

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION**EMS for Children Advisory Committee**

September 22, 2022 Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87269149116?pwd=VUdZQ1pNckhQYXpNRytpb2tab1A1UT09>**MINUTES**

TOPIC		DECISION(S) / ACTION(S) MADE		RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Reporting Timeframe	STATUS
I	CALL TO ORDER	Meeting Chair by Margaret Bell		Chair	1000	Called to Order
II	CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION	Proof of Publication. PDN: 10/20/2022 and 10/25/2022		HPLO	1000	Confirmed
III	ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS	MEMBERS PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin T. San Nicolas, Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julietta Quinene, Vice-Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Cherika Chargualaf, Treasurer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Bell, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daren Burrier, GFD Member <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Guayco, GMH, Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frankie Mendiola, M.D., GMH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Manglona, Member <input type="checkbox"/> Bradley Kinney, M.D. (LCDR) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Leon Guerrero, M.D., Member <input type="checkbox"/> Arthur Paulino, Member <input type="checkbox"/> Cecilia Javier, DPW Office of Fire & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Alexander E Wielaard, M.D. <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Haley-Wein <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dorothy Duenas, GCC	Breanna Sablan, HPLO Sharon Manibusan, HPLO Elisabeth Collins Dr. Emily Raetz, USNH Jennifer Cruz, RN - GRMC Dr. Elliot Ross, GMHA Dr Sally Westcott Cherisse Santiago, DPHSS Justine Munoz, AMT Angel Llagas, GFD	Chair		Quorum Established
IV	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Adoption of Agenda <i>Motion to approve:</i>		EMSC		

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V	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Meeting 9/22/2022 minutes <i>Motion to approve:</i>	Chair		
VI	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	B. Sablan reported that some EMSC members did not attend the mandated Ethics Training. However, another Ethics training will be held in November with virtual and in-person sessions. A schedule will be sent to the EMSC. In addition, an annual board orientation training will also be held in December 2022 by Asst AG Weinberg. B. Sablan also expressed appreciation to the EMSC for their support for Bill 335-36.	HPLO Administrator		Trainings in November and December
VII	LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT	No report	OAG		
VIII	COMPLAINTS	A. EMS-CO-22-01 – Received via email on 10/11/2022. The Chair and Ass AG Weinberg were notified of this complaint; however, more detailed information is required before the complaint could be addressed.	EMSC	1004	Pending additional information
VIII	COMMITTEE REPORT	A. Statutes, Rules and Regulations– Update for Chapter 84. Introduced to the session floor in the Legislature. Dr. Ross expressed his appreciation for everyone's support. A share folder has been developed so that the subcommittee could be working on the same draft documents.	EMSC	1005	Share folder established for comment
		B. Policies and Protocol Booklet. The protocol booklet was approved. The policies are currently being worked on.	ESMC	1006	Share folder established for comment
		C. Ambulance Diversion Policy and Interfacility Transfer. B. Sablan confirmed that the proposed diversion policy was emailed to the commission members. If there is no additional input, only need to update the GMHA and GMRC representative signature blocks. D. Burrier inquired if USNH is going to be part of the Diversion Policy and legally bound. Dr. Ross stated that USNH is part of the EMS system; therefore, its personnel need to know the dispatch requirements to continue to provide the mutual support necessary to assist in emergency transport. He further stated that the policy is very basic and does not include a hospital destination guide or a stroke diversion policy. The policy leaves the discretion to the EMS providers and general enough to allow diversion to the nearest facility. T. Manglona stated that there is still some confusion among the paramedics and is hopeful the new policy provides better clarity. Therefore, inquired about the practical application of the policy when both hospitals are on divert due to saturation, especially regarding Dr. Raetz's OMD. D. Burrier expressed the same concern and requested clarification. Dr. Ross stated that he was under the impression that	ESMC	1007	Approved Diversion Policy

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		<p>dispatch is de-conflicting the diversions at multiple sites. If not, then the process should be reviewed to make it clearer. D. Burrier indicated that dispatch is keeping track of the diversions; however, sometimes the charge nurse is simply stating that the ER is on divert, without having the same knowledge as dispatch. T. Manglona suggested that more clarity at the hospital level to address the saturation issue. Dr. Ross suggested that as the RDC request is received that the destination hospital is also provided. D. Burrier suggested that in lieu of diverting every other patient consider diverting after two-four to allow hospitals to help alleviate its respective saturation levels. Dr. Ross suggested that we consider this proposal to as part of a quality improvement project. In response to Dr. Mendiola's question, D. Burrier confirmed that once the receiving hospital is informed that they are next for diversion, no one has been turned away. At GMHA, Dr. Mendiola stated that he would inform its staff to ask, "are we the next receiving facility?" and he would coordinate the same with GMRC. Dr. Haley-Wien stated it would be helpful to communicate when a diversion has expired. D. Burrier also stated that the EMTs could also preface their statement: we are on divert and you are the next receiving facility. Dr. Leon Guerrero agreed that both hospitals need to know when both hospitals are on-divert. D. Burrier stated that the hospital needs to inform GFD they are on divert, and GFD will inform the units; the hospital should also be communicated to the other hospital. Unfortunately, hospital personnel may become too busy to pass the word. Dr. Leon Guerrero suggested that there should be responsible persons assigned to communicate the status of divert. Dr. Ross agreed that this would be a good quality improvement project.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve: Dr. Ross; 2nd: D. Burrier</i></p>			
IX	OLD BUSINESS	<p>A. AGENCY REPORTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Director's Report USNH - no report 2. GMHA - no report 3. Guam Community College (Paramedic Program Update): A. Llagas reported 15 are in the process of being tested for the NRMT: 9 authorized to test on the NRMT (2 passed; 7 waiting to test) 4. Guam Dept. of Education – J. Quinene reported that flu vaccination clinics are being set-up for the students. 5. MCH/DPHSS – no report 6. DPW – no report 7. GPD – no report 			Noted.

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		8. EMS for Children Program / Ambulance Inspections - B. Sablan reported that they were able to purchase 24 glucometers and provide test strips, pediatric traction splints, adult extra cushion devices, and lidocaine to GFD Training Division and training is being conducted to EMS personnel. Ambulance inspections continue with GFD and Access Medical Transport; however, no contact with Marianas Medical Response to date. 9. Emergency Medical Dispatcher – no report 10. GRMC – no report			
X	New Business	A. Venue for launch of EMS Policies and Protocol for EMS Personnel – B. Sablan stated that March 2023 is the tentative date. To be worked with Dr. Ross.	EMSC	1051	Tentative March 2023
		B. Continued practice for AEMTs – Dr. Ross reported that there are 20+ AEMTs on island. To date, paramedics cannot be certified in Guam. Until Chapter 84 passes, old protocols will be used.			Authorized to use old protocols
		C. POLST Form- B. Sablan reported that this was approved in January 2020. Dr. Ross hopes to distribute widely soon after proper coordination.			Forms pending print and distribution
		D. RECERTIFICATIONS: None			N/A
XI	ANNOUNCEMENT	Next Regular Board meeting 11/17/2022 at 10:00 a.m. Dr, Ross stated that Hospital Destination Policy will be developed soon for the EMSC review and coordination.	EMSC	1056	Set Date
XII	ADJOURNMENT	Motion to Adjourn: Dr, Ross; 2 nd : D. Duenas	EMSC	1057	Adjourned

Reviewed by: Margaret Bell 1/26/2023 Secretary / Date
 Approved by: Dorothy M. Duenas 1/27/23 Chairperson / Date