



**IDAHO TIME SENSITIVE  
EMERGENCY SYSTEM**  
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# Idaho TSE Council Minutes

St. Luke's Health Plaza – Anderson Center, Canyon 1 & 2 Room on 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
400 Broadway Ave, Boise, ID 83712

May 12, 2026 9am – 3pm MST

PARTICIPANTS					*Attended via phone
Amanda Pringle	April Noller – Ex-Officio	Brad Huerta	Chris Shirazi – Proxy	Emily Musick – Proxy	Eric Day
Fran Jamison	Greg Vickers	Heather Knapp – Proxy	Jeremy Schabot	John Sieckowski	Joseph Higgins
Kirstin Haley	Michael Weimer*	Nathan Carter*	Dr. Ondrej Choutka	Dr. Parker Fillmore	Melissa Ball
Stacy Rodgers	Maegan Kautz	Andi Esslinger*	Dr. Curtis Sandy	Ethan Taub*	Jade Parsons
Jathan Nalls	Jim Jarvie*	Jonas Frankel-Bricker	Kaley Turpen*	Marisa Lunghofer*	Matt Benson*
Randi Rycroft*	Rodney Geilenfeldt*	Toni Jackson*	Veronica Mitchell-Jones*		

AGENDA	DISCUSSION
<b>Open Meeting</b>	Quorum established. (16 of 17 members present).
<b>Motion</b>	Eric Day made a motion to approve the minutes for April 14, 2026. Brad Huerta spoke in support of the motion. Motion passed.
<b>Motion</b>	Eric Day made a motion to approve the May 12, 2026 agenda. Brad Huerta spoke in support of the motion. Motion passed.
<b>Closed Meeting</b>	<p>A motion to go into Executive Session was made. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Idaho Statute Title 74, Chapter 2, “(d) To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 1, Title 74, Idaho Code;”.</p> <p>During Executive Session, the Idaho TSE Council discussed two pending TSE applications that were recently surveyed and interviewed potential candidates for four governor-appointed seats.</p> <p>A motion to exit out of Executive Session was made. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

<b>Vote</b>	<p>The Idaho TSE Council unanimously approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benewah Community Hospital – Trauma Level IV (new)</li> <li>• Bonner General Health – Trauma Level IV (renewal)</li> </ul>
<b>TSE Regional Reports</b>	<p>North Region – Kirstin Haley Kirstin Haley shared the region will host mock multi casualty incident (MCI) exercises to identify patient care gaps, and as well providing EMS provider education classes. Lastly, reports are being provided on the mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) data pertaining to the rural community areas. The next regional meeting will be on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.</p> <p>North-Central Region – John Sieckowski John Sieckowski shared the region will host an Idaho TSE System education for EMS providers to earn free continuing education credits, and as well providing education using the TSE educational flyers on trauma, stroke, and STEMI at community events. The next regional meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Southwest Region – Dr. Parker Fillmore Dr. Parker Fillmore shared at the last regional meeting, a thrombectomy case was presented that show the importance and effectiveness of an organized system of TSE care. As well, the Trauma, Stroke, and STEMI subcommittees are creating plans and goals for community education. The next regional meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>South-Central Region – Fran Jamison Fran Jamison shared the region is promoting BEFAST education every Friday for patients discharged from the hospital implemented the new stroke guidelines’ recommendations. As well, the region continues to conduct trauma triage drills. The next regional meeting will be on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Southeast Region – Joseph Higgins Joseph Higgins shared the committee discussed how critical access hospitals (CAH) have matured in advancing and improving TSE capabilities. The next regional meeting will be on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>East Region – Eric Day Eric Day shared the region hosted Stop the Bleed™ community education classes and included education on stroke and STEMI signs/symptoms and EMS transport. As well, the region will be conducting MCI exercises for facilities. The next regional meeting will be on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<b>TSE Branch Update</b>	<p>Melissa Ball shared 71 designations from 35 out of 45 facilities have been approved which makes up 78 percent of Idaho facilities who hold one or more TSE designation. The TSE Branch is working with the Governor’s office to declare Idaho as a Stroke Smart state, hopefully signing a proclamation in June. The event will have speakers and supporters with educational posters, and the media will push a unified message. At the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) annual conference, members discussed the need for states to integrate trauma systems with military operations related to Large-Scale Combat Operations (LSCO).</p>

<b>EMSC Program Update</b>	Stacy Rodgers presented on the final creation of the Prehospital Readiness Recognition Program and stated it will roll out during EMS Appreciation Week on May 20 <sup>th</sup> . The National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) assessment is a gap analysis report to determine areas of improvements and strengths are for hospital emergency departments. The assessment is open until May 31 <sup>st</sup> and occurs every 5 years. Lastly, the program will receive 500 new, updated Broselow Tapes and will distribute these to EMS agencies and hospitals statewide in June. Lastly, the EMSC Advisory Committee created a Pediatric Decision Tools Card to help hospital providers with decision making pertaining to pediatric diagnosis/treatment using tools such as calculators and algorithms.
<b>Prehospital Blood Protocol</b>	Jade Parsons, Division Chief of Training for Canyon County Paramedics (CCP), presented an overview of the Treasure Valley prehospital whole blood program, including its treatment approach, blood administration procedures, and essential resources and equipment. The program's protocols/policies and training are available to EMS agencies who are interested in developing their own agency program.
<b>TSE Council Strategic Plan</b>	The Idaho TSE Council determined two strategic goals that will be incorporated in the Statewide System of Care Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 1: Funding source for long-term sustainability of the Idaho TSE System</li> <li>• Goal 2: Increase community outreach and education including injury prevention on Trauma, Stroke, and STEMI</li> </ul>
<b>BRFSS Brain Injury Presentation</b>	Jonas Frankel-Bricker, Health Data Analysis for the Division of Public Health, presented the utilization of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to develop methods and generate outcome data on mTBI.
<b>Idaho TSE TBI Guidelines</b>	The six TSE Regional Committees will identify which facilities have adopted the new guidelines and over the next year track whether BIG 1-3 patients are being kept or transferred to a higher level of care. This feedback will help to determine its effectiveness and if any changes need to be made.
<b>2027 TSE Standards</b>	Melissa Ball shared Trauma, Stroke, and STEMI workgroups are reviewing the proposed revisions of the 2027 TSE Standards and focusing on aligning criteria/language across all three TSE areas. As well, shared the proposed increase to the annual TSE designation and site surveys fees to support the long-term sustainability of the Idaho TSE System.
<b>Next Meeting Agenda</b>	Next meeting will be a virtual meeting on June 9, 2026 beginning at 9am. Information on how to join the WebEx meeting is available on the TSE website.