



EMS Advisory Committee – June 2026 Meeting Minutes

Location: Chinden Campus; 11341 W. Chinden Blvd. Boise, ID 83714; Les Bois Conference Room & Teams

Date: June 10, 2026

Time: 09:00AM – 5:00 PM MST

Committee Members:			
Mark Babson - Chair Career Provider	Jordan Levy Dispatch/Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)	Dee Mortensen Emergency Department Physician	Greg Vickers Idaho Hospital Association
Debby Carscallen - Vice Chair Pre-hospital Agency Administration Volunteer EMS	Robert Kohler Emergency Manager	Zachary Peterson Volunteer EMS Provider	Peter Holley Idaho Fire Chiefs Association
Stormy Cox Community Health EMS (CHEMS)	Kristi Hofhine State Board of Nursing	Mark Phillips Private EMS Agency Administration	Christopher Parrott Air Medical
Cody Killmar Pre-hospital Agency Administration Career	Lara McLean EMS Education Instructor	Doug Dixon EMS Medical Director	Kirstin Weldin Idaho Transportation Department
Sarah Hirsch Trauma Surgeon	Troy Nelson Public Health Districts	Dr. Mark Urban Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician	VACANT Third Service Non-Transport EMS
Bureau Staff			
Wayne Denny Bureau Chief	Jathan Nalls Branch Chief	Melissa Ball Branch Chief	Derek Coleman EMS Operations Manager
Stacy Rodgers Program Specialist	Nic Montoya Records Supervisor	Kaycee Alvarado Senior Administrative Assistant	Renee Houston Field Coordinator

Gail Zarr Program Specialist	Maegan Kautz Program Specialist	Tim Rienstra Field Coordinator	Marta Tanikuni Branch Chief
Kristi Matthews Administrative Assistant	Mayra Vazquez Business Operations Specialist	James Adair Support Services Specialist	

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Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes (Action Items) Review/Approval of February Minutes & Changes to the Agenda	Mark Phillips motioned to approve. Kirstin Weldin seconded. Minutes approved.	Mark Babson/Debby Carscallen
Open Position – Third Service Non-Transport	Application is currently open. It is closing on July 31 st .	Mark Babson
TSE and EMSC - TSE Data Dashboard - Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program	Melissa provided a TSE update. She discussed the TSE data dashboard. She asked the group if they want to take a look at the data dictionary. Melissa will talk to Dr. Dixon, Mark and others about next steps.	Melissa Ball/Stacy Rodgers
Legislative Updates – Ambulance District Bills	Pete discussed the different bills. HB642, HB766, HB765, HB959, HB706, HB822. Bills that did not pass HB842, HB767, HB811 and HB866.	Pete Holley

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General EMS Updates (Action Item)	Jathan discussed the EMS Education Grant. Adding more options that the grant can help with. Grant will run concurrently with EMSAVE Grant. EMSAC will receive grant draft and then EMSAC will discuss at a future meeting. Renee went over the Site Surveyor outcomes for the 2025/2026 cycle.	Jathan Nalls/Derek Coleman/Nic Montoya
Clinical Advisory Group – Medical Direction Overview	Dr. Sandy wants to work on protocol education. Will meet with his group and then post updates to the EMS Bureau website.	Dr. Sandy
Special Topic – EMS on the Hill	SIREN Grant.	Mark Babson and Dr. Sandy
Strategic Plan Development Review of EMSAC survey results and draft work plan	EMSAC members decided to keep topics 1 – Define EMSAC Functions, 2 - Require Emergency Medical Dispatch in all PSAP's and 3 - EMS Sustainability Continuation. Work group chairs for each topic were selected to lead group discussions/progress. Dr. Curtis Sandy is the Chair for topic 1, Jordan Lavey is the Chair for topic 2 and Kristin Weldin is the Chair for topic 3.	Wayne Denny
General EMSAVE Grants Discussion (Standing Item) (Action Item) - EMSAVE grant application update - Grant Purpose, Systems, Grant Application Criteria	Criteria: Endorsement - Question- Why is it only Mandatory on the vehicle side and not equipment? - The endorsement is needed for titling on the vehicle side. For equipment, that determination was made because agencies were having issues getting a hold of the endorser. - Discussion notes- - No issues with the weight of the calculation or category itself Volunteer prevalence - Discussion notes-	Wayne Denny Gail Zarr and Mayra Vazquez

