



Emergency Medical Services Council

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Quality Standards Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Draft Summary

Present	Absent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Morelock, North Memorial Ambulance Service (Chair) 2. Marc Conterato, M.D., North Memorial Ambulance Service 3. Zach Finn, MD, North Memorial Health EMS 4. Kristie Royce, Hennepin EMS 5. Christie Traczyk, Allina Health EMS 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Berkholtz, Ridgeview Ambulance Service 2. Shaun White, Edina Fire EMS 3. Aaron Robinson, MD, Hennepin EMS 4. Anna DePompolo, MD, Minneapolis Children’s Hospital
Guests	Staff
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kristin Mellstrom, Hennepin County Public Health

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Mike Morelock called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. without a quorum present. The meeting proceeded as an information sharing, non-business meeting. One member arrived at the end of the meeting, so a quorum was assembled; no actions were taken at that time.

2. Stroke and Trauma QA Data
Data for Q1-Q4 of 2024 from Allina Health EMS, Hennepin EMS, and North Memorial Health Ambulance were available for review. When compared to state Office of EMS benchmarks for stroke (Scene time of 20 minutes or less) and trauma (Scene time of 20 minutes or less), all EMS providers had scene times below the benchmark of less than 20 minutes.

At the next quarterly meeting, the committee will have an action item to choose benchmarks for Hennepin County stroke and trauma metrics, that would serve as a signals for the committee to further investigate trends or outliers that may need to be addressed with quality improvement measures. The committee agreed that the 20 minute Office of EMS performance measures for on scene times for stroke and trauma are useful, but may not identify runs that need more examination, due to generally shorter on scene times in Hennepin County PSAs compared to the PSAs across all areas in MN.

3. Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Care QA Metric for EMS

The EMS Medical Directors Committee recently met and plans to reconvene its metro OHCA work group after 2024 CARES data are available. EMS Medical Directors Committee have not chosen specific OHCA metrics, but it supports the use of CARES and/or Office of EMS metrics if the Quality Committee chooses metrics to begin collecting and reporting OHCA data.

This committee considered moving a recommendation to the EMS Council that the Quality Committee will use the Overall Survival to Hospital Discharge metric that's collected in CARES annually, however, the data are reported annually, so quarterly reporting would not be possible from CARES data. Additional OHCA metrics will be discussed in the future as the EMS Medical Directors Committee OHCA project progresses.

4. Case Review- No incident reports received.

5. Meetings

The first Tuesday of Feb., May, Aug., Nov. from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

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The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.