

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee  
Kinau Hale 1st Floor Board Room  
1250 Punchbowl Street Honolulu, HI 96813

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cody Bonilla, Libby Char, Serafin Colmenares (SHPDA), Reza Danesh, Peter Di Rocco, Dian Gruber, Michael Hayashi, Joseph Hew, Chris Honda, Eric Ishida, Mike Jones, Alan King Kimura, Ronald Kuroda, Brent Robinson, Jerry Wright, Ralph Yawata, Ken Zeri

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jade Butay (DOT), BG Joe Logan (DOD)

**GUESTS:** Ron Akiyama (BSFD-PMRF), Andy Ancheta (AMR), Douglas Asano (FFD), Speedy Bailey (AMR), Leaugeay Barnes (KapCC), Lori Cannon (HLF), Korey Chock (HonEMS), Dory Clisham (AMR), Marty Collins (WMC), Lisa Dau (KMCWC/KIPC), Tina Donayri (QMC), Sean Covant (HEMS), Jennifer Davis (R1), John Devlin (MFD), Vern Hara (HiFD), Jim Howe (HESD), Sarah Janoian (CMC), Sid Johnson, (KMCWC), Jill Kelekoma (LifeSave Kupono), Daniel Kelley (HHEM), Melody Kilcommons (KMCWC), Mark Kunimune (KapCC), Mark Leggett (HLF), Dennis Maele (AMR), Alissa Marchais (KMCWC), Michael McDonald (MFD), James McGuire (ARFF), Marc Moriguchi (HHEM), Curt Morimoto (AMR), Karin Ng (DOH-EMSC), Kyle Perry (LifeSave Kupono), Roger Pinell (FFD), Lisa Radak (KapCC), Kat Revuelto (HLF), Tyrus Siale (OSB/KFD), Jill Slade (QMC), Chris Sloman (HonEMS), Micky Sofer (KMCWC), Chris Takeno (DOT), Craig Thomas (HEPA), Tito Villanueva (AMR), Justin Vincler (HFD), Matt Wells (PMMC), Lynette Young (KMCWC), Anthony Young (C&C EMS), Jeff Zuckernick (KapCC)

**EMSIPS STAFF:** Alvin Bronstein, Clay Chan, Tiffany Lightfoot, Dwayne Lopes, Stan Michaels, Jim Scamahorn, Tammie Smith, Mirek Szatko, Andrea Chow

**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.

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## 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 Hawaii'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