

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee  
Virtual Meeting

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*Revised-Draft* MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Libby Char, Serafin Colmenares (SHPDA), Peter Di Rocco, Dian Gruber, Michael Hayashi, Chris Honda, Eric Ishida, Mike Jones, Ronald Kuroda, Brent Robinson, Ralph Yawata, Ken Zeri

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Alan King Kimura, Jerry Wright, Jade Butay, MG Kenneth Hara

**GUESTS:** Andy Ancheta (AMR), Andy Armitage (ATG), Douglas Asano (FFD), Speedy Bailey (AMR), Cody Bonilla (AMR), Michael Brook (R1), Korey Chock (HEMS), Dory Clisham (AMR), Sean Covant (HEMS), Stacy Domingo (HFD), Steve Drapkin, Jim Howe (HESD), Sarah Janoian (CMC), Jill Kelekoma (LifeSave Kupono), Melody Kilcommons (KMCWC), Mark Leggett (HLF), Max Matias (MFD), Curt Morimoto (AMR), Karin Ng (DOH-EMSC), Kyle Perry (LifeSave Kupono), Karlson Pung (AMR), Lisa Radak (KapCC), Ian Santee (HESD), Chris Sloman (HEMS), Tammie Smith (DOH), Chris Takeno (DOT), Craig Thomas (HEPA), Danette Wong Tomiyasu (DOH), Nick Vandenraadt (NHCH), Paki Vaughn (KFD), Tito Villanueva (AMR), Matt Wells (PMMC), Lynette Young (KMCWC), Jeff Zuckernick (KapCC)

**EMSIPS STAFF:** Alvin Bronstein, Kari Benes, Rick Bruno, Clay Chan, Andrea Chow, Dan Galanis, Terrence Jones, Shelbi Kosharek, Tiffany Lightfoot, Dwayne Lopes, Stan Michaels, Jim Scamahorn, Mirek Szatko

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

**Introductions.** Roll call by Chairperson

**Minutes.** Minutes approved

**Moment of Silence and Scotty Schafer Memorial Video**

**EMSAC Membership.** Newly appointed members are Mike Jones, Allied Health-Oahu; Chris Honda, MICT; reappointed Dian Gruber, Allied Health-Maui.

Vacant positions: Consumer Big Island, Physician, County of Kauai Allied Health. If you or know of someone who is interested, you/they are encouraged to apply.

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**EMS Budget and Legislative**

FY21 DOH EMSIPSB Budget Appropriation Shortfall FY21

- Base budget in approved legislation, HB2200
- SB785 enrolled to governor includes additional requested for collective bargaining, requests from ambulance providers, personnel requests
- Missing from this request is \$3.9 million for other current expenditures, does not include continuing, recurring costs for new Kauai, Hawaii County, and C&C of Honolulu units
- Once SB785 becomes enacted will work with provider agencies to readjust the budget to match contracts
- The base budget includes all provider contracts, dispatch, and two 911 helicopters
- Keeping collections was not approved because it is already included in the state's general fund

## **EMSIPSB Updates**

### Optima Predict - EMS Statewide Modeling Project

- HIEMA/ESF-8 Quarantine and Isolation Facilities
- Pandemic modeling through ESF-8 were major factors in the state pushing back opening date for mainland travel
- Use similar techniques to look at EMS/ambulance response statewide. Reports have the capability to model scenarios

### County Ambulance Locations

#### Steve Drapkin

- Have been working past 13 months to get ambulance relocated from Kilauea to Princeville
- Makana Urgent Care is a perfect location, and it is willing to lease some space to be used as ambulance base
- Hanalei-to-Haena Community Association and the Princeville Community Association support move to Makana; Kilauea Neighborhood Association opposed after a significantly false lobbying effort by AMR
- Sent letter on March 5 demonstrating reasons and statistics why ambulance should be relocated to Princeville
- Just five days later, EMS and I reached agreement to relocate the ambulance to Princeville, subject to a few conditions; EMS has now disavowed
- In 2018, EMS and AMR successfully lobbied for funds to fix very high non-compliant response rate for Hanalei and communities beyond; but after receiving funds, they did nothing to fix
- Expect Dr. Bronstein to keep his word
- Request March 5 letter, as well as letter and emails regarding the Hawaii Ethics Commission's opinion that AMR-employed EMSAC members have a conflict of interest, be made part of record; request granted

### ACT 140 -HB1453-Relating to Emergency Medical Services

- Interim Rules adopted
- Dwayne has put together paper that's been forwarded to the DAG
- Director does not agree with fee schedule enacted in Act 140, will determine what the final fee will be and if it needs to be amended
- Fee schedule will be removed from the next iteration of rules

### Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) - positive review

### Prehospital Electronic Medical Record

- Lacking pre-hospital electronic medical record system in place needed to satisfy ET3 requirements

### Standing Orders 2020

- Dr. Mirek Szatko, Maui Medical Director, will review current standing orders and coordinate updates.

Status of recruiting for Injury, Suicide and Core SVIPP grants. Core SVIPP position has been filled.

Status of initiatives resulting from NHTSA reassessment

## **Trauma and HTAC Updates.**

- Hawaiian Islands Trauma Symposium 2020 cancelled
- Bylaws for HTAC designates certain positions from EMSAC to be a representative – terms for ex-officio seats? Mechanism for rotating people in and out?
- August 13, 2020, virtual HTAC meeting

## **Education and Training.**

### KCC Updates

- Expand capacity in providing distance learning
- Fee for service course Oahu

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Opioid training with ER Dr. Mark Baker

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Topic Opioids and Meth: What do social workers need to know?

## **Air Medical Committee Report.**

- QI is being addressed at agency level
- Mission statistics previous quarter
  - HFD 20% decline in calls
  - Quantify bariatric transports
  - Interfacility transport providers would like to share data
- Criteria for appropriateness of transfer
- Review cases of questionable utility
- What's the air transport capacity if hospitals are overwhelmed?
- Equipped to do a full decon wherever aircraft goes

## **COVID-19 Pandemic Hawaii.**

State and Local numbers

Trends in EMS Call Volume Associations with COVID Pandemic – Dan Galanis presented

- Increase in scene times due to more labor intensive runs
- Increase in providers leaving the field due to COVID-related stressors

Interisland vs Out of State travel quarantine procedures for essential workers

Preparedness

PPE needs

- C&C supply is stable
- Supply chain shifts as cases surge on mainland
- Importance of eye protection

Are any agencies addressing burnout and compassion fatigue for personnel during this time? Has anyone tapped into resources to build resilience?

- C&C peer support team and City Employee Assistance Program

Is anyone aware of any local companies that are producing Clorox wipe products?

Challenges: Opening the State to mainland and international flights

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Libby Char, M.D.  
Chair

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