



## Emergency Medical Services Council

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### EMS Medical Directors Subcommittee

Jan. 23, 2026, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Online meeting:

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#### Draft Summary

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

1. **Today’s Agenda and the Meeting Summary** from Dec. 17, 2025 were approved with a quorum present at 9:30 a.m

#### 2. EMS Case Study Presentations

Dr. Tanghe is waiting for a reply on cost and availability from Riverview Theater as a possible location. Some other locations that would be free could be county meeting rooms or Fire Dept. training rooms. Staff is waiting to hear from Greg H. if MESB training funds could be used if this were open to all metro EMS agencies.

Initial thoughts on the program: To be offered 1-3 times in late summer. A few agencies could present DNR case studies followed by discussion about coming to a common understanding of how to manage DNR in the field. At the end, attendees could stay to watch “Code 3” if they’d like.

Likely attendance would be 150 if CEUs are offered.

**3. EMS in the metro – situation updates**

Allina Health EMS is the lead responder. Allina reports that work with multiple agencies on site at Whipple Building is now going well. Coordination by law enforcement to allow ambulances in to respond has been established which helps with quick arrivals and departures from the scene. Calls average about two per day. All agencies are committed to facilitating good patient care.

**4. Review of EMS Performance Report for the County Board**

Staff requested assistance with a review of the draft report before it goes to the commissioners prior to the Ordinance 9 public hearing on Feb. 5. The stroke and trauma performance measures that were approved by the EMS Council and County Board last year were used to measure on scene times for these two types of high acuity patients. Overall, EMS data show that on less than 20 minutes on scene times for stroke patients meets the 90% standard; trauma on scene times need improvement with 73-84% of cases meeting the under 20 minutes on scene time.

**5. Ordinance 9 Upcoming Board Action Dates**

- Feb. 5 at 1:30 in person and online – Public Hearing- all organizations and interested parties are encouraged to testify in person and/or send in the organization's position statement to the Board
- March 10 at 1:30 in person and online – Health Committee Meeting
- March 17 at 1:30 in person and online – Full Board Meeting

**6. Office of EMS-update by Dr. Tanghe**

Updates on system level legislative actions are posted by Dylan on the OEMS website. A newsletter for EMS Medical Directors is also being developed and will be posted online. There is also a review of the process for investigations of alleged misconduct by EMS providers. More information on the final decision about this process will be documented and posted online as well.

**7. Protocols – No updates**

**8. NAEMSP – No updates**

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

**10. Meeting ended at 10:18 a.m.**