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Grant Application Calculations	- Possibly put in some work to determine if the volunteers listed on the roster are actually "active volunteers". - No issues with the weight or the calculation itself. Fiscal - Discussion notes- - This equation possibly encourages bad behavior. Preference is to keep this equation to measure the "need" - Point was mentioned that agencies do not have control about the amount of funding they have coming from the city/county. -unfair feeling - Overall consensus- the equation doesn't feel right. Will further analyze this during a workgroup meeting. Response Type/Call Volume - Discussion notes- - Medium agencies get lost in the numbers because of the interfacility transfers. Many times this is the only thing they could do to make money. - IFT has the longest run times (more mileage on vehicles) - Overall consensus- Will further analyze this during a workgroup meeting. Narrative - Discussion notes- - No issues with the equation or weight of the calculation. - Discussed creating a template for the narrative for agencies so they know what the reviewers will be looking for (guidelines).	

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	○ Discussed creating a grading rubric for the review panel so they have more guidance and the grade isn't so "personal". ○ Within the narrative for the reviewers: • List if they are adding or replacing Total Similar Fleet/Equipment • Discussion notes- ○ EMSAC discussed a "weird feeling" with this equation. Would like more time to look at it. ○ Several options were discussed: • Discussed possibly not being able to replace a vehicle for 3 years after being awarded a vehicle. • Discussed when a vehicle is replacing, the vehicle can be sold to another agency, but cannot be replaced in the grant. ▪ Possible stickers for the vehicles that have been replaced. Age • Discussion notes- ○ Discussed this calculation and mileage need to be compared so the ratio can be similar weight (possibly more weight to this one) ○ Questioned should the equipment weight be the same as DR for equipment? Deployment Ratio • Discussion notes- ○ Some attendees discussed really disliking this equation.	

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	○ Some attendees mentioned the intent of this equation was very important. ○ General consensus - review to make sure the equation actually awards points according to the intent. Possibly create a simplified equation. Want to analyze more during workgroup. Mileage of Similar Vehicle Types • Discussion notes- ○ An average of total similar vehicles would work better here. -- seemed to have consensus. ○ Agencies who claim they want to replace a vehicle should not be able to when they have low miles. Possibly create a threshold of miles eligible to be replaced. ○ Overall consensus- will further analyze this during a workgroup meeting Award History • Discussion notes- ○ One attendee discussed they didn't like this equation and recommended taking it out since there was mention of this equation not actually working as expected. ○ Discussed the importance of the equation and agreed to increase the weight to 10 points. • One attendee mentioned, before increasing the weight, it might be worth to do a few tests to compare if the changes being done now would make a difference and would be worth keeping the weight as is.	

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	○ A recommendation was made to start at "0" points for any agencies awarded the year prior. ○ A recommendation was made to award two points for every year until the 5 year mark. ○ General consensus- will further analyze this during workgroup meeting Anticipated Use • Discussion notes- ○ Overall consensus- remove this category. ○ Cannot ask for something that cannot be verified. Confusing for agencies. Anticipated Duration of Use • Discussion notes- ○ Overall consensus- remove this category. ○ Cannot ask for something that cannot be verified. Confusing for agencies. Distance • Discussion notes- ○ Overall consensus- remove this category. ○ Cannot ask for something that cannot be verified. Confusing for agencies. Time • Discussion notes- ○ Overall consensus- remove this category.	

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Idaho Rural Health Transformation Grant Update	Bureau will contract with DHW to receive money. Bureau will then be responsible for subgrants and getting the money dispersed throughout the state.	Wayne Denny
Bureau Data Report Out (Standing Item)	Marta went over a questionnaire that was sent out to agencies and discussed its responses.	Marta Tanikuni and Jim Adair
Statewide Mental Health Program	This agenda item was not discussed.	Mark Babson
Subcommittee Report Outs (Action Items) • Administrative – Peterson • EMS Education – McLean • Transportation – Weldin Workgroup Report Out (Action Items) • EMS Mental Health – McLean	• Admin Subcommittee scored narrative last month • Lara was not present at this meeting	Subcommittee/Workgroup Chairs

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EMSAVE Grant Application Process/Eligibility		
Upcoming Meetings: EMSAC: TBD Final Questions/Discussion	Next meeting will be Wednesday September 9 th .	EMS Bureau Staff/ Debby Carscallen/Mark Babson

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