

COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 15, 2017
MIEMSS Room # 212

Representatives Present:

CASAC Vice Chair: *William Rosenberg-Butler*

SOCALR: *Lisa Chervon, Director*
Rae Oliveira, MIEMSS L&C

Kelly Hawkins, Admin. Asst.

Service Attendees: *Brian Ashby (MedStar), Justin Kinsey (Pulse), Jimmy Pixton (AAA), Susan Rainey (Nemours), Heather Stamey (Medstar), Adam Blitz (AMR), Evan Feuer (AMR Expresscare), Tavon Lane (Medcare), Pete Fitzpatrick (MedStar)*

Introductions:

-) Meeting called to order at 13:30hrs by Vice Chairman William Rosenberg. Minutes from previous CASAC meeting approved unanimously.

SOCALR

-) We have resumed base inspections since the completion of annual inspections, and will be scheduling the remainder in the near future. If you have not had a base inspection, please contact SOCALR to schedule.
-) eMeds report writer webinar was attended by only four people. The demand may have not been there. If you need information on the eMeds report writing feature in the future, contact Lisa Chervon.
-) The QA class was a success. We had a full room, and we are looking to put together a QA offering for EMS Care for April 2018.
-) MIEMSS/SOCALR is in the process of changing our banking system. We are phasing out the lock box and adding an electronic funds transfer feature. Will Rosenberg and his finance team helped us work out some of the kinks, and Lisa Chervon will send information when we get the system completely up and running.

Ambulance Safety Workgroup:

-) Ambulance Safety Workgroup will meet on December 13, 2017 in room 212 at MIEMSS.

MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Report:

-) Annual EMS Education meeting will take place tomorrow. The eLicensure meeting will also take place tomorrow and currently only has four commercial service representatives.
-) The electronic affiliation form will be opened in the near future.

- J National Registry will stop testing I-99s effective January 1, 2020. EMS Board is being queried as to what Maryland will do with current CRTs. A stakeholder workgroup is going assembled and will begin to meet after the first of the year.

Legislative Subcommittee Report:

- J Justin Kinsey's scheduled meeting with Lt. Governor was postponed due to campaign season. Legislative session starts in less than 60 days, and Justin will be in Annapolis for the Fire and EMS Caucus meetings.

SEMSAC:

- J There was a lengthy discussion about the lack of commercial ambulance availability resulting in increased calls to 9-1-1 at nursing facilities and hospitals for transfers. Harford Memorial Hospital, Doctor's Community Hospital, and Prince Georges County 911 systems were voicing complaints. James Fowler, owner of AAA, defended commercial services stating that there are plenty of commercial service health care providers available to assist.

Old Business-Obstetrical Transports:

- J Sarah Sette provided draft of memo she will be issuing regarding clarification of obstetrical transport regulations.
- J Lisa Chervon suggests that the vote for Vice Chair of CASAC be held off until January. She will send out emails requesting nominations for Vice-Chair.

Bylaw Changes:

- J Lisa Chervon sent out an email containing the draft bylaw changes after the last meeting, but received no response or comments.
- J Will Rosenberg motioned to conduct an electronic vote to approve the revised CASAC bylaws since there weren't enough company representatives at the meeting. Vote will be put out by email by December 8, 2017.

New Business:

- J Starting December 1, 2017, Children's Hospital will be asking commercial services who are bringing in direct admits to stop in the ER for patient evaluation by an ER physician before taking the patient to the floor. Will be proposed for PICU not to be included in this. More information will be forthcoming.

Next Meeting:

January 17, 2018 @ 1:30. **NOTE Special time due to 12:00 SCT Subcommittee meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 1332 hours.