



# Emergency Medical Services Council



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**Operations and System Communications Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Online**

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### Draft Summary

Present	Absent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ryan Quinn, Edina Fire Department, Chair</b></li> <li>2. Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office Primary Dispatch)</li> <li>3. Pete Tanghe, MD (North Memorial Health Ambulance)</li> <li>4. Mark Anderson, Ridgeview Ambulance Service</li> <li>5. Charlie Sloan, Hennepin EMS</li> <li>6. Chief Dale Specken, Hennepin County Fire Chiefs Assoc.</li> <li>7. Tony Ebensteiner, North Memorial Ambulance</li> <li>8. Dan Klawitter (West MRCC)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mike Fasbender, Fairview Southdale Hospital</li> <li>2. Kevin Miller, Allina Health EMS</li> </ol>
Guests	Staff
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tyler Lupkes (Metro EMS Region EP Subcommittee; Hennepin EMS)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kristin Mellstrom</li> </ol>

- 1) **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Ryan Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present. Today’s agenda and the meeting summary from Oct. 10, 2023 were approved.

## 2) Review of Seats on Committee and New Chair of Operations Committee Nominations

Staff and the committee would like to express many thanks to Ryan Quinn, who led much of the Ordinance 9 review as the chair of the ad hoc committee from 2019 to 2022 in addition to leading this committee. All present members plan to continue as representatives of their organizations in their seats on this committee.

Tony Martin (Hennepin County Sheriff's Dept. Primary Dispatch) was nominated and approved as the new chair of this committee, starting in March, 2024.

## 3) Communications Updates (standing item)

- Dan Klawitter (West MRCC)

### Zipit

- Efforts to include all hospitals on Zipit are going well; WestHealth was just added and the MHealth Fairview University hospitals will be added soon. By sending patient information to hospitals via Zipit, West MRCC estimates an average of 2.5 minutes saved per patient information relay.
- East MRCC has its own Zipit portal that can communicate directly with West MRCC working to add Regions to Zipit
- By end of 2024, it's expected that all the metro EDs will receive patient info via Zipit.

### Beacon Mutual

- Dan/Code 4 Group gave a presentation at the MESB TOC meeting to introduce Beacon Mutual, a data platform that exchanges CAD data across dispatch centers and hospitals to show locations of ambulances in real time. If this could be implemented by more dispatch centers and hospitals, it could be used by EMS for mutual aid and for major incidents. Hennepin EMS and HCMC are currently using this so the ED has real time data on its own incoming ambulances, which ED physicians have requested to better manage the timing of patient hand-offs and calling in special teams, when needed.
- St. Paul Fire and Allina Health EMS is also working on setting up the platform to share its data.

## 4) New business for the next meeting: Update the hospital destination matrix

## 5) Updates from Committee Members

- **Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest Care Presentations – Dr. Tanghe**

The EMS Medical Directors Committee has invited Dr. Demetri Yannopoulos from the University of MN to present his research and work on ECMO and

Dr. Keith Lurie from Regions to present his research and experience on Elegard.

Currently, there isn't consensus about a standard of practice for these and other different treatment modalities such as Elegard, ECMO, standard ACLS, and double-sequential defibrillation.

With multiple Fire EMS First Responders and EMS providing pre-hospital care to cardiac arrest patients, agencies will likely use different technologies to treat their patients, however, the group would like to work on some type of standard and increase communication and understanding about these treatments.

- **Statewide Information Sharing Platform Project – Tony Martin**  
Governance and policies related to the EIDO statewide information sharing will be discussed at tomorrow's meeting.
- **CAD to CAD Updates and Data Sharing – Tony Martin**  
Hennepin County PSAPs are still moving forward with CAD-to-CAD updates that will eventually be bi-directional; after primary PSAPs are updated and connected, the same data sharing option will be offered to secondary PSAPs in Hennepin County.
- **Mental Health Alternative Response Teams – Tony Martin**  
Brooklyn Park is adding a second team with North Memorial Health Ambulance paramedics; Brooklyn Center is also adding a team; Edina and Richfield is also moving forward with either Edina Fire EMS or social workers to provide this model of response for calls for patients in crisis.
- **Hennepin EMS has added BLS Responses – Charlie Sloan**  
BLS ambulance responses have begun to respond to lower acuity calls.
- **North Memorial Health Ambulance ECMO – Tony Ebensteiner**  
Working on getting North as an ECMO to ECMO site.

## 6) Public Education

Mark Anderson reported that Ridgeview Ambulance Service (RAS) has been getting more requests from the high schools for AED and CPR training. RAS is working to meet those requests as much as possible, however, it will need to partner again with Wright County or another agency to replace equipment that is not usable anymore.

Staff will also ask the metro region coordinator if there are any funds for equipment/training that could be accessed for this type of public education.

**7) Equipment Exchange**

No updates

**8) Partner Agency Reports**

No updates

**9) Legislative Updates**

No updates

**10)** The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

**Future meetings**

Second Tuesday of Jan., April, July, Oct. from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.online