

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting/Zoom

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MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cody Bonilla, Serafin Colmenares (SHPDA), Peter Di Rocco, Dian Gruber, Mike Jones, Alan King Kimura, Ronald Kuroda, Ralph Yawata, Ken Zeri

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Michael Hayashi, Chris Honda, Eric Ishida, Brent Robinson, Jerry Wright, Jade Butay, MG Kenneth Hara

GUESTS: Andy Ancheta (AMR), Andy Armitage (ATG), Speedy Bailey (AMR), Treena Becker, Michael Brook (R1), Tina Campas (R1), Dory Clisham (AMR), Sean Covant (HEMS), Pam Foster (AEDInstitute), M. Gibson, Vanessa Hayflich (Air Methods), Jason Hughes, Jim Ireland (HESD), Martinez Jacobs (KFD), William Moser (HLF), Audrey Johnson (R1), Jill Kelekoma (LifeSave Kupono), John Kennedy, Matt Koenig, Mike Lam (HiFD), Mark Leggett (HLF), Max Matias (MFD), Patrick Matsuki (FFD), J. McGuire (StateFire), David Mendonsa (AMR), G. Mitchell, Curt Morimoto (AMR), Alike Naluai (HFD), Karin Ng (DOH-EMSC), Thinh Nguyen (PMMC/HFD), Dale Oda (AMR), Nick Pananganan, Kyle Perry (LifeSave Kupono), Scott Pires, Karlson Pung (AMR), Kat.Revuelto (HLF), Laura Russell (KP-Oahu), Ian Santee (HESD), Scoob, Capt. Shubert (HFD), Chris Sloman (EMSD), Tammie Smith (DOH), D Stackhouse, Chris Takeno (DOT), Craig Thomas (HEPA), Aldric Ulep, Nick Vandenraadt (NHCH), Tito Villanueva (AMR), Matt Wells (PMMC), Lynette Young (KMCWC), Jeff Zuckernick (KapCC)

EMSIPSB STAFF: Alvin Bronstein, Kari Benes, Clay Chan, Andrea Chow, Dan Galanis, Carol Go, Terry Joyce, Terrence Jones, William Laird, Dwayne Lopes, Jim Scamahorn, Jenny Umeda, Renee Yu

Moment of Silence to pay respects to wife of Tito Villanueva, Dr. Livingston Wong, and Billy Kenoi.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Introductions. Roll call by Dr. Alvin Bronstein, Acting Chairperson.

Select Chairperson. Ken Zeri, RN MS selected. Zeri chaired the meeting from this point.

Minutes. July 15, 2020, minutes approved as corrected. October 21, 2020, minutes approved.

EMSAC Membership. New appointee Kyle Perry Introduced. Dr. Perry shared background information. If interested in filling vacancy, let Chair know.

EMS Budget and Legislative. Ambulance service budget is \$98.5 million. \$6.4 million shortfall for FY21. Dr. Bronstein reviewed the legislative discussion regarding shifting EMS responsibility to some counties. Lengthy discussion by the Committee about pros and cons with the consensus being that the advantages of a statewide EMS was the most effective way to promote the best services. Further, Committee members stressed that we needed to remind people that EMS was an essential service, such as police or fire, and should not be thought of as simply a revenue source.

EMSIPSB Updates. Kauai's radio infra structure is ready to be implemented. The new electronic medical records system, 3.4 compliant, planned for February rollout, a program manager to be

located on Oahu, to start soon. Developing guidelines for treated not transported, alternate destination, community paramedic.

Trauma and HTAC Updates. Hawaii Trauma Advisory Council, aka HTAC, meeting is February 19, 2021. Trauma volume last few months have returned to pre covid. Penetrating injuries increased.

Traffic Prevention Updates. A survey was sent with agenda regarding autonomous vehicles. Request made to take the survey.

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Update. Working emergency room data. OD2A dashboard. Meth is drug of choice in Hawaii.

Injury Prevention. No additional information to share.

Education and Training. National Registry due March 31. Schedule appointment early. Amend rule changed. MICT class planned for Maui, 10 students. Neighbor islands more robust. Other courses: EMT Proctor, Continuing Medical Education.

Air Medical Committee Report. Air medical provider: Air Methods bought LifeSave Kupono. Company representative presented background and information on their services and fleet.

COVID-19 Pandemic Hawaii. Car crashes down locally & nationally.

Agency Reports

C&C: 600 known covid cases; 2 medics tested positive, testament to training & PPE; 10%-20% drop in call volume; on tail end, takes longer to go back into service; working well with partners.

HFD-Big Island: Volume slight; MICT class started January, first time do virtual; hiring June ~ 15, vacancy down; active shooter; vaccination; congratulations to Dr. Jones retirement.

AMR Kauai: Testing covid people; radio crossover ready to flip switch, standby with national guard; hire part-time medics.

AMR Maui: 15 EMTs graduated in December; obtained a hanger at heliport in January for helicopter; assist with covid screening at airport.

HLF: Training virtually; community education outreach, introduce therapy dog program, dog's name is 'Hoku,' breed is a labradoodle, support all team eventually community; introduced simulator.

LifeSave Kupono: see air medical above.

FFD: Mutual aid agreement, assist civilian service.

HFD-HNL: Half of department employees are certified by National Registry of EMTs (NREMT).

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

2021 Meeting Dates: January 27 ; April 21 ; July 21 ; October 20

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Zeri, RN, MS-
Chair