

CASAC – MEETING

Commercial Ambulance Services Advisory Committee



February 15, 2017
1:00PM
MIEMSS – Room 212

Meeting called by:	SOCALR	Type of meeting:	Regular Meeting
Facilitators:	John Oliveira – Chairman		

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenters	
1. Introductions / Approval of Minutes	John Oliveira	
2. SOCALR Report	Lisa Chervon	
<i>a.</i> Database / Licensure Management Project – ImageTrend		
<i>b.</i> Base Inspections / Records Update		
<i>c.</i> Psychiatric Patient Transports	Sarah Sette	
3. Quality Assurance Update	Ron Schaefer	
4. MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Report	Rae Oliveira	
5. Committee Reports		
<i>a.</i> ALS Subcommittee Report	Will Rosenberg	John Oliveira
<i>b.</i> BLS Subcommittee Report	Randall Fox	John Oliveira
<i>c.</i> SCT Subcommittee Report	Matt Larrabee	
<i>d.</i> Protocol Review Committee Report	Chuck Boone	Gary Rains
<i>e.</i> PEMAC Report	Cyndy Wright-Johnson	
<i>f.</i> JAC Representative Report	Will Rosenberg	
<i>g.</i> Region III EMS Advisory Council Representative Report	Mark Buchholtz	Jeremy Adcock
<i>h.</i> SEMASC Reports	James Fowler	
<i>i.</i> Ambulance Strike Team Committee Report	Mark Buchholtz	Randall Fox
<i>j.</i> Legislative Subcommittee Report	Justin Kinsey	
<i>k.</i> MIH Committee	Deb Ailiff	
6. Old Business	John Oliveira	
<i>a.</i> CASAC Officer Elections		
<i>b.</i> Statewide Committee Representation		
7. New Business	John Oliveira	
8. Good of the Committee	John Oliveira	
9. Adjournment	John Oliveira	

OTHER INFORMATION

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COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017 ~ MIEMSS, Rm. 212

Representatives Present:

CASAC Chair: *John Oliveira (Lifestar Response)*

SOCALR: *Scott Barquin, Lisa Chervon, Brittany Spies*

MIEMSS: *Dr. Richard Alcorta (OMD), Carla Bailey (Perinatal Programs), Rae Oliveira (Licensure & Certification), Ron Schaefer (Compliance), Sarah Sette (AAG), Cynthia Wright-Johnson (EMSC)*

Service Attendees: *Bill Adams (Pulse), Deborah Ailiff (Procare), Joe Besche (Erickson), Jill Dannenfels (MEC), Joseph Gamatoria (AMR/MEC), Justin Kinsey (Pulse), Matt Larrabee (Freestate), Jimmy Pixton (AM-Van, AAA), Gary Raines (BMT), Will Rosenberg (Butler), Heather Stamey (MedStar), Chip Steininger (East Coast), Chuck Threlfall (AM- Van, AAA), Dr. David Vitberg (Pulse) Darrin Keller (Pulse), Adam Cole (Lifestar)*

Introductions: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliveira and introductions were made. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Special Guests: None

State EMS Medical Director Report:

Dr. Alcorta- Spoke announced that John Donohue will be retiring from MIEMSS after over thirty years. He will be assuming the position of Deputy Director of Emergency Services in Cecil County. Laurel Hospital is shutting down the in-hospital psych facilities for some renovations. The Governor's Office is taking a new proactive approach to tackling the opioid epidemic. The CRISP- health information exchange working toward inclusion of commercial and 911 report data. The 2017 protocol update is projected to be less than an hour. Company level drill is built in, and services can do them at their offices. Commercial services that would like a copy of the update to provide as a company-level training should contact SOCALR. The Queen Anne's Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) model is being shared, and used in other jurisdictions that are also moving forward with MIH. The new National Registry NCCP recertification model will impact ALS provider recerts. The current 72-hour refresher will not fit into NCCP. Instructions will be given soon so providers can complete the renewal process. Lastly, Dr. Alcorta apologized for the difficulties that some have experienced with the new licensure product. MIEMSS is actively working with Image Trend to refine the system, which will take time. Please forward questions to the MIEMSS Office of Licensure and Certification.

SOCALR:

Lisa- reported that there will be a QA Officer class offered at EMS Care 2017 (April 26-30). Two new services have been licensed: First Class Ambulance (Prince Frederick), and Patient Transportation, Inc (Martinsburg, WV). Monthly data reports that are being submitted do not reconcile with ePCR data. Steve Hoffman will present the proper way to fill out the monthly data reports, and answer any questions that anyone has at the March CASAC meeting. Matt Larabee asked why monthly reports are required if patient care data is submitted. Lisa advised the group that MIEMSS SOCALR is currently responsible for reporting call volume data to the Governor's Office. In its current state, ePCR data does not produce accurate results, which we are working to improve. AAA- suggested that companies who are using eMEDS be exempt from submitting data, because the data can be extracted by MIEMSS. Lisa concurred that this would be the desired process once the data import

process can be validated as comprehensive. Best practices – Hart to Heart Ambulance Service will be presenting on their safety initiatives at the September CASAC meeting. All services should have received an invitation to the April 12th Medical Director's Symposium, which will be held at Medstar Franklin Square's Kotzen Auditorium. Lisa provided a clarification on the equipment check-list with regard to Acetaminophen. There has been a lot of confusion generated by the statement that 325 tablets can be carried in addition to 160mg individual doses. Services may carry 325 mg tablets, but must also carry 8 individual doses of 160 mg for peds. A multi dose bottle does not count for the full amount needed unless you carry 8 individual bottles. Changes to the current equipment check sheet will be introduced at the March CASAC meeting for approval. SOCALR continues to work with Image Trend to develop an electronic licensure system and has encountered some difficulties in the system functionality. At this point it is highly likely that the 2017 renewal season will utilize the traditional paper method. Serve base inspections continue. Lisa thanked those that have hosted SOCALR personnel thus far. If you have not received your report yet, expect it in the next few weeks.

ALS Subcommittee:

Rae Oliveira reported that the new NREMT NCCP model will decrease