



**Emergency Medical Services &  
Injury Prevention System Branch**

**Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023 9:30AM**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Michael Hayashi, Mr. Kenneth Zeri, Mr. Michael Jones, Ms. Maren Anka, Mr. Max Matias, Mr. Stacey Oho, Mr. Chris Honda, Mr. Cody Bonilla.

**Roll Call & Call to Order:** Ken Zeri called the meeting to order and took roll call of the members at 9:34AM. No quorum established throughout meeting.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Approval of Minutes was deferred. No quorum was established.

**EMSAC Open Positions:** Vacant Seats: Consumer-Kauai, Consumer-Maui, and Physician. Terms Ending on 06/30/2023: Dr. Sean Covant, Mr. Kenneth Zeri, Mr. Jacob Minei, Mr. Chris Honda. For interested parties, please apply online at: <http://boards.hawaii.gov/apply/apply-for-a-board/>

**Education/In-service: Kristy Luke & Patrick Bavarro:**

HandTevy medication dosing system train-the-trainer events will start May 15<sup>th</sup>. Will certify 35 local EMS instructors and over 300 paramedics across the state. This will effectively integrate the HandTevy mobile app into daily operations in the state. HandTevy will have a full-day training at 4 locations, one in each county.

**Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB): Alvin C. Bronstein, MD, FACEP EMSIPSB Chief**

Legislative Update. HB 622 HD2: Suicide Prevention Task Force for NHPI - went to three hearings in the House of Representatives and Senate. This bill is at a noted disagreement between the House and Senate versions. HB 1245 HD1: Central Maui Ambulance - noted disagreement due to Senate director adding a director initiative "Predictability and Stability of Available Air Ambulance Services". SB 791 SD1:

Molokai Ambulance – dropped off but shows up in current budget discussions. It may still be alive, just under another name, might not be a legislative bill but a budget bill.

Recognition of EMS Week. Theme of 2023 is “Where Emergency Care Begins”. The Branch will ask for a Governor’s proclamation statewide. Kauai County will be giving products to their employees to recognize their hard work.

### **Quality Assessment and Assurance:**

Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) – Renee Yu. 2022 CARES Awards: CARES Champions Award - Kili P. Matsushima. CARES Agency Award – Hawaii Fire Department Captain Michael Lin, Captain Eric Mitchell, and the rest of the Hawaii Fire team. CARES Hospital of Excellence Award – Star Ventura and Queens Medical Center.

5-Year Overview of Hawaii 911 Air Transport – Dan Galanis, PhD. Report on Summary of Data from Hawaii Life Flight, 2018 – 2022. Coast Guard has provided 8 bariatric flights.

### **Department/Committee Updates:**

Injury Prevention Status Updates for EMSIPSB – Celeste Toyofuku. National Poison Prevention Week was March 19 – 25. EMSIPSB and partnership with Rocky Mountain Poison Center applied and received a governor’s proclamation in recognition of National Poison Prevention Week. EMSIPSB branch did a couple of outreaches on March 25 – Keiki to Kupuna Family Fun Day and Hawaii Care Givers Expo. During the events, EMSIPSB staff gave out a lot of Poison Prevention swag and information. Also gave information and items related to EMS for Children, Senior Falls, Drowning Prevention, Traffic Safety, and Suicide Prevention. Future Plans – EMSIPSB hopes to plan, expand, and coordinate other events in the next few years. Any ideas, collaborations, or suggestions-- please contact EMSIPSB.

Trauma & Hawaii Trauma Advisory Council – Matt Wells, RN. Several facilities recently re-verified their trauma certifications. Movement within the outer islands such as, the Big Island Centers looking to change EMRs within the state system that may be affecting their designation pathways. Working closely with the branch regarding the movement. Next HTAC meeting in May.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Education/Recruitment – Clinical Education – Jeff Zuckernick. No report, deferred to next meeting.

Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) – Valencia Waller. Report on “Nonfatal Overdose Data – CYs 2021 & 2022”. Working on final action report, should see it in the next 30 days. Will be tracking Xylazine in surviving patients in the next iteration of OD2A that starts in September.

Air Medical Committee – Terrence Jones, MD, FACEP. Nothing to report as Dan Galanis had covered everything.

EMS Medical Directors:

Kauai County. No Report.

Honolulu County. Along with other medical directors, actively having conversations about revisions on standing orders

Maui County. Visited different base stations, inspected the ambulance units, meeting with the paramedics and EMTs and students that were on duty. Continuing review of the standing orders. All county medical directors have been active to improve services that are offered in hospital environment. Next base station meeting scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>. Will be getting together with all paramedics in the morning at Kahului. Will be looking forward to HandTevy integration.

Hawaii County. Working on revisions on standing orders. HandTevy roll outs. Once a week talking to US Coast Guard due to being busy with Bariatric transport out of the island. Base station meeting in Kona in the near future.

County Provider Reports:

AMR Kauai. Stands by written report.

City and County of Honolulu EMS. Stands by written report.

Honolulu Fire Department. Stands by written report.

City and County of Honolulu Ocean Safety Division. Partnering with KCC for an EMT class for 22 current lifeguards this semester. Also looking to bring a recruit class of 18 lifeguard EMR in the future.

Maui AMR. No Report

Hawaii County Fire Department. Stands by written report.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023

**Future Meeting Dates:** Wednesdays – July 19 and October 18, 2023 9:30AM – 11:30AM

**ADJOURNED:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:14AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Zeri, RN

EMSAC Chair