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REGIONAL SERVICES DESIGNATION

**Strengthening and Sustaining
the EMS Infrastructure**

REACH OUT WITH QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK



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Thank you, Stephanie!

Stephanie will be joining the SDFMC Chronic Disease Self-Management team.

Welcome, Tristen!

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AGENDA

Project and Action Group Updates

Rural Health Transformation Program

EMS Funding Task Force

Awareness and Training Activities

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purpose: Enhancing EMS capacity and sustainability through regional collaboration



Project Activities

- Community Engagement
- EMS Community Assessment
- EMS Improvement Plan and Implementation
- EMS Awareness and Training



IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SELECTION

An EMS Improvement Project Commitment Form was used to identify the **top two improvement projects** to advance through **Action Groups**.

Career Programs	15
Resource Sharing	11
Recruitment & Retention Plan	10
None	4



CAREER PROGRAMS

Action Group 1:

Establish career programs to develop the next generation of EMS leaders

- School Curriculum Sharing Opportunities
 - Mobridge K-12 /Summer Camp
 - Selby Intro to EMS/Healthcare
- Cadet Program Development
 - Lemmon
 - Webster

EMS EXTRAS WEBINAR SERIES



July EMS Extras

- EMT Teacher Promotes EMS Careers
- NorthCARES Launches Engineering EMS Summer Camp



RESOURCE SHARING

Action Group 2:

**Establish
systems for
resource sharing
amongst
programs.**

- Regional EMT Training and Instructors
- Training Equipment Sharing
 - NorthCARES
 - Spink County Ambulance Services
- Continuing Education & Recertification Programs

ACTION GROUP NEXT STEPS



Career & Training Action Group

- August 26, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
- September 23, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
- October 28, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

Improvement Project Support

- Provided by request from SDFMC
- Improvement Project Guide

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT STEPS

- Define a Project Goal
- Build a Team
- Develop SMART Objectives
- Create the Workplan

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RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM



Topics ▾ Programs ▾ Licensing & Records ▾ Healthcare Professionals ▾ Data & Reports ▾ Laboratory ▾ News & Statutes ▾



Building a Stronger, Healthier Rural South Dakota

South Dakota is one of the most rural states in the country, and that creates unique healthcare challenges. Many rural and frontier residents travel long distances to reach care, face limited transportation options, and experience provider shortages. These challenges can lead to higher rates of suicide, chronic disease, and preventable health conditions.



To help address these needs, the South Dakota Department of Health has launched the Rural Health Transformation Project. This five-year initiative focuses on strengthening healthcare systems in rural communities and ensuring that

Rural Health

- Rural Health Transformation Project
- Critical Access Hospital
- Shortage Areas
- Careers and Recruiting ▾
- J-1 Visa Waiver Program ▾
- Rural Health Staff Directory

<https://doh.sd.gov/healthcare-professionals/rural-health/rural-health-transformation-project/>



ADVANCING THE RURAL WORKFORCE

- Rural Strong Grants: Strengthening Access to Care in Rural Communities
 - EMS Regional Hub Development and Oversight Consultant
 - Enhancing Sustainable EMS, EMS Workforce, Infrastructure
- Building a Sustainable Rural Health Workforce
 - Education
 - Stakeholder and Project Management
 - **Recruit & Retention: Due 09/04/2026**



EMS FUNDING TASK FORCE

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**District 4 and 7
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Improvement Plan**

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EMS FUNDING TASK FORCE



- Senate Bill 89 created the EMS Funding Task Force
- 5 Interim Committee Meetings
 - June 17, 2026
 - August 24, 2026
Room 413 at 10:00 AM
- Submitting Public Comments
 - In-person, virtual, or written



EMS FUNDING TASK FORCE

Individuals must register electronically to testify or provide public comments.

Contact committee members through emails or phone calls, especially if they are in your district.

Interim Committee Agenda

Committee: Emergency Medical Services Funding Task Force
Meeting: First Meeting, 2026 Interim South Dakota Legislature
Room: Room 413 - State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM CT

Register electronically to testify: <https://sdlegislature.gov/testify/306864>

Representatives Emery, Fosness, Hughes, Hunt, Peterson (Drew), and Weems and
Senators Jensen (Kevin), Larson, Otten, Peterson (Sue), and Reed

10:00 AM	Call to Order Determination of Quorum
10:30 AM	An overview of emergency medical services in South Dakota and an update on the Rural Health Transformation Project <i>Emily Kiel, Director, Division of Healthcare Access, Department of Health</i> <i>Marty Link, Deputy Director, Division of Healthcare Access, Department of Health</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Perspectives on emergency medical services in South Dakota <i>Alan Perry, President, South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association</i> <i>Brian Hambek, President, South Dakota Ambulance Association</i> <i>Sara Rankin, Executive Director, South Dakota Municipal League</i> <i>Dan Klimisch, President, South Dakota Association of County Commissioners</i>
2:30 PM	Public Comments
3:30 PM	Task Force Discussion and Directives
4:00 PM	Adjourn



AWARENESS AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

EMS HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS WEBSITE

EMS Heroes and Highlights

Like and share on
SDFMC Facebook

Share articles to your
social media

New stories added
regularly

Grandson's Actions and EMS Response Save Rancher's Life

👤 sfredenbsdfmc 🕒 March 9, 2026 📁 EMS Hero Highlight, EMS Highlight ✎ Edit

An unexpected turn while branding heifers left a Herreid rancher bleeding and numb. His grandson's actions to stop the bleed and the quick response from EMS saved his life.

