

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee  
Virtual Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Serafin Colmenares (SHPDA), Peter Di Rocco, Dian Gruber, Eric Ishida, Mike Jones, Ronald Kuroda, Ralph Yawata, Ken Zeri

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Michael Hayashi, Chris Honda, Alan King Kimura, Brent Robinson, Jerry Wright, Jade Butay, MG Kenneth Hara

**GUESTS:** Hessam Afshari, Andy Ancheta (AMR), Andy Armitage (ATG), Douglas Asano (FFD), Speedy Bailey (AMR), Brian Black, Michael Brook (R1), Tina Campas (R1), Marty Collins (WMC), Sean Covant (HEMS), Steve Drapkin, Tiana Fontanilla, Riley Fujisaki, Pam Foster, Major Julian Gilbert (25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div), Tina Hamayasu (LifeSave), Jim Howe (HESD), Jason Hughes, Sarah Janoian (CMC), Jimmer, Audrey Johnson (R1), Jill Kelekoma (LifeSave Kuponon), Mike Lam (HiFD), Mark Leggett (HLF), Max Matias (MFD), David Mendonsa (AMR), Curt Morimoto (AMR), Karin Ng (DOH-EMSC), Dale Oda (AMR), Kyle Perry (LifeSave Kuponon), Karlson Pung (AMR), Lisa Radak (KapCC), Kat. Revuelto (HLF), Laura Russell (KP-Oahu), Ian Santee (HESD), Tammie Smith (DOH), 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, Terry Joyce, Terrence Jones, William Laird, Tiffany Lightfoot, Dwayne Lopes, Jim Scamahorn, Mirek Szatko, Jenny Umeda

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

**Introductions.** Roll call by Acting Chairperson.

**Minutes.** July 15, 2020, minutes to be corrected.

**EMSAC Membership.** Chairperson, Dr. Char, resigned, due to appointment as health director by Governor. Vacant positions: Consumer Big Island, Physician, County of Kauai Allied Health. If you or know of someone who is interested, apply online at: <http://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/apply-for-a-board/>

If interested in the chairperson position, email Dr. Bronstein by November 5, 2020.

**EMS Budget and Legislative.** \$6.4 million shortfall for FY21. The Branch reached out to each of the county mayors and agencies. Options presented: the state continues to fund the system with the funds allotted; hand off the system to the counties; system wide RFP. Nothing is finalized. Having conversations with the legislature. Hopefully, the system will be funded for the current fiscal year, without any service level changes. The ambulance service budget is around \$98 million.

**EMSIPSB Updates.**

ACT 140 Update. Counties are working on treat not transport plans.

Prehospital Electronic Medical Record System. Close to becoming a reality.

Standing Orders. Dr. Szatko is lead. Plan to meet and to make revisions.

**Trauma and HTAC Updates.** Updating the state trauma plan. New council chairs selected. Chair: Dr. Puapong, trauma medical director and pediatric surgeon, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Vice Chair: Matt Wells, RN, trauma program manager, Pali Momi Medical Center. Next HTAC meeting to be virtual on November 6.

**EMS for Children.** Secured funding for laptops for training project with hospitals. In the process of implementing hand tely software. Increase virtual capacity across hospitals and enhance pediatric training, education.

**Traffic Prevention Updates.** Should there be ideas that are coming up in relation to requesting for funds from Department of Transportation, they have safe communities grants which EMS and fire agencies have received monies in the past. Applications are due in the beginning of the calendar year. Giving a heads up, if you need an application or information contact Kari or go on to the Department of Transportation website.

It would be good if this group is informed about things that other agencies are planning on submitting so that we can complement each other's efforts, and also know where we may need to fill in gaps.

Additionally, the DOT has posted the strategic highway safety plan, both strategies and action plan relating to first responders would include this group. Some of the items include updating and keeping up to date on the recommendations that came out of the NHTSA reassessment.

Comments will be solicited via a survey, relating to autonomous vehicles. It is important for emergency medical services, as well as fire, to weigh in their opinions on how prepared, we are as a State to receive these vehicles on our roadways.

**Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Update.** Thanks expressed to the University of Hawaii for attending today's meeting.

Want to let you know about possible funding opportunities, if interested in doing any type of prevention projects, the health and harm reduction center will be putting out proposals. Let them know if you have project ideas.

Keep you abreast to some of the overdose statistics and data in terms of the emergency room and what activities are happening across the state. Cares phone line that is being used for emergency responses, used for resources for items such as covid, and quarantining. Let them know if they can help you with any of that as well. Contact Tammie.

Created a resource card.

**Injury Prevention.** No additional information to share.

**Education and Training.** Kapiolani Community College: Due to the pandemic and the budget issues that have happened, the legislature consumed positions. Doing a lot more distance education. The types of classes and number of students enrolled was given. Twenty-seven students are finishing up EMT training, preparing for licensure in January, and for employment soon thereafter.

National registry is now not requiring an in-class component with reregistration.

If anybody has any announcements that are EMS pertinent, whether CME or jobs, KapCC-EMS has a 900 person Lister. Contact Jeff.

Shout out to partners for stepping up and allowing students to ride on their ambulances and to do their clinical work.

**Air Medical Committee Report.** Committee has not met. Believe there is a new provider in the State.

**COVID-19 Pandemic Hawaii.** The state implemented the Hawaii travel program. Travelers to the state have to either bring in a PCR covid test from one of the trusted providers listed on the state

website or the individual must go into quarantine for 14 days. The State has been making big strides in attempting to contain the virus.

Hawaii Fire Department assisting DOH with hotspots in the community island wide, doing education.

The branch has also been working with Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management for distribution of PPE to the four counties. Also secured 15 transport ventilators from the federal government, which were distributed to each of the county agencies and two of the ventilators were placed at Molokai hospital.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.** Hawaii Stroke Coalition: Symposium on November 14, 2020. 8am to 4pm. Virtual. Variety of national speakers. 5.25 hours of CME. Register on the internet.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alvin Bronstein, M.D.  
Acting Chair