



CASAC Meeting Minutes – Sept 2022

September 21, 2022 at 1PM – In person (MIEMSS HQ Room #212) and Virtual (Go To Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rosenberg

Minutes from July 2022 meeting – Motion by Jill Dannenfelser, second by Cory Skidmore to approve minutes as printed

State EMS Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Chizmar

- Introduction of Meg Stein, Protocol Administrator
- MIEMSS has hired Todd Abramovitz as Director of Educational Support Services and Media Relations, previously held by Jim Brown. Todd starts today and comes from Harford Community College where he was the Dean of Arts and Humanities.
- Chris Bechtel has been named as the Chief of Information Technology. Chris has been with MIEMSS since 2012 serving a variety of roles within the IT department.
- Protocol Review Committee – Two items specific to commercial services were discussed at last week’s PRC meeting. Cardizem infusion as an ALS skill (instead of SCT) and expansion of BLS scope for hospice transport. After discussion, both proposals passed the PRC and will advance to the SEMSAC and EMS Board for approval. If approved, these changes would take effect on July 1, 2023.
- Proposed Regulatory Changes – We have four proposed regulatory changes that we want to present to CASAC today. These deal with Neonatal and SCT staffing.

#1 – Proposed by MRNTP – This will add CRT as an option for the second clinician under 30.09.12.04 A (2) (b)

#2 – Proposed by MRNTP – This will allow a 2nd or 3rd year neonatal or pediatric critical care fellow to the list of physicians who may staff a neonatal transport, as follows:

30.09.12.04 C (3)

If a physician, maintain board certification in neonatology, or

Maintain board certification in pediatric critical care, or

Be a licensed physician serving in the second or third year of neonatology or pediatric critical care fellowship.

#3 – This proposal would provide another pathway to become a recognized SCT Paramedic in Maryland.

30.09.14.04 B (2) (a) (i)

SCT Paramedic is defined as:

Takes a course approved by the EMS Board and is credentialed by the specialty care transport service, or

Holds current CCP-C or FP-C certification through the IBSC and is credentialed by the specialty care transport service.

#4 – This proposal add Physician Assistants to the SCT transport staffing

30.09.14.04 B (2) (b)

One shall be a registered nurse, *physician assistant*, or physician with advanced training and certification in the care of specialty care patients and current knowledge of the EMS system as defined in Regulation .02G(3) of this chapter.

SOCALR Report – Scott Legore

- Renewal Inspections continue – the services that expire in September have been scheduled and the services due in October should have received their renewal packets.
- Data Import – We continue to work with services on data import issues.
- QA – MIEMSS has re-established the Quality Improvement Committee. This committee focuses on metrics for 911 services and does not cover commercial service based metrics. We are looking to have a similar type meeting for the commercial service QA Officers.
- Equipment – No changes on the equipment requirements.
- Airway Grant – The airway grant closed on August 1st. 9 ALS services applied covering 92 units, in total just under \$13,300 was distributed.
- MIEMSS website – MIEMSS has rolled out a new website. Same address – miemss.org but new look. If you have any issues with the new site, please let me know.

Interfacility Transport Study – Pat Gainer

Since the last meeting, MDH has released the RFP for the statewide broker system. This is a very large RFP (over 600 pages) and very technical. We continue to review the RFP.

A meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday to continue to work on the Interfacility Transport Study.

In addition, a meeting was held last week with Jimmy Pixton. Jimmy will be assisting us on determining the costs associated with these transport for the study. He will be reaching out to you for some information to assist with the study.

Clinician Services – Bev Witmer

- EMT Stipend – all 500 stipends have been awarded. 80 of the students who have completed the program have 100% pass rate. Many still in the process of class and exams.
- EMT Field Internship portfolio – Committee has been formed to begin work on reviewing the methodology of applying EMT education to patient care during the internship portion of the programs. First meeting is 9/28/22
- EMT Psychomotor Exam Scenarios—Scenarios are being reviewed and validated by Dr. Chizmar, new scenarios are being added to reflect more recent protocols. There will be a committee of evaluators to work on these to begin this fall.
- Regulation Changes—All feedback from the stakeholder meetings have been gathered and will be taken back to the MIEMSS internal committee for review and represented to the stakeholders.

PEMAC Report – Jill Dannenfelser

Report was sent out to the committee by Cyndy earlier today

SEMSAC – no report

MIH – no report

Old Business – None

New Business

- Jimmy Pixton – I am working with Pat Gainer and Dr. Delbridge on putting together cost per call for the Interfacility Transport Study. I will be reaching out to many of you for your service’s information. We will keep this information de-identified in the report.
- Will Rosenberg – I would like to thank the folks that assisted in putting together the presentation for the hospice care protocol for the PRC.
- Scott Legore – The bylaws call for the elections of officers every two years. I am not sure that it was done two years ago due to COVID. If you are interested in Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson, please let me know. To be eligible to for office and to vote, you must have attended three meetings in the calendar year.
- In addition, the bylaws call for the official representative and alternate shall be approved in writing from the service’s owner or Chief Operating Officer as listed on the commercial ambulance license application and submitted to the Director of SOCALR. This has not been done for the last few years. SOCALR will be asking all services to submit their CASAC representative and alternate at the first of the year.
- Will Rosenberg – The CASAC bylaws need to be reviewed and updated. These were originally put together when the committee was formed in 1998 and were last revised in 2017. Looking for someone to work on this.

Good of the Committee

Scott Legore – Reminder MIEMSS award nominations are open. You can submit nominations through the website for all award categories.

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Motion to adjourn by Jimmy Pixton, seconded by Jill Dannenfelser.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

In person: Will Rosenberg, Scott Legore, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Meg Stein, Cyndy Wright Johnson

Virtual: John Damiani, Jill Dannenfelser, Bev Witmer, Sarah Sette, Pat Gainer, Adam Malizio, Mike Moretti, Jim Pixton, Cory Skidmore, Teddy Baldwin, Bobby Harsh, Donny DeGraves, Tyler Stroh, Susan Rainey, Michael Herndon, Devin Meyers, Adam Cole, Gary Rains