

# *Region IV EMS Advisory Council*

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## **VIRTUAL MEETING January 18, 2022**

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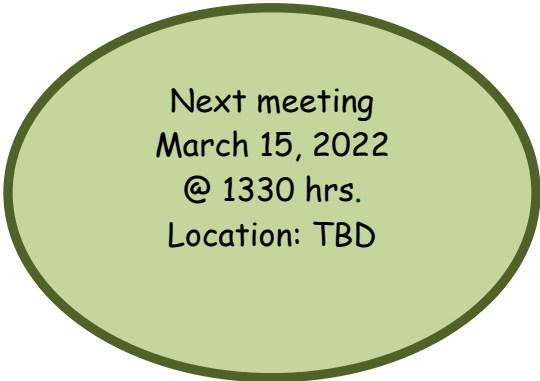
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### **AGENDA**

1.    Call to Order & Introductions
2.    Approval of Minutes
3.    Regional Medical Director's Report
4.    Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report
5.    EMS Board Report
6.    SEMSAC/Regional Affairs Report
7.    MIEMSS Report
8.    Agency/Regional Reports (Circle "yes" on the roster if you want to make a report)
9.    Old Business
10.    New Business
11.    Adjournment



Next meeting  
March 15, 2022  
@ 1330 hrs.  
Location: TBD

**REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**January 18, 2022**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike Parsons, Bryan Ebling, Rich Koch, Scott Haas, Brian LeCates, Doug Walters, Nicole Leonard, Mark Bilger, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, David Rice, Kathy Jo Marvel, Shari Donaway, Chris Shaffer, Wayne Tome, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Lisa Lisle, Mark Sheridan, Chris Truitt, John Donohue, Sgt. Larsen MSP Aviation, Dr. White, Scott Wheatley, Dr. Ciotola, Dr. Krohmer, Dr. Todd, Dr. Chiccone, Dr. Chizmar, Dr. Ochsenschlager, Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Castiglione, Barbara Goff, Randy Linthicum, Dozia Rahilly.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Rich Koch

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Brian LeCates to approve the November 16, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Chris Shaffer and passed.

**Regional Medical Director's Report:**

Dr. Chiccone – Due to a scheduling conflict, the Protocol Review Committee has not met yet this month so there will be no formal report given.

I would like to share a short list of reminders, as there has been communications from Dr. Chizmar and MIEMSS about these trying times.

- On January 5, 2022, a reminder was sent to the Chiefs and Jurisdictional Medical Directors regarding the Freestanding Emergency Medical Facility Transport protocol. The protocol states that EMS shall consult with the Freestanding Medical Center or if the Freestanding Medical Center is not a Base Station it will consult with the closest Base Station prior to transporting priority 1 and 2 patients to a Freestanding Medical Facility.
- Some Jurisdictions in the State are operating in what is called crisis mode. Dr. Chizmar had asked us to look at the Crisis Dispatch protocol just to familiarize ourselves with what that looks like just in case things continue to deteriorate.

**Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:**

Cyndy Wright Johnson – I just wanted to highlight a couple of items contained in the handouts that I sent out.

- We checked this morning and so far, we have three nominations. Remember to think about something positive that happened last year that was heroic, something that stood out, and was exceptional. We have all of the EMS awards, the Stars of Life awards and Right Care When it Counts awards for children and youth. These forms can be found online and will only take about 10 minutes to fill out.

- We had a great meeting with our Pediatric Champions in October and just had a virtual forum in January. In addition to providing some continuing education, we went over how to complete the 2022 EMS survey. Ocean City and Caroline have both completed their surveys in Region IV. It is open through March and we have posted a webinar on how to complete it. As a reminder, it is fine if an individual clinician is counted in more than one jurisdiction if they are working in more than one jurisdiction.
- In July, we did complete the hospital assessment, which is the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment. The fact that every hospital participated makes us stand out and I want to thank you.
- PEMAC continues to be very active. The major change that we have contributed to is for the protocols that will go into effect in July. We will be moving the optional Supraglottic airway to standard protocol.
- On behalf of PEMAC, Dr. Anders and Dr. Ochenschlager and myself, I want to recognize that the industry making Supraglottic airways has not standardized. Dr. Anders did take that to the National Association of EMS Physicians meetings last weekend voicing the need for a national standard.
- The conferences are changing. Both Winterfest and Miltenberger are working on a combined virtual platform for 12 hours of Con-Ed. We still will be offering PEPP in February if there is enough registration. EMT skills already has enough registration in February for Winterfest. Miltenberger has asked that we move it to a different time of year and we will be accommodating that request. We have had to cancel the Moulage course for the third time because of staffing or space.

### **EMS Board Report:**

Mary Alice Vanhoy – We had a joint meeting this morning with SEMSAC and a lot of the meeting consisted of reports given by our partners. We did move forward with a couple of the changes in some of the legislation especially based off the new State of Emergency. Some of those changes were related to Clinicians, licensure, and the extension of bringing people back. We voted to move forward with letting EMT classes take their written first and then work in the psychomotor. We also approved some perinatal regulations. We are merging Winterfest with Miltenberger online. We are going to miss seeing people; however, we will be having skills so we encourage people to register.

