

# MIEMSS ALS Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2019

Call to Order

Order of Business:

Introductions

New Initial CRT/Paramedic Application Process (Bryan)

National/State/Local NCCP Requirements (Bryan)

ALS Program Skills Practice (Montgomery Co.)

ALS Program Clinical Challenges (Montgomery Co.)

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

**Next Meeting- May 15, 2019 @ 10 am**



## MIEMSS ALS Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Present: Bryan Selvage, Pam Westfall

Go to Meeting: Dr. Jeff Fillmore, April Johnson, Tina Clark, Doug Beitzel, Kyle Bates, Colleen Lull, Bryan Ebling, Kathleen Harne, Davids Timms, Chris Touzeau, Christine Haber, Kathleen Grote, Rae Oliveira, Randy Stair, David Timms

### Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the ALS Subcommittee was called to order at 10:15 A.M. on March 20, 2019 by chairman Dr. Jeff Fillmore.

### New Initial CRT/Paramedic Application Process:

Update from Bryan-

- Some procedural changes to the initial CRT/Paramedic Application Process have been implemented to decrease delays in the provider sitting for the ALS protocol exam and to create a streamlined process - **See Flow Chart at the end of the minutes.**

### State/Local NCCP Requirements:

Update from Bryan-

- There are still a lot of confusions on what ConEd covers the NCCP State/Local Requirements. I am working on a document that will guide providers on how to complete these requirements. This guide will give examples of what classes would help the provider complete the requirements. The guide will also give a couple suggested routes of study, that will ensures the provider has the required hours for NREMT Recertification. As the project gets moving, I will be reaching out for suggestions and help.



## ALS Program Invasive Skills Practice

Rae Oliveria- Montgomery County: There was discussion in their county ALS Advisory committee whether or not they should allow students to practice invasive procedures on each other, i.e. start IV's on each other. They wanted to see what other programs are allowing.


- 👉 Bryan: The Cecil College program allows the students to perform IV's on each other. The student signs an invasive procedure waiver at the beginning of the program.
- 👉 Chris Touzeau: The discussion about doing invasive skills came up as they were discussing if there is any benefit in allowing students to performing IV's on other students. They have had students with injuries and dirty needle sticks. And question if any of the liability forms will hold up if challenged legally. Additionally, if there is value in doing IV's on each other. Why are we not allowing students to practice other invasive skills? I.E. IO, EJ, administer a saline bolus to practice medication administration. Wanting to look at the ethical issues and clinical utility to allowing this practice.
  - At College of Southern Maryland, they don't allow any invasive procedure practice. It is all done in clinical
  - David from Chesapeake College: They just reinstated IV practice after it was removed for several years. Their students enjoy it- optional
- 👉 Dr. Fillmore: Makes sense to leave up to the jurisdictions if they choose to allow invasive skill practice in their program- ensure you use the smallest IV gauge possible for practice.
- 👉 Please send in your programs Invasive Procedure Liability Waiver for the MIEMSS Attorneys to give a profession opinion/guidance. Email to [bselvage@miemss.org](mailto:bselvage@miemss.org)
- 👉 **Will post a reviewed example of an Invasive Procedure Release Form on the MIEMSS Instructor Zone (ALS).**

## ALS Program Clinical Challenges

- 👉 Rae Oliveria: They had a couple of incidents where their students were going to do an intubation in the ER setting. However, the ER physicians tells the student that they can't let them do that on because the physician is unable to bill for the procedure. Has only been an issue with skills in the ER that the physician would be overseeing. It has not stopped there intubations in the OR setting.
  - Randy Stair- They have run into the issue as well in the ER, but not in the OR.
  - April Johnson- Their students are not allowed to intubate in the OR.
- 👉 Dr. Fillmore: My understanding has always been that as long as a physician is directly supervising/assisting. It is a billable procedure for the physician. Will



have MIEMSS Attorney's look into it for any law changes that would effect this practice-**More follow up required.**

 If you currently allow intubation in you program. Can you send me a copy of the agreement you have with the facility- Email to [bselvage@miemss.org](mailto:bselvage@miemss.org)

**Old Business:**

No old business

**New Business:**

Chris Touzeau: De-centralized the protocol exam

- Bryan: Multiple options are being explored. Please let me know if you have any suggestions/ comments or would to be like to be involved. These will need to have the approval of the State Medical Director.

 **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

**Next meeting with be held May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am**



### Initial CRT/Paramedic Application Process

**Provider submits Application for Initial Cardiac Rescue technician or Paramedic**



**Provider successfully completes a Maryland protocol review session approved by MIEMSS**  
(Either signed off through the MIEMSS License site or certificate emailed to ALS Manager)



**Provider cleared to take the Maryland ALS Protocol Exam**  
(Letter will be sent via email)



**Service Approval**  
(If the jurisdiction has this requirement)



**EMS Operational Program**  
**APPROVAL**



**Medical Director**  
**APPROVAL**



**Successful completion of the State ALS Licensure Exam**  
(Score of at least a 75 percent)



**Maryland State ALS License**  
**ISSUED**

