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EMS Medical Directors Subcommittee

April 24, 2026, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Online meeting:

[Emergency medical services regulation | Hennepin County](#)

Draft Summary

Present	Absent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peter Tanghe, MD, Chair (North Memorial Health Ambulance) 2. Amber Ties, MD (Ridgeview Ambulance Service) 3. Nick Simpson, MD (Hennepin EMS) 4. Joey Duren, MD (Allina Health EMS) 5. Paul Nystrom, MD (Edina Fire EMS) 	
Guests	Staff
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Perlmutter, MD (Hennepin EMS) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kristin Mellstrom (Hennepin County)

1. **Today's Agenda and the Meeting Summary** from Jan. 23, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with a quorum present at 9:30 a.m
2. **EMS Case Study Night sponsored by the EMS Council Medical Directors Committee**
 - Date: One evening in Aug. with networking, light food/drinks, case studies, maybe a movie after the case studies (?)
 - Location: Edina Training Center is available, or possibly Parkway Theater for \$1200 (fits 300 people)
 - Topics and presenters: DNR and choking case, Polst forms not found on scene, protocols, discussion of experiences in the field, medics/EMTs and EMS Medical Directors can discuss cases
 - \$5-25 per person with CMEs provided; still looking for a funding source

- Please send feedback to Kristin by May 15 with the following:
 - Preferred dates in first two weeks of Aug. – send 5 dates that will work for you
 - Case(s) to consider for presentation?
 - Would you be willing to present a case /be on a panel discussion?
 - Estimate how many from your service would attend?

3. Ridgeview Ambulance Service Update

Welcome to Amber Ties, MD, who is now the ALS EMS Medical Director and Mike Perlmutter, MD will be joining RAS in mid-July. Dr. Sipprell is focusing on BLS and training for RAS. Many thanks to Dr. Sipprell for his contributions and support of the EMS Council over the years.

4. Communications Committee Update

- The 2016 version of the EMS Council Communications Policy was updated to combine separate policies for Contacting Medical Control, Contacting System EMS Medical Directors for consultation and/or scene response, Patient Information Reports and new tools/platforms and processes for communications between EMS, MRCCs, and hospitals.
- The committee will also convene a group to look at each EMS Providers' protocols and EMD coding to compare definitions and processes for determining what calls are emergent vs. routine, and use of tiered responses in different PSAs.
- Tyler Lupkes, chair of the MESB Emergency Preparedness Committee and Hennepin EMS Battalion Chief, presented information about a Hennepin County Heat Resiliency Plan sponsored by Hennepin County Emergency Management and Public Health, among others. He will convene a work group to provide feedback on proposed aspects of the plan that involve EMS operations e.g. agreements with vendors to ensure availability of large quantities of ice for cooling individual patients pre-hospital and how to manage an athlete with heat stroke (not included cardiac arrest) emergencies. Athletic trainers are likely to want to cool the patient before transporting to the ED. Tyler will be invited to this committee to give an update on the plan this summer.

[KSI Research Publications](#) | [Korey Stringer Institute](#) | [College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources](#) | [University of Connecticut](#)

[Article Bites #41: Consensus Statement - Prehospital Care of Exertional Heat Stroke - NAEMSP](#)

- 5. **MN Blood Consortium** – This group is developing a model for intercepting blood, and possibly working with other first responders if they're willing to pick up and transport blood to an intercept site for EMS. Currently, in the east metro, EMS hasn't had to work on charting and billing yet because all the trauma patients have been transported to Regions, which arranges the billing/payment process.

Discussion has also included a possible tracking program via the MRCC to identify where blood is available for an intercept.

6. Protocols – No updates

7. Office of EMS - No updates

8. Legislative and MAA – No updates

9. NAEMSP – No updates

10. Meeting Schedule: Fourth Friday of the month at 9:30-10:30 am online. For a meeting invitation, please contact chd.ems@hennepin.us to confirm meeting date and time.

11. Meeting ended at 10:24 a.m.