



Sept. 4, 2024

**Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
September 4, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Dr. Kremkau called the meeting to order.

**In attendance:** Michael Kremkau, Jon Gildea, Samuel Hunthausen, Jason Mahoney, David Webster, Cameron McCamely, Jacob Keller, Nicholas Bradford, Ward VanWichen, Maura Davenport, Chastedy Williamson-Tatsey, Eric Fisher, Lyndy Gurchiek. On-line: Nick Kallem, Christina Wood.

**EMSTS Staff:** Shari Graham, Nick Burland, Kelly Little, Maureen Ward, Hannah Yang.  
Online: Terry Mullins, Stacy Campbell.

**Public:** Willie Torres, Sara Monroe, Rand Dickson, Lee Bruner, Greg Shumaker, Maggie Cook-Shimanek, Ruth Bilyeu.

EMS program update was provided by Shari Graham.

DPHHS FLEX program partnered with EMSTS and Montana Office of Rural Health on the Frontier EMS Leadership Academy grant. The FLEX Supplemental grant was awarded. The grant period began Oct. 1, 2024. This is a five-year grant.

Funding has been secured through the Rural FLEX program to continue the TSII program to include three annual TSII ECP trainings, two medical director/service manager meetings and the annual EMS Manager Workshop.

Sam Hunthausen and Maggie Cook-Shimanek provided presented the draft Montana Scope of Practice document. The document was provided ahead of the meeting for review. There was extensive discussion of each item within the document.

Approval of the conceptual document was unanimous. It was decided that a second special meeting would need to be held to complete the document review and comment process.



Endorsements will be addressed at a later meeting.

Alyssa Johnson presented the Trauma Report and Infographic for comment and possible approval of this committee.

A motion was made to approve the documents as written. Motion was seconded and passed with 13 members in favor, 1 abstaining and 1 against.

Nick Burkland presented discussion regarding EMS Rules Appendix.

Table 9 currently states: "Effective [365 days after the date of publication of the adoption notice], a restraint system with at least three points of contact with the occupant of a seat, installed for each seat in the patient compartment."

This section was found to be financially burdensome due to the expense of retrofitting existing ambulances with this type of restraint system. The intent of this rule was to require three-point restraint systems in all new ambulances. Discussion with industry experts revealed that manufactures of new ambulances provide four-point restraint systems in the patient compartment.

A motion was made to change the current language to require a four-point restraint system in patient compartment for all newly manufactured ambulances ordered after Dec. 31, 2024.

Motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

Round Table:

No additional information was provided during round table.

Recording of meeting available upon request.

A Doodle Poll will be sent to schedule a special meeting for further discussion and recommendation of Montana Scope of Practice Document.

Next regular meeting Nov. 20, 2024.