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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)
AGENDA
November 4, 2021 - 1:00pm
Virtual Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Tiemersma
 - Call the roll
- II. Approval of the October 7, 2021 SEMSAC meeting minutes
- III. SEMSAC Chair Report – Mr. Tiemersma
- IV. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - Monoclonal-ProtocolV2 - ACTION – Dr. Chizmar
 - Election of Officers – Ms. Goff



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Via Conference Call Only Meeting Minutes

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SEMSAC Members Present: Wayne Tiemersma, Chairperson; Eric Smothers, Vice Chairperson; Justin Orendorf; Scott Haas; Murray Kalish, MD; Tim Kerns; Kathryn Burroughs; Jennifer Anders, MD; Linda Dousa; Jeffrey Sagel, DO; Michael Cox; Kathleen Grote; Lisa Tenney; Tim Burns; Karen Vogel; Kristie Snedeker; Jim Matz; Alan Butsch; Wayne Dyott; Michael Millin, MD; Michael Rosellini; Major Tagliaferri

SEMSAC Members Absent: Michael DeRuggerio; Rosemary Kozar, MD

MSFA: President McCrea; Kate Tomanelli

OAG: Ms. Sette; Mr. Malizio

Others: Mark Scarboro (NSC)

MIEMSS: Ted Delbridge, MD; Pat Gainer; Tim Chizmar, MD; Jeannie Abramson; Anna Aycock; Becki Byrd; Scott Legore; Luis Pinet Peralta; Bryan Ebling; Luis Pinet-Peralta; Andy Robertson; Carole Mays; Barbara Goff

Chairman Tiemersma called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The roll was called.

Chairman Tiemersma asked for approval of the October 7, 2021, SEMSAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, seconded by Mr. Matz, SEMSAC unanimously approved the October 7, 2021, SEMSAC minutes as written.

SEMSAC Report

Chairman Tiemersma said it is the expectation that SEMSAC members be active and participate on Standing and Ad-hoc Committees. He added that Tim Burns, Kristie Snedeker and Michael Millin have volunteered to sit on the new Ad-hoc committee for recommendations on regulation changes to EMSOP designation. Chief Matz has volunteered to be the SEMSAC member on the MIH Ad-hoc committee. The Ad-hoc MIH Committee approved by the Board as a Standing Committee will be included in the next update of the SEMSAC by-laws. A list of all committees will be sent for member sign-up.

MIEMSS Report

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Delbridge said that current COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the decline. There is a concern that as more people are gathering inside and their immunity wains, we may see another up-surge.

Yellow Alerts

Dr. Delbridge reported that utilization of Yellow Alerts is currently at an unprecedented high level. Over half of hospitals are either on red or yellow alert at any given time. The median time to transfer a patient from EMS to hospital staff is 21 minutes; the 90th percentile is 58 minutes and more than 9% of patient transfers of care take longer than an hour to effect transfer. This places severe distress on the EMS system.

CRISP

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS continues work with CRISP to achieve a more objective advisory system based on ED patient census. CRISP is currently monitoring the administrative data feed from hospitals to CRISP for analysis.

MIEMSS' @HA (Ambulances at Hospitals Dashboard)

Dr. Delbridge said it is important to have EMS transports use the @HA dashboard. Montgomery FRS data has been added to the dashboard. He provided screen shots of the @HA Dashboard and @HA App for cell phones showing locations of ambulances at hospitals. He said that the App allows clinicians to filter the display to show hospitals of interest. Clinicians can see the number of ambulances for all jurisdictions at each hospital, which adds to situational awareness.

Emergency Department "Boarders"

As part of the surveillance during COVID-19, Dr. Delbridge said MIEMSS is gathering data on patients who are boarded in Emergency Departments. He said that, as of today, there are 249 patients identified as "Boarders" in Maryland hospital Emergency Departments. He added that there is no standard for the length of time considered for reporting a patient as "boarding in the emergency department" waiting for an in-patient bed. Boarded patients could wait for an inpatient bed for anywhere from 10 minutes to several days. MIEMSS is part of the policy discussion to assist in reducing the number of patients boarded in the Emergency Departments. Dr. Delbridge added that the state is working to create a registry of available space and to create long-term treatment space for psych patients. There is much work to be done.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding psych and other patient boarding in the ED, Direct-to-Triage and the consequences of patient boarding on EMS.

Chief Matz said that although patient volumes are slightly down in Baltimore City, EMS patient transfer times have increased. He said that the City has a 30, 60 and 90 minute policy for patient transfers to ED staff. At 30 minutes, clinicians notify dispatch, at 60 minutes an officer is sent to the ED and at 90 minutes a chief is sent to the ED. Over the last two weeks, approximately six people have been redirected to another ED. Baltimore City started the Direct to Triage on Monday. The nurse workforce challenge was also discussed.

EMS Clinician Attrition

Dr. Delbridge said that ALS extensions expired on October 30th – 31st and that 257 clinician licenses have lapsed. With the almost 2-year extension, this is consistent with the yearly ALS attrition average of 130. MIEMSS has received a few inquiries regarding reinstatement.

MIEMSS Employee Notices

Dr. Delbridge introduced and welcomed Adam Malizio as the new AAG assigned to MIEMSS. He said Adam came from the Department of Health and is a former CRT in Montgomery County.

MSFA

Mr. Smother said the Presidents' reception was held the previous weekend.

Mr. Smothers announced that the MSFA Convention will be held in person in Ocean City, MD.

Mr. Smothers said that recruitment efforts had begun for positions funded by the SAFER Grant. Information regarding these positions is posted to the MSFA website and social media platforms.

SEMSAC Committee Reports

Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)

Vice Chair Smothers said that the Regional Affairs Committee met this morning. Requests for the Cardiac Arrest Grant were prioritized.

Old Business – N/A

New Business

Monoclonal-ProtocolV2

Dr. Delbridge presented the Mobile Integrated Health – COVID Monoclonal Antibody Administration Protocol for the treatment of COVID-19 patients over 12 years of age and weighing at least 40kg and who meet all of the criteria within the written protocol. He said the protocol is for MIH clinicians only.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Dyott seconded by Ms. Burroughs and unanimously approved to recommend the EMS Board approve the Mobile Integrated Health–COVID Monoclonal Antibody Administration Protocol.

SEMSAC Officer Elections

Ms. Goff said that the 21 SEMSAC members voted for Chairperson (Wayne Tiemersma and Vice Chairperson (Eric Smothers). She asked Chairman Tiemersma to ask for a floor vote to move the election of officers forward.

ACTION: A motion was made by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Chief Matz and unanimously voted to approve Wayne Tiemersma as Chairperson and Eric Smothers as Vice Chairperson for calendar year 2022 by the SEMSAC membership.

ACTION: A motion was made by Dr. Fillmore, seconded by Ms. Grote and unanimously voted upon to adjourn.