing orders are revised for 2020.

EMSAC Membership. Vacant positions: Physician, Allied Health Kauai, MICT Big Island, Consumer Big Island. If you are interested or know of people who have an interest, you/they are encouraged to apply.
  Apply online at: http://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/apply-for-a-board/

OLD BUSINESS

EMSAC Orientation. Discussed legal obligations (statute), Sunshine Law and rules for EMSAC members.

Sunshine Law education. Information was provided on sunshine law, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii Administrative Rules. Language: Shall is must do. May is consideration.
State Standing Orders. Revisions/updates to the current 2018 State MICT Standing Orders should begin this year.

Hospital Diversion Discussion. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

NHTSA Evaluation of Hawaii EMS System. A summary of the National Highway Traffic Safety reassessment of Hawai’i’s EMS system, conducted in October 2019 and in which the EMSAC meeting was included as a portion, was provided.

The final report is out and state EMS branch / Dept. of Health has selected these initial priorities: 1. EMS Workforce study, 2. EMS system cost analysis, 3. Inclusion of data on all EMS class, including fixed wing air transports, ground interfacility transports and ground 911 ambulance calls, 4. License all qualified first responders that treat patients, 5. Make Prehospital care licensure independent from employment, 6. Hire an EMS Data manager.

A legislative informational hearing is scheduled January 28.

DOH Reports

DOH Branch Chief Updates.

Legislative Initiatives for 2020. No legislative initiatives are being proposed by the branch, pertaining to EMS. Possible subject areas to watch for are behavioral health; telehealth, budget. Bills from 2019: SB 281 became Act 60, Relating to the Department of Health; HB 1453 became Act 140, Relating to Emergency Medical Services. A discussion was to follow the meeting regarding Act 140 (HB1453) from 2019.

Be aware of congressional bill, national level, regarding surprise billing.

Injury Prevention. Tito Villanueva was recognized as an awardee for Outstanding Community Service by the Fall Prevention Consortium. The next ocean safety conference is in the planning process. City & County of Honolulu expanding hours for lifeguards, effective July 1, 2021. Traffic related items. Suicide prevention educator incumbent retired, position to be filled soon; injury prevention manager position in recruitment; core violence injury prevention grant coordinator is resigning.

EMS for Children (EMSC) Grant. Distributed pediatric restraints. In the process of setting up emergency care training. Annual performance measures survey sent out.

District Medical Directors Updates. Maui base station meeting held.

Trauma.

HTAC updates. Next meeting is February 7, at Pali Momi Medical Center. Trauma certification/verification for Kona Hospital, Hilo Hospital, and Wilcox Hospital are to be scheduled. Single pathway ACS verify.

Education and Training. Education: conversation about seeking to lower the age for NREMT certification to 16 years, so that high school EMT training programs can be explored. Continuing medical education is status quo. Tactical emergency casualty care (TECC). Dept of Education senior pathway. E-sinc training. ECHO platform for remote educational sessions is on hold. Should you have classes/training that are available, send email to EMSAC chair.

AGENCY REPORTS

Copies of the agency reports were circulated at the meeting. Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management (HHEM) was thanked for statics.
Announcements/Miscellaneous

Meetings/Events: Hawaii Medical Board meeting July 24. HTAC meeting Feb 7 at Pali Momi. Trauma Symposium Aug 14 and 15 at Hilton Hawaiian Village.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 15, 2020

2020 meeting dates: 22 January; 15 April; 15 July; 21 October

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Char, M.D.
Chair