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AGENDA

November 15, 2016

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



Next meeting
January 17, 2017
@ 1330 hrs.

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Attendees: Andy Robertson, Steve White, MD, Sgt. Michael Mann, Barbara Steiner, Denise Hill, Andy Aswegan, MD, Alana Long, Olivia Dorman, Doug Walters, David rice, Brian LeCates, Phil Hurlock, Tom Chiccone, MD, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Dan Ochsenchlager, MD, John Donohue, Scott Wheatley, John Barto, Ann McCaslin

The meeting was called to order by Scott Wheatley at 1:38 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Brian LeCates to approve the September 2016 minutes as written, seconded by David Rice. Motion approved.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Dr. Chiccone - Protocol Review Committee Report: Dr. Chizmar brought up protocol to discuss freestanding medical centers to be stroke-ready centers. Proposal was drip and ship. Joint Commission and Hospital Association are in favor of this. This was a contentious meeting. The Protocol Committee will not be the credentialing group. Requirement will be rapid evaluation, CT, urgent neuro consult, give TPA and transfer. The problem arises in transporting from the freestanding medical center to a hospital. There are a lot of operational issues that need to be identified. This issue was tabled until 2017. •Roger Stone, MD, presented protocol proposal to have 911 intervene at ground level - Super Triage - and back-up system to roll up to Urgent Care Facility where ED is across the street in case the patient was triaged incorrectly. Regional Medical Directors Meeting Report: Image Trend has encountered more delays. New platform will potentially be ready by June 2017. •Dr. White - Dextrose administration was reviewed recently - Why do we have a cut off for age groups? Why not use D10 for all? Cyndy Wright-Johnson said that was a PEMAC decision to give D25 until age 17. She explained the reasoning behind the decision.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Cyndy Wright-Johnson- Highlighted several events listed in the handouts. CPR ventilation for pediatrics. See the MIEMSS website for more info. In January she would like to set up a focus group for child fatalities. Focus on review of national pediatric readiness (last page of handout). Overall state score went up 3 points in two working years. Cyndy discussed who writes the policy questions and how it works and which facilities are allowed to participate in the study. They are going to update the questions in the near future.

SEMSAC Report: Scott Hass emailed the report out to Council. Keep an eye on how quickly freestandings are popping up. Hospitals can change in a rather short amount of time to a freestanding. Scott Hass has been elected vice-chair of SEMSAC.

EMS Board Report: Mary Alice Vanhoy - A protocol packet for review has been sent out to random providers in the state to look at grammatical errors and other miscellaneous errors. Hopefully, this will cut down on the correction pages that come out after the protocols are printed and distributed. There will be a new syncope protocol. Also, a new sexual assault protocol with a page still in process telling which facilities have pediatric and/or adult programs.

There was a presentation from Upper Chesapeake on their proposed freestanding medical facility (FMF), with a potential opening in 2020. Discussion on Stroke Ready Hospital. Dr. Ciotola asked if the Health Care Commission is looking at the number of ICU beds in the State with the closing of many of our community hospitals and being replaced by FMF's. Dr. Chiccone said that this has been part of the discussion, but is not sure of the extent of that knowledge base. Yes, the state is very aware of this issue.

MIEMSS Report: John Donohue - High Consequence Infectious Disease Program is being put together at MIEMSS with some of the HCID money. Trying to hire infectious disease coordinator for 2-3 years using a grant. Will be responsible to establish statewide EMS HCID advisory panel. Will pay more attention to the daily activity of infection control. HCID transport teams - 2-3-year grant funding for support of these teams. Mentioned the Interfacility teams (have 4 of these) and 911 response - team to help support the unannounced patients. No standards at present for a HCID Transport Team. He has received no applications or interest from the Eastern Shore.

John Barto - Dr. Alcorta sent out memo on Short Form Revisions. Firefox will no longer support SilverLight. Reviewed 50/50 grant prioritizations. The will be reviewed on 12/1/16 at SEMSAC. We had numerous requests for replacement of LP12s. However, the funding just doesn't stretch to cover all the requests. • John relayed concerns to MIEMSS that providers must give category and priority in order to get a helicopter for stroke patients. Mike Mann said SYSCOM and MSP are working to resolve this. Since he also staffs SYSCOM part-time, he explained the process of what happens when you call into SYSCOM. • Transmission of telemetry is up and running at Chester River.

Agency Reports: John Barto asked about the status of the Statewide Diversion Policy - John Donohue – MIEMSS is hoping for something by January 2017. Performance measures are being discussed with the sister agencies/organizations. John Barto - Region IV will try to clean up our regional document so our regional hospitals know what to report (or not). Need to clean up some of the definitions.

David Rice asked on status of DuoDotes: John Donohue stated that it had not been manufactured for several years. However, the manufacturer has started production again.

Sgt. Mike Mann – Is the contact for MSP-AV on Shore. He is a Medic at Trooper 4, but supervises both Trooper 6 and 4. Wants to focus on customer service.

Mary Alice Vanhoy - Glad they could help out at Bay Bridge Run. •For those companies that run out of Shore Health hospitals - cost of epi-pens significantly rising. \$300 - \$500 each. Alternative product was pulled by FDA. As of first of year Shore Regional Health will no longer be providing epi-pens. She passed out sample of kit that will be distributed by Shore Health to ALS companies. New kit costs \$12.00. For jurisdictions that want to use these kits, they must submit an application for optional procedure. •Went live with Life-Net in Chestertown.

Brian LeCates- Winterfest is coming up last full weekend of January 2017. Flyer will be coming out soon. Mary Alice mentioned that the keynote speaker is Terry Foster. He is a clinical specialist and is a practicing nurse in the ED. 20th Anniversary of Winterfest.

Dave Rice - Need to do staff training for new system at Chester River. •Bone of contention with MFRI in relation to ASLC, PALS, etc. Hybrid programs - MFRI not accepting the on-line component and making students redo the whole program. Should only have to do the practical portion of program. They basically invalidate the written exam when student comes in to take practical portion. Asked if anyone else is having problems. Some jurisdictions do not use MFRI. Scott Wheatley suggested several solutions for David.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Dr. Chiccone - Thanked everyone for accepting Dr. Kevin Chapel, Director of Pharmacy, who is now in charge of restocking controlled substances. Would like to leave ED out of restocking of controlled substances and go directly to the Pharmacy for primary stocking purposes. This diminishes the number of hands on controlled substances. This is a work in progress.

Dr. Chiccone - Some dispatch modules don't talk to CARES. Asked if anyone's dispatch talks to CARES? Some discussion on this. John Barto mentioned that this may be an issue with those jurisdictions that have not signed the MOU Agreement with ImageTrend.

There was discussion on the use of Fentanyl vs morphine. Pelvic Binders were mentioned by Cyndy.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.