



August 20, 2025

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

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Call to Order

Dr. Kremkau called the meeting to order

Attendance: See attendance table

Dr. Kremkau – Chair Report

Discussion and Action Items

Sam Hunthausen – ECP Project/BOME Update

- Scope of Practice and Montana ECP Practice Guidelines will be effective 9/01/2025
- Revised ECP Endorsement documents are posted on BOME website
- Sara Monroe is the new ECP representative to the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME)

Department of Labor (DofL) Commissioner Swanson – SB518

- SB518 moves licensing of all ECPs from the BOME to a Program (over 12 other licensing types are handled by programs)
- DofL will work with DPHHS per the Governor's order to improve inter-departmental communication
- Will continue to use qualified providers (hired/contracted)
- Will use EMSAC as appropriate
- MAP program will continue to be available. Cost will be divided by the number of users. ECP expense in within licensing fees.
- Professional expertise will be utilized related to emergency medical care when the program is reviewing requests for deviation

Kevin Bragg, DofL, BSD Section Chief

- Notices will go out in October and November regarding changes.
- DofL EMS Program website will go live in December
- Staffing has not yet been assigned but there will be an individual assigned to ECPs
- Dr. Cook-Shimanek is the standing Medical Director for the DofL
- Administrative rules will be transferred by Jan. 1, 2026

PHEP Presentation – Chris Boyce and Colin Tobin

- Provided overview of Montana Patient Movement Plan
- Requested feedback from EMSAC
- Want to update the plan as more of a framework, more user friendly
- Will test the MPMP in spring 2025



- Provided update on Juvare platform and Bed-Synch platform
- Discussion of Rural Transformation Grant

- Community Paramedicine
- Regional call center
- Prehospital Blood Program
- Technology Integration –
- Treat no Transport funding
- EMSAC will respond to RFI
- Dr. Kremkau will submit proposal after draft assistance from committee members

Question posed by Dr. Kremkau regarding the NHTSA EMS assessment that was discussed in earlier meetings. NHTSA is not currently conducting EMS Assessments. This task may be taken up by NASEMSO in the future. Currently there is no opportunity for an EMS Assessment.

Hannah Yang provided demonstration of Montana EMS Dashboard.
Discussion of how EMSAC can use EMS data to drive activities and direction of EMSAC.

SJ13 Update

- EMS Study Bill passed during 2025 session
- EMSTS will be providing requested information at the committee meeting on Sept. 23
- Provided preview of SJ13 EMS presentation

EMS Program Updated provided by Shari Graham

- Update of FLEX Montana Frontier EMS Leadership Academy
- TSII Planning for 2026 Education
- EMS for Children funding confirmed
- Injury Prevention funding confirmed – mini grants will be offered for injury prevention

Member Roundtable

Lyndy Gurchiek – Big Sky EMS Education Symposium Oct. 31-Nov. 1 in Billings
Ward VanWichen – MHN and MORH funding technical support for CIH

Next meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.