#EMSHeroesHighlights #RuralEMS #FirstResponders #EMSSavesLives

Submitted by: Dale Alfred
Deibert – Herreid, SD

The day of my accident was June 1, 2025. My two teenage grandsons were helping with branding heifers at the ranch. A heifer came back in the chute, agitated.



EMS HEROES AND HIGHLIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Every story helps raise awareness and strengthen support for EMS.

- Why did you choose an EMS career?
- What are the rewards of joining a community EMS?



EMS WEEK SITE VISITS



- Hand County Ambulance Service
- Spink County Ambulance Service
- Aberdeen Fire & Rescue
- Avel E-Care

EMS COMMUNITY TRAINING



- CPR/AED Use
- Stop the Bleed
- Basic Emergency Response

- Lemmon: May 19 (30)
- Mobridge: May 20 (65)
- Selby: May 20 (20)
- Huron: June 11 (100)
- Webster: August 4 (tonight)

SDFMC ON THE ROAD



CMS SITE VISIT



EMS NEEDS & KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT



Original Assessment

81 Communities

319 Responses

Post Assessment

Due September 30th

Please Share and Respond



AUGUST EMS EXTRA WEBINAR

SD HOSA Trains Students in EMT Skills

- August 5 @ 12:00 PM CT
- Brock Rops, MEd - SD Area Health Education Center

Newell Volunteer Crew Prioritizes EMT Courses for Recruitment

- August 12 @ 12:00 PM CT
- Sherry Hocking - Butte County Ambulance Service

UPCOMING MEETINGS

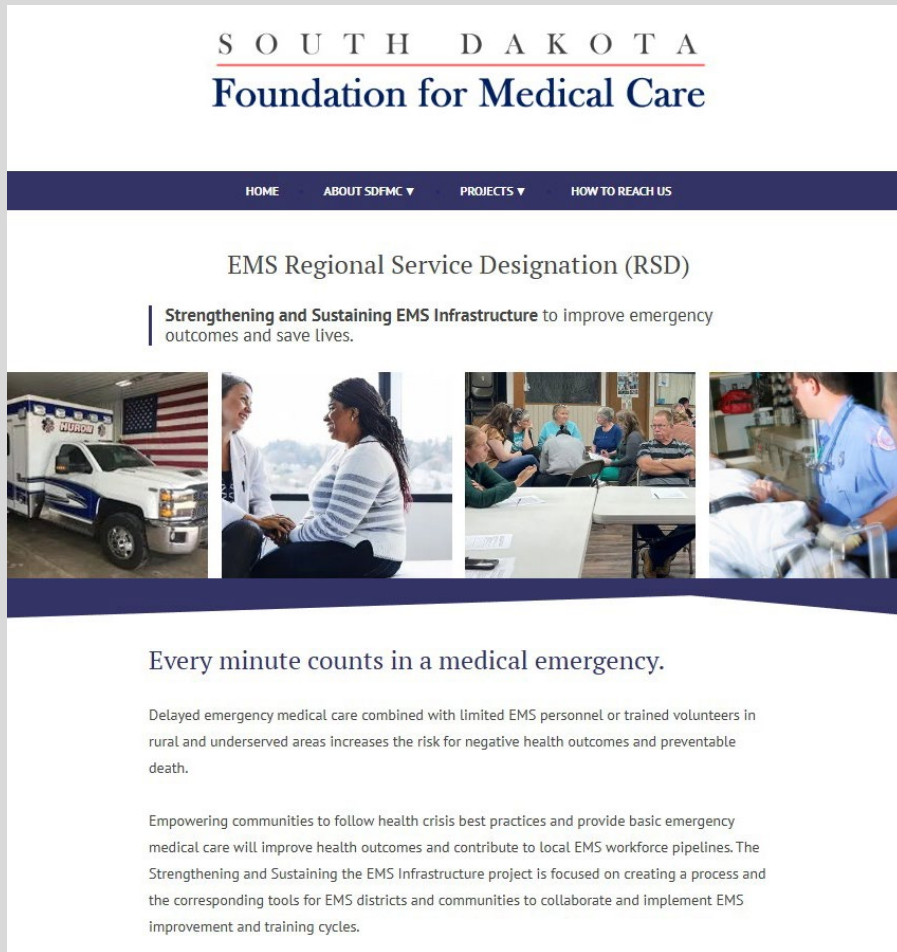
Career and Training Action Group

- August 26, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
- September 23, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
- October 28, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

EMS Improvement Coalition

- November 3, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

EMS RSD PROJECT RESOURCES



Project Page:

- <https://sdfmc.org/projects/ems-regional-service-designation/>

EMS Extras Webinar Series:

- <https://sdfmc.org/projects/ems-regional-service-designation/ems-extras/>

Work Groups (Password Protected):

- <https://sdfmc.org/improvement-planning-and-implementation>

PROJECT RESOURCES

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Improvement Project Guide

- <https://sdfmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/26-0112-EMS-Improvement-Plan-FINAL.pdf>

Social Media Toolkit

- <https://sdfmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/EMS-Social-Media-Toolkit.pdf>

EMS Resource Guide

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