



Board of Emergency Medical Services Meeting Agenda

Date: May 9, 2025

Time:

10:30 a.m. Open Session
12:30 p.m. Closed Session
1:30 p.m. Open Session

Committee Meetings

Not part of Meeting
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location:

Nebraska State Office Building
Lower Level Goldenrod Room
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68521

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The Board will be working through the lunch break.

All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Office of Emergency Health Systems. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call Tonja Bohling at (402) 471-8129 (voice), or for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, please call the Nebraska Relay System at 711 (TDD), prior to the meeting date. Advance notice of seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

2025 Board Meeting Dates:

July 11, 2025
September 8, 2025
December 5, 2025

NOTE: Dates are subject to change

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of a Quorum
Announcement: "This is a public meeting, and the open meetings law is posted."
- 2) Adoption of Agenda
- 3) Approval of February 2, 2025, Minutes
- 4) Office of Emergency Health Systems
 - a) Licensing (Wilson)
 - i) New licensing software
 - ii) Renewal
 - b) EMS Program (Jorgensen)
 - c) Education & Training Agency Compliance (Snodgrass)
 - d) Emergency Medical Services for Children (Blackwell)
 - e) Critical Incident Stress Management (Neumiller)
 - f) Stroke/STEMI System (Neumiller)
 - g) Trauma System (Wren)
 - h) EHS Data Systems (Steele/Holmes)
 - i) Statewide Physician Medical Director Updates (Ernest)
 - i) Model Protocol Update
- 5) EMS Committee Reports
 - a) Legislation and Rules and Regulations (Fiala)
 - i) 2025 Legislative Bills
 - ii) LB569
 - b) Scope of Practice (Bernhardson)
 - i) Model Protocol Revision (Bernhardson)
 - ii) Proposed changes/additions/deletions (Bernhardson)
 - c) EMS Education (Batenhorst)
 - d) EMS Workforce (Cerny)
- 6) NHA EMS Committee (Wilson/Ernest)
- 7) NSVFA Update (Cerny)
- 8) NEMSA/NIS (Sandy Lewis/Amy Santos)
- 9) Training Agency Directors (Fuehring)
- 10) Community Paramedicine (Carol Gupton)
- 11) Public Comment
- 12) Closed Session - (12:30 p.m.)
Announcement: The board will go into closed session for the review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications and other confidential information and for the protection of the reputation of individuals.
 - a) Investigation Reports
 - b) Applications
 - c) Other Confidential Information**Open session will start approximately 1:30 p.m.**
- 13) Board (Licensure) Recommendations from closed session
- 14) Adjourn

EMS Board Agenda Packet:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/OEHS%20EMS%20Board%20Documents/EMS-Board-Agenda.pdf>

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Meeting link:
<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m36754308206bebf0b3faae33683962e8>

Meeting number:
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Meeting password:
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the NEBRASKA
BOARD OF Emergency
Medical Services
February 07, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services was called to order by Dr. James Smith, Board Chairperson, at 10:41 a.m., 02/07/2025, at the DHHS Office 5220 S. 16th Street, Lincoln NE 68508. Copies of the agenda were emailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website prior to the meeting. Smith announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Ryan Batenhorst
- Randy Boldt
- Karen Bowlin
- Joel Cerny
- Dr. Shaila Coffey
- Ann Fiala
- Dr. Prince Harrison
- Todd Hovey
- Brent Lottman
- Dion Neumiller
- Carolyn Petersen-Moore
- Dr. James Smith
- Leslie Vaughn

The following Board members were absent: Dr. Noah Bernhardson, Linda Jensen, and Jonathan Kilstrom

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were also present during all or part of the meeting:

- Tonja Bohling
- Christy Duryea
- Darla Hopwood
- Carol Jorgensen
- Trevor Klaassen, *Investigations*
- Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal Attorney
- Melissa Johnson-Wiles, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Wendy Snodgrass
- Sharon Steele
- Tim Wilson
- Sherri Wren

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Boldt made the motion, seconded by Bowlin, to adopt the agenda for the 02/07/2025, Board of Emergency Medical Services meeting. Dr. Smith requested to amend the motion to include tabling Item #8 POLST. Motion was made with the change of tabling Item #8.

