

**Northeast Michigan Medical Control Authority  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
January 22, 2024**

**Advisory Committee Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present in Person</b>	<b>Present by Remote Communication</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Alison Bracken, DO			X
Nicholas Harrison, Coordinator		X	
Laurie Kirby, Secretary			X
Rob Edmonds, Fire Chief AFD		X	
Scott Rice, Director ACEMS		X	
Kellie Lis, Lieutenant, Hillman			X
Chuck Herbst, Mgr, TTEMS		X	
John Clayton, Manager MEMS		X	
Jim Fleury, Manager RCEMS			X
Paul Fornier, East Grand Lake		X	
Matthew Treinen, CRTCC		X	
Kathy Himes, EMR Long Rapids			X
Scott Waterson, EMT, AFD		X	
Tammy Forbush, AEMT at large			X
Tyler Suszek, EMTP at large			X
Chelsey Knowlton, PharmD			X
Kimberly Elkie, 911 Director		X	
Amber Lewandowski, RN ER			X

**Others Present**

Tanya Rouse		X
Anthony Pantaleo		X
Sierra Connon		X
Larry Lacross		X
Bill Forbush		X

**Call to Order and Welcome**

The regular meeting of the NEMMCA advisory committee was called to order at 1102hrs on Monday January 22, 2024.

**New Check Sheets**

There is a new log book for the drug boxes/bag located in the locked cabinet. The key for the particular kits is located on the cabinet.

**PHTLS Classes**

Harrison reported that there is a lack of PHTLS instructors in our area. When the protocols went into effect last year it was stated that PHTLS would be a requirement for those working on transporting ambulances. Harrison stated that it will be recommended to the MCA board that the requirement be delayed for another year to July 2025. Chuck Herbst is working on acquiring more PHTLS instructors, and wishes to create a library for the PHTLS book to be checked out as they're approximately \$200 a piece. John Clayton is going to check on the availability of PHTLS instructors to come up from Midland.

**Emergency Vehicle Driving**

Agencies are required to have continuing education annually surrounding emergency vehicle driving. Harrison reminded everyone that it is a requirement for each EMS provider to have the initial driving course that has a behind the wheel component. Agencies are required to keep record of each providers certificate of completion. Furthermore, each agency must have an annual training on vehicle driving with a behind the wheel component.

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This training roster is required to be on file with the MCA. Harrison stated that there are many agencies that have not submitted this to the MCA. Please email rosters to [nicholas.harrison@mymichigan.org](mailto:nicholas.harrison@mymichigan.org)

**EMSCC**

Bill Forbush provided a small update from the most recent EMSCC meeting. New check sheets for life support vehicles are now out, and have been emailed to the agency administrators. There was discussion regarding CPAP and capnography on BLS units. CPAP is required on BLS vehicles in the NEMMCA. There is a communications subcommittee of the EMSCC that is currently working on a revised MEDCOM plan and a list of all the hospital, their respective PL tones, and recorded phone lines for EMS.

**Roundtable Discussion**

Matt Treinen brought up a question regarding refusals. Matt was wondering if ALS obtained a refusal if they also needed to obtain a refusal on the same patient, which they do not need to.

Paul Fournier brought up concerns about the recent hospital diversion as Presque Isle Central Dispatch never notified East Grand Lake or Presque Isle Fire Departments of the diversion. Harrison to follow up with Presque Isle Dispatch regarding this.

Tanya Rouse wanted to remind everyone that if they are looking for follow up regarding high acuity trauma patients to reach out to her, and she can provide feedback to the agencies. Her phone number is 989-356-7250 or [tanya.rouse@mymichigan.org](mailto:tanya.rouse@mymichigan.org)

**Naloxone Leave Behind Program**

The MCAB received a presentation from Larry LaCross and Sierra Connon from Catholic Human Services regarding naloxone leave behind and it's benefits.

Anthony Pantaleo who is the Opioid Use Disorder Coordinator with the State of Michigan EMS Office was also present.

Northeast Michigan sees more female overdose cases than male's which is opposite from the rest of the state. The naloxone leave behind program does not post any cost to the agencies or patients as it is funded through federal grants.

The kits will need to be put together by the MCA individually.

MyMichigan Health acquired fentanyl testing sticks, but this still needs to be researched as there are local laws in place that may consider these drug paraphernalia.

The MCAB recommended that the naloxone leave behind program be adopted by NEMMCA.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 hours.

**Next Meetings**

The next regular NEMMCA Board of Director meeting is scheduled for **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at 1100 hours via Microsoft Teams.

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