



Emergency Medical Services Council

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EMS Medical Directors Subcommittee

Sept. 24, 2024, 3:00 p.m – 4:30 p.m.

Online meeting:

<https://www.hennepin.us/business/work-with-henn-co/ems-planning-reg>

Draft Summary

Present	Absent
1. Peter Tanghe, MD, Chair 2. Paul Nystrom, MD 3. Joey Duren, MD	4. Kevin Sipprell, MD 5. Nick Simpson, MD
Guests	Staff
1. Charlie Lick, MD 2. Andrew Stevens, MD	1. Kristin Mellstrom

- Today's Agenda and the Meeting Summary** from May 28, 2024 were approved with a quorum present.
- OHCA Care Project and Journal Club**
Dr. Tanghe is working with the metro region to identify topics and presenters for future metro ED physicians and EMS Fellows meetings.
- Requests from EMS for Medical Control Numbers from ED Physicians
Staff (Kristin) reported that ED Medical Directors from west metro hospitals call a few times each quarter with questions about the status of the medical control system numbers and training requirements. A few EMS personnel continue to ask for medical control numbers from ED physicians. EMS Medical Directors will remind their medics and EMTs that medical control numbers were discontinued in 2024. Staff noted that a current list of medical control numbers isn't maintained anymore so if a number is used on an ePCR instead of a physician's name, the number may not be associated with the physician who has provided medical control for that call. The current policy for medical control is for ED physicians to spell their first and last name for the ePCR. Additionally, staff will send a message to ED Medical Directors to confirm that the former medical control training video and exam is not required anymore for ED physicians before they provide medical control.

4. A question was raised about the future of the EMS Council in relation to the recent legislative changes that affect the state Office of EMS (formerly EMSRB). Staff confirmed that the EMS Council will continue to function as before because it's a local advisory body created by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners as specified in Ordinance 9.
5. Staff reported that Board Action Requests have been submitted for: 1) EMS Council-approved stroke and trauma performance measures and 2) updated EMS Council Bylaws which focus on committee and council restructuring and membership changes. These agenda items are expected to be reviewed at the Oct. 29, 2024 County Board meeting. A final decision on the suspended section of Ordinance 9 is likely to wait until sometime in Q3 or Q4 in 2025, after one year of performance data has been collected from Providers so a comparison of the one medic and one EMT staffing model and the two-medic models can be compared.
6. Next meeting: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 – 3:00 pm online