These minutes have not been approved by
the Board of EMS.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Bowlin made the motion, seconded by Batenhorst, to approve the minutes of the 12/13/2024 meeting.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lottman made the motion, seconded by Fiala, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

10:45 a.m. *Meeting went into closed session.*
11:40 a.m. *Meeting returned to Open Session.*

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

The Board took a break at 11:40, resumed at 12:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM: OFFICE OF EMERGENCY HEALTH SYSTEMS

Program reports were submitted for Board review prior to the meeting and were in the portal.

- a. Licensing:
 - i. New licensing software - Tim gave an update. Starting February 21, 2025, through February 25, 2025, licensing activities will be shut down. License renewals will not be processed or accessible in the portal. Stabilization is the first stage and is currently happening. The second stage is the modernization process.
 - ii. After renewal – Percent to Audit: Regarding the services provider license renewal process, it was requested of the Board to give a percent to audit.

MOTION: Bowlin made the motion, seconded by Fiala, for 5% each of Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), Advanced EMTs (AEMT), Paramedics, and EMS Instructors to be audited by the Office of Emergency Health Systems.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

Intermediates sunset this year. It is recommended to downgrade during the renewal cycle.

- b. EMS Program: Carol Jorgensen gave an update on the report submitted (see attached). There are 429 licensed EMS services. She also thanked Tim Wilson for his work on funding for the telehealth project.

- c. Education and Training Agency Compliance: Wendy Snodgrass gave an update. There is an EMS Leadership class at Mid Plains Community College in North Platte. This is open to twenty-six people. Pass rates will be posted on the OEHS website and be given to the EMS Board at the next meeting.
 - i. Protocol Training and Protocol App – Website and Passcode information is posted on the OEHS website.
- d. Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program: Tim Wilson gave an update due to Regan Blackwell's absence. EMSC is working on purchasing equipment. She continues working on Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC). Materials are being revamped to get out to EMS services.
- e. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Program: No updates (See attached).
- f. Trauma Program: Sherri Wren gave an update. The Statewide Trauma Symposium will be held July 24, 2025. Designations have been busy. She is working on regulation changes. The PHHS Grant is in process. An evaluation of the Trauma program is likely coming in the future.
- g. Stroke/STEMI Program: Tim Wilson gave an update. This program is currently trying to reengage the Stroke Advisory Task Force. They are looking for recommendations for protocols. For one of their conferences, they collaborated with the iExcel center virtual training and has great success. Becka Neumiller received an award for her work with iExcel.
- h. EHS Data Systems: Tim Wilson gave an update. Mason Holmes and Sharon Steele are working on validation rules. Third party importers had more flexibility than direct entry. The run form is also being updated making it easier to enter information into the form. The issue with data reporting and analysis is a staff capacity issue.
 Tim Wilson went over a handout of the eNARSIS Data Set on the 2024 calendar year. He touched on services requested, 911/interfacility, and patient disposition.
 There is an epidemiologist to be allocated for the OEHS program for 75% of work time. This will be for both the EMS and Trauma data. His name is Ye and he will start in the next month. Ye will be at the next EMS Board meeting.
 Tim Wilson is also working on getting an informatician to work on the front-end of data. They will be working with Opioid/Overdose reporting and mapping data to connect with EMS data.
 Tim Wilson is also looking into doing dashboard data on the OEHS website.
- i. Statewide Physician Medical Director Update: Dr. Ernest reported he submitted final revisions to the State protocols. Most of the changes are clerical. There are no changes in scope.
 Use of intranasal epinephrine for allergic reactions at the EMT level was sent for review to Scope of Practice Committee.
 Endotracheal tube suctioning by AEMTs was sent for review to Scope of Practice Committee.
 Dr. Ernest also commented he has recently been appointed to the EMS Medical Director position on the Trauma Board. This will promote more collaboration between the Trauma Board and EMS Board.

AGENDA ITEM: EMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were given by committee members.

- a. Committee Updates – Dr. Smith presented an updated listing of committee members (see attachment). Linda Jensen was moved from the Legislative/Rules & Regulation Committee to the EMS Research Committee/Education Committee. Ryan Batenhorst will take Linda's place on the Legislative/Rules and Regulation Committee. The caveat to this is if Rules and Regulation are opened for something major, Linda will be asked to attend the Legislative/Rules and Regulation Committee with her background in protocols. To not create quorum issues, one or more of the non-clinical members may be asked to step back for her to attend. Dr. Smith asked each committee to look at the "to do" list and give an update on what has been completed and any suggestions for future items at the next meeting. Ryan Batenhorst enlightened the Board on the background of the name change from Education Committee to EMS Research Committee.

12:55 p.m. Randy Boldt left.

MOTION: Bowlin made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to accept the Board of EMS Committee Assignments to include the Education Committee name change to the EMS Research Committee and changes made to the members to include switching Linda Jensen to the EMS Research Committee and Ryan Batenhorst to the Legislative/Rules and Regulation Committee.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Boldt, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

b. Legislative/Rules and Regulation Committee

There were no rules or regulations update with regards to legislation.

- i. LB569 was reviewed and discussed in committee. Discussion on data was held. The Committee is in support of accurate and impactful data for the Senators. The data needs to be minable. Discussion was held regarding data being the driver to move EMS forward in Nebraska. Legislative reports and statutory obligation were also discussed. Two options were presented.

1. Set up a couple of Zoom meetings between Senators and the Legislative Committee before the hearing date of February 20, 2025.

2. Write up a document that can change annually based on the needs.

2025 Legislative Bills – Tim Wilson gave an overview of the Legislative Bills currently in the Legislature. He highlighted LB610, LB29, and LB407.

1:03 p.m. *Boldt returned.*

c. Scope of Practice Committee Update

- i. Model Protocol Revision – Ann Fiala gave an update. The Committee suggested the sunset date for the previous protocols be extended to June 30, 2025, or July 1, 2025.

MOTION: Cerny made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to extend the sunset period for the previous protocols to July 1, 2025.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

ii. Proposed changes/additions/deletions

Ann Fiala discussed the EMS Skills Comparison Chart. She did not have Brent Lottman's recommendations for changes. The Committee discussed adding onto the list ventilator management as a paramedic skill. They also discussed nasal epinephrine administration. It was suggested to make the following changes:

1) Advanced EMT end tidal CO2 monitoring "with interpretation" should not be highlighted.

2) Intravenous maintenance of medicated IVs should be highlighted for EMT and AEMT with an asterisk that says, "antibiotics only if started in the hospital."

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Bowlin, to accept the EMS Comparison Chart with the changes noted above.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

Dr. Smith introduced the topic of postmortem blood draws. Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal, commented this is outside of scope. This is a non-licensed activity no license is required

for it. The board made the following recommendation regarding postmortem blood draws: This board does not disapprove of this activity; however, it recommends the decision be up to the medical director because it is deviating from protocols, and recommend they work closely with their local attorney/legal entity.

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Hovey, to recommend the EMS Board does not disapprove of this activity; however, it recommends the decision be up to the medical director because it is deviating from protocols, and recommend they work closely with their local attorney/legal entity.

Voting Yes: Batenhorst, Boldt, Bowlin, Cerny, Coffey, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bernhardson, Jensen, and Kilstrom.

Motion carried.

Dr. Harrison was asked to look at the protocol D10 dosage in pediatrics. This was tabled until next meeting.

- d. Education Committee Update – Ryan Batenhorst, the new committee chair, will work on intended outcomes/objectives for this committee and give a report at the next board meeting.
- e. Workforce Committee Update – Joel Cerny gave an update on Workforce.
 - i. Discussed Leadership training classes being held on Friday – Sunday to allow more volunteers to be able to attend without giving up a week of vacation.
 - ii. Look into starting an annual EMS Leadership award.
 - A. Workforce Committee is willing to help set up the criteria for the award.
 - B. Committee has also offered to judge the applications.
 - iii. DHHS sends out milestone certificates to EMS Responders. There are certificates for Code Save, Special Delivery, and Years of Service for 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. years. Wendy will put this in the newsletter. Dion Neumiller will do the next meeting's update due to Joel Cerny being gone.

AGENDA ITEM: NHA EMS COMMITTEE

Tim Wilson presented. The Nebraska Hospital Association has put together a task force/EMS Committee. The purpose of this committee is to address EMS problems across the state. This is a new committee that has only met once to date. Members are from hospitals, other associations and include, from the EMS side, Jean Bradley from Falls City, Craig Jacobus from Cass County, Tim Wilson, and Dr. Eric Ernest. At the first meeting, goals were discussed, and participants broke out into subcommittees.

AGENDA ITEM: NEBRASKA STATE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION (NSVFA)

Joel Cerny gave a report. The Nebraska Fire Chief's Association is hosting leadership training in Crawford on March 14 and 15, 2025. You can see more information on the NSVFA.org website. Stipend will be available through the NSVFA's Safer Grant 4. Our Recruitment and Retention Committee is also actively working to submit our next SAFER Grant to FEMA but that is all on hold for now.