### **SEMSAC Report / Regional Affairs Report:**

Scott Haas – I have pushed out the documentation that Mary Alice just mentioned. You may have received it in separate emails due to the size of the files. If you did not receive the MFRI report, please let me know.

## **MIEMSS Report:**

Dr. Delbridge – Inaudible, deferred his time to Dr. Chizmar with additional assistance from Bryan Ebling.

Dr. Chizmar –

- We discussed several of the new protocols with the EMS Board and the plan is to bring them to SEMSAC and the Board for a final vote at their February meetings.
- We have two more Jurisdictions that have come on with Direct to Triage and Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol and I want to thank you for doing that and having those conversations with the hospitals. In places where it has been fully implemented, we have seen great effects for EMS to be able to off load and transfer care in a more timely way.
- There will be a variety of new continuing education programs coming out. One will be a refresher for BLS Epinephrine the other will be an intro / BLS refresher for albuterol and both will be posted to the EMS online training site. There are several other ALS continuing education modules that are slated to come out in May 2022. One of those will actually be a didactic component on the Supraglottic airways led by Dr. Sam Galvagno, Anesthesiologist at Shock Trauma.

Bryan Ebling – I will hit on a couple of things that Dr. Delbridge may have been reporting on since his audio quality wasn't the best, and I am not sure if everyone could hear what he was saying.

- The commercial service has developed an application called the Maryland Hospital Commercial Ambulance Request System (MH-CARS) for hospitals to use when in need of commercial transport services. MIEMSS has posted a Smartsheet form that a hospital can fill out if they are having trouble getting commercial service transports. Once this form is filled out, the transport will be open to any commercial ambulance service that can fill the need for the hospital.
- Region IV EMRC implemented a dashboard that shows the status for all of the hospitals in Region IV including the Delaware hospitals. If you do not have access and would like access please reach out to the Region IV office for that link. It is public facing; however, it is not intended for public use. It is for first response use and if hospitals would like to look at it, that is fine as well.
- We have two new Jurisdictional programs in Region IV. The Town of Ocean City and The City of Salisbury have been approved as Jurisdictional EMS Operational programs by the EMS Board at their December meeting. They have identified the HJO's, Medical Directors and Quality Assurance folks.
- Winterfest collaborating with Miltenberger virtually is very exciting. Those who have not been able to attend Miltenberger in the past will be able to get that content. It will all be offered through the MIEMSS learning management system and it will be more than twelve hours of continuing education, it is more along the lines of fourteen hours by the time it is all said and done. The skills class will be held at the Easton VFC with a limited

registration and the PEPP class will be held at Oxford Fire Station with limited registration. Anyone interested in the two in person classes will need to register.

- The virtual content for Winterfest has a target date of March 11<sup>th</sup> to launch.
- MIEMSS is supporting Winterfest including the EMSC program, Clinician services and EMS Educational Support Services along with the Region IV office.
- The Critical Care Coordination Center (C4) upgraded to (C4P) to include Pediatrics on October 1, 2021. Since November 30, 2020 there has been 2436 consults. They had 393 calls in December, 122 ICU Beds were located, 125 were managed in the facility with medical direction by C4 Physicians, 60 facilities that were asking for assistance found an ICU bed on their own and the remaining patients were not ICU level patients. In the first 14 day of January, they had 176 consults showing just how beneficial the C4 program is becoming.
- We strongly encourage everyone to utilize the At Hospital Application to see how many ambulances are sitting at hospitals. The only two counties that are not currently pushing data to the At Hospital Application are Caroline County and Queen Anne's County. Caroline is actively working on getting it implemented. Queen Anne's County is working on a new CAD system that they will go live with in the spring. We are hopeful by the spring we will see all nine Jurisdictions pushing this data out to the @HA.
- Just a reminder, the ICMD Covid 19 test kits are no longer valid. If you have PCR kits from IMCD please do not use them. You must use the CIAN test kits and if you do not have them or access to use them please contact the Region IV office or HQ so we can get the EMSOP set up to do that.
- The Antigen test kits are still available; please fill out your Smartsheet forms for the Antigen test kits if you need them.
- The Cardiac Device grant is moving along very well. I want to remind all of the jurisdictions that if you have received your PO and authorization to proceed to please order those devices ASAP. I am being told the devices have a backlog of several months and I have a feeling that will only continue to grow as time moves along.

### **Agency / Regional Reports:**

Dr. Ciotola – We are still dealing with increasing numbers. We are still trying to push out to the community N95 masks as well as the rapid take home test kits.

Nicole Leonard – Easton will be having its Stroke re-destination site survey next Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Mary Alice Vanhoy – Shore will be sponsoring a paramedic refresher. As of now, at least the first class will be going virtual and all may go virtual except for the skills; we are still looking into that.

Chris Shaffer – We started the Direct to Triage protocol with our primary hospital Atlantic General and we jumped on the Viral Pandemic protocol, both of which are now in place. Thank you Bryan and Mike for coming in December to do our VAIP inspections.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm. Motion made by David Rice, seconded by Mary Alice Vanhoy.