

# CASAC – MEETING

Commercial Ambulance Services Advisory Committee



January 17, 2018  
1:30PM  
MIEMSS – Room 212

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	<b>SOCALR</b>	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>Facilitators:</b>	William Rosenberg – Vice Chairman		

## AGENDA ITEMS

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1. Introductions / Approval of Minutes	Will Rosenberg
2. SOCALR Report	Lisa Chervon
<i>a. Personnel</i>	
<i>b. Service Base Inspections</i>	
<i>c. SOCALR Accounts Receivable</i>	
<i>d. MIEMSS QA Officer Class</i>	
3. MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Report	Rae Oliveira
4. MIEMSS EMSC Report	Cyndy Wright-Johnson
5. Committee Reports	
<i>a. SCT Subcommittee Report</i>	Will Rosenberg
<i>b. PEMAC Report</i>	Jill Dannenfelser
<i>c. SEMSAC Reports</i>	Jay Fowler
<i>d. Ambulance Safety</i>	Cory Skidmore
<i>e. Legislative Subcommittee Report</i>	Justin Kinsey
<i>f. MIH Committee</i>	Deb Ailiff
6. Old Business	
7. New Business	
8. Good of the Committee	
9. Adjournment	

## OTHER INFORMATION

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# COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 17, 2018  
MIEMSS Room # 212

### Representatives Present:

**CASAC Chair:** *William Rosenberg-Butler*

**SOCALR:** *Lisa Chervon, Director*

*Scott Barquin, Ambulance Inspector*

*Marty Johnson, Licensing Specialist*

*Cyndy Wright Johnson - EMSC*

**Service Attendees:** *Brian Ashby (MedStar), Roosevelt Bethea (Taylor Made), Chuck Boone (Procure), Mark Buckholtz (Procure), Jill Dannenfels (MD ExpressCare), Evan Feuer (MD Expresscare/AMR), Troy Foxwell (East Coast), Justin Kinsey (Pulse), Matt Larrabee (Freestate Response), Leigha McGuin (MD ExpressCare), Tristin Mitchell (Hart to Heart), Susan Rainey (Nemours), Gary Raines (Butler), Venetia Roberts (Lifestar), William Rosenberg (Butler), Cory Skidmore (Hart to Heart), Jason Skidmore (Hart to Heart), Chuck Threlfall (AAA)*

### Introductions:

) Meeting called to order at 13:35 hours by Chairman William Rosenberg. Minutes from the previous CASAC meeting were approved with amendment to change Pete Fitzpatrick's affiliation to Children's National Medical Center instead of MedStar.

### SOCALR

- ) L. Chervon introduced Marty Johnson, who is a new part-time Licensing Specialist with SOCALR. The full-time Licensing Specialist position that was previously held by Brittany Spies has been posted.
- ) Base inspections continue with emphasis on NEO services.
- ) A Quality Assurance Officer's course will be offered at EMS Care 2018 during the last week of April. L. Chervon queried the group as to a need for a class with affirmative responses from MD ExpressCare, Procure, Hart to Heart, and Taylor Made. Please contact SOCALR if you have personnel needing this course.
- ) L. Chervon reminded the group that the electronic funds transfer mechanism for making payments to SOCALR is now active and that the MIEMSS lockbox will be discontinued effective February 1, 2018.

**MIEMSS Licensure & Certification Report** – Rae Oliveira has accepted a position with Montgomery County Fire and Rescue and has left MIEMSS. The new Director of the department has not yet been identified.

### MIEMSS EMSC Report

- ) C. Wright stated that the state of New Jersey has received a DOT grant that will require the assembly of a consensus group to develop testing standards for devices that are currently being put onto stretchers.

- J MD EMSC is finishing an eight-year grant cycle and will be starting a new federal grant cycle (if budget is passed by Congress) that aims to identify pediatric experts within each agency to assist in reviewing training materials. Cyndy estimates that the group will meet four times per year. Any commercial service representatives interested in serving on the committee should contact Cyndy Wright Johnson or SOCALR. Cory Skidmore of Hart to Heart and Bryan Ashby of MedStar volunteered personnel from their services. Training materials will be reviewed for:
  - o a high performance CPR protocol for pediatrics (effective July 1, 2018). There will be pilot rollouts at Winterfest and subsequent conferences.
  - o neonatal resuscitation and obstetrical concerns.
- J C. Wright presented the Right Care When It Counts and Star of Life Award nomination forms which are now available on the MIEMSS website. The awards are given in May for incidents that occur from 1/1/17 – 12/31/17.
- J New EMT testing being rolled out in 2018 will now include pediatric scenarios.

### **SCT Subcommittee**

- J W. Rosenberg reported that the SCT Subcommittee met this morning and discussed the following:
  - o SCT billing for the transport of chronic vent patients. Sarah Sette will be issuing a memo to clarify MIEMSS' position on what constitutes an SCT level of care per the Maryland protocols however will not issue any opinion on billing.
  - o Dr. Alcorta addressed a 2009 clarification memo that was issued by SOCALR regarding the intercept of an aircraft by a commercial service. Numerous questions have recently arisen regarding the personnel and equipment requirements necessary to intercept a helicopter transport with an SCT patient. As the memo is currently written, the vehicle and the personnel transporting a helicopter crew and patient must match that of the helicopter service. Dr. Alcorta heard the group's concerns regarding this requirement and will be updating the memo with adjusted guidance on the matter.
  - o Many commercial services have recently been asked to transport high flow nasal cannula devices. Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of familiarity and training that EMS providers have on the device. It was suggested that either an OSP be developed for the devices, or that the devices be made an SCT skill to alleviate some of the concerns and provide a mechanism for providers that are transporting the device to be trained. Will Rosenberg and Chuck Boone will work on developing this document.

### **PEMAC:**

- J Jill Dannenfeler reported that there is a new Region I Pediatric Medical Director ~ Dr. Stephanie Sisler. She will be presenting at Miltenberger Conference
- J A protocol is being considered for kids with metabolic disorders
- J Various learning resources are available online via the EMSC website
- J Dr. Jen Anders is overseeing a research protocol that will pilot a pediatric algorithm for medical calls.

### **Ambulance Safety Workgroup:**

The Ambulance Safety Workgroup met in December. The group reviewed a draft survey that was developed by Bryan Ebling of Caroline County to capture best practices for driver training.

The group has set three meeting dates in 2018 and will continue to refine this survey as well as work with the National Study Center on gathering data from fatal ambulance crashes.

**Legislative Subcommittee Report:**

J. Kinsey reported that the 2018 legislative session has begun, but that the EMS caucus has not yet met. They are scheduled to meet within the next two weeks.

**SEMSAC: No Report**

**Old Business:**

- ) L. Chervon reported that the updated CASAC bylaws were approved via electronic vote. There was one “no” vote and the remainder were in favor of the updates.
- ) Nominations for the position of CASAC Vice Chair were accepted. Chuck Threlfall from AAA Transportation nominated Jimmy Pixton for the position. The nomination was seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Lisa Chervon presented a plan to the group to conduct annual renewal inspections throughout the year in lieu of the previous practice of conducting all inspections in May and June of each year. Under this plan, all of a service’s units would expire at the end of an assigned month, which would remain the same each year. Fees would be adjusted accordingly for the first cycle while everyone is moved to their assigned month. Those present were unanimously in favor of the proposal. SOCALR will move forward with this plan and begin contacting services to schedule months. First choice will be given to the services with the largest fleets.

**Next Meeting:**

The next CASAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 @ 1:00 in MIEMSS conference room 212. Meeting adjourned @ 1430 hours.