Fire School Books will be out hopefully by the end of the month.

EMS related classes that will be available include: 12-hour EMS Segmented, 12-hour Paramedic Segmented, Agriculture Emergencies, Basic Vehicle Extrication, Commercial Vehicle Extrication, Grain Engulfment, and Man vs Machine Entrapment. Wendy also normally does a spot in the new Chief's class.

Still actively keeping on top of the OSHA involvement with emergency responders but with the change in leadership in DC, it will probably be on hold for the next 4 years.

The Senator breakfast was held on January 21, 2025, a bitter cold morning, so the turnout was lower than hoped for but went over well. Also, the Legislative Stance meeting was held on January 25, 2025, with Jerry Stilmock and Ryan McIntosh. Stance was taken on over sixty bills. Many are the same ones Tim has marked. The NSVFA has designated LB115 to support in favor. That bill would increase the tax

credit for Emergency Responders that meet the requirements from \$250 to \$1000. Two other bills fund more statewide radios as our affirmative legislation.

As the NSVFA Director to the NVFC the NVFC is keeping me busy as I will be in Washington DC to help present a class on how training can affect recruitment and retention at the Congressional Fire Institute's Symposium on February 13, 2025, and hosting a Facebook-based coffee talk on February 20, 2025, that will be dealing with leadership. These will hopefully be monthly.

AGENDA ITEM: NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (NEMSA)

Dr. Coffey reported this group met with their lobbyist the other day and went over the bills that went through. There are a lot coming out that are very good.

The Super Conference is coming up and will include physician medical director (PMD) training. This PMD training will also be available online. A flier will go out soon. A breakfast with Senators is also coming up soon.

AGENDA ITEM: TRAINING AGENCY DIRECTORS

Ryan Batenhorst gave a report. The assessment was discussed as well as strategy on how to address the issues. An information sheet was created on discussing issues with Legislators. This will include the relationship between the various community colleges.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT

Happy birthday to Randy Boldt.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonja Bohling

Tonja Bohling

OEHS Administrative Technician



Attachment A

State Trauma Board Meeting, April 11, 2025 Office of Emergency Health Systems Reports

a) EMS Program (Jorgensen)

- During the first quarter of 2025, the EMS Program made 1,097 individual EMS contacts (These counts do not include others assisted such as hospitals, EMS training agencies, etc.). These individual contacts are largely due to their need for technical assistance.
- EMS service periodic inspections continued focusing on EMS services that have not yet been inspected in the last 5 years. In addition, there have been a few initial EMS inspections conducted as requested to acquire initial licensure, change of ownership, or change of license level.
- One EMS service closed during the first quarter of 2025.
- The number of licensed EMS services is below as of March 31, 2025:

Western	72
Central	101
Northeast	121
Southeast	134
Total	428

- The new EMS Model Protocols have been available to use as since September 2024, and they are available on our EMS website.
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/OEHS%20Program%20Documents/EMS%20Model%20Protocols%202024.pdf>
The format changed so we are encouraging all EMS providers and EMS Physician Medical Directors to review them to familiarize themselves with the new format. There is also a mobile application for the protocols that is available to EMS providers.
<https://hinckleymed.com/nebraska-dhhs/>
- The new Model Protocols are in the process of being updated with minor changes/corrections and the updated version should be on the website soon and updated in the OneDose application.
- The Nebraska Telehealth Pilot Project continued through 2024 and the spring of this year. The federal funding for a possible second year was cut as of March 24, 2025, so unfortunately, there will not be a second year of EMS telehealth funded through DHHS.
- Funding through the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant and the State Rural Health Flexibility Program has allowed us to pay for 45 EMS providers to take a community paramedicine course. The course began in the middle of September 2024. It is a year-long course so those students will be in this course until later this fall.
- With this year's PHHS funding, we are contracting with a vendor to conduct a community paramedicine feasibility and sustainability study that will be completed by September 30, 2025.

- In addition, we are currently writing the PHS grant application for the funding cycle October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, that is due in the next few weeks.

b) Education and Training Agency Compliance (Snodgrass)

- Scheduling training agency inspections for 2025.
- Working with providers and services for renewal.
- Will be hosting a one-day training for EMS instructors focusing on simulation methods.
- Still looking for presenters for the monthly Zoom continuing education classes. Contact Wendy if interested in presenting.
- Leadership Academy is scheduled for April 23-27, 2025, in North Platte, NE. There are still a few openings.

c) Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (Blackwell)

- Eight Hospital Emergency Departments are recognized as Pediatric Ready!
 - Nebraska Medicine Bellevue was most recently recognized in April.
 - Great Plains Health in North Platte was recognized in February.
- Efforts are underway to recruit Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinators (PECCs) from both emergency departments and EMS to support pediatric readiness.
- Conference planning has started with the iXCEL team out of UNMC to create an immersive educational event focused on the unique emergency care needs of children.
- Please reach out if you need anything pediatric related!

d) Trauma System Program (Wren)

- *Trauma Center Designations:*
 - 53 Trauma Centers Designated
 - ❖ 2025 Designations:
 - Nebraska Medicine, Omaha (Comprehensive) – Region 1
 - Nebraska Medicine, Omaha (Advanced Level Pediatric) – Region 1
 - ❖ 2025 Pending Designations
 - Regional West Medical Center, Scottsbluff (Advanced) – Region 4
 - Avera Creighton, Creighton (Basic) – Region 4
 - CHI Health St. Francis, Grand Island (General) – Region 3
 - ❖ 2025 Upcoming Trauma Center Designation Visits:
 - Box Butte Memorial Hospital, Alliance (Basic) – Region 4
 - Bryan Health, Lincoln (Advanced) – Region 2
 - CHI Health Creighton University, Omaha (Comprehensive) – Region 1
 - Community Hospital, McCook (Basic)– Region 3
 - Franciscan Health, West Point (Basic)– Region 1
 - Gordon Memorial Hospita, Gordon (Basic)– Region 4
 - Mary Lanning Community Hospital, Hastings (General)– Region 2
 - Morrill County Community Hospital, Bridgeport (Basic)– Region 4
 - Nebraska Children’s, Omaha (Pediatric) – Region 1
 - Ogallala Community Hospital, Ogallala (Basic)– Region 4
 - Lexington Regional Health Center, Lexington (Basic) – Region 3
 - Cozad Community Hospital, Cozad (Basic) – Region 3
 - Cambridge Memorial Hospital, Cambridge (Basic) – Region 3
 - Jefferson Community Health Center, Fairbury (Basic) – Region 2
- *Grants:*

- Nebraska Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG): 2025-2026 Competitive Grant application period due April 2025
- *Trauma Advisory Board Vacancies:*
 - Physician practicing in Emergency Medicine (Rural level 3 or 4) – One vacancy
 - Advanced Practice Provider – One vacancy
- *Trauma Advisory Board Appointments:*
 - Eric Ernest, MD, EMS Trauma Medical Director
 - Tea Manning, Consumer Representative
- *Next Trauma Advisory Board Meeting (In-person):*
 - July 23, 2025, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Lincoln (Nebraska State Office Building).

e) Stroke System Program (Neumiller)

- The Nebraska State Stroke Taskforce identified its 2025 strategic goals the following priorities came out of that meeting:
 - Understand current state geography, resources, EMS, Stroke, and Rehab.
 - Improve data collection in EMS discrete fields to better measure prehospital stroke care.
 - Make recommendations for EMS reporting of stroke scales to improve data collection.
 - Increase DHHS access to the Get With The Guidelines stroke registry to improve data collection and distribution.
 - Establish coordinated QI by region, stroke regions will mimic trauma regions.
 - Work on improving door in door out transfer times for the acute stroke patient. This will be done in conjunction with working on coordinated interfacility transport and identifying barriers.
 - Continue to provide education to Skilled Nursing Facilities and rural facilities.

f) Critical Incident Stress Management Program (Neumiller)

- CISM team has provided 27 intervention this year with 177 first responders served.
- CISM is always looking for members if you are interested, please contact Becka for more information at becka.neumiller@nebraska.gov.

g) EHS Data Systems Program (Steele)

- Entries related to the validity rule levels (Warning, Error, or Fatal) have been made into the Elite software for the 3.5.0 transition. The 3.5.0 run form has been prepared and is now ready for testing.
- Requests for personnel additions and/or additional hospitals have been occurring for Hospital Hub and/or Patient Registry.
- Attendance at the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) Webex meetings has been occurring approximately every 2 weeks. And attendance at the Data Managers Council (DMC) meetings occurs every 2 weeks also. Continuous Image Trend trainings are attended by the Emergency Health Systems personnel, these trainings keep users informed of the latest updates to Elite, Hospital Hub and Patient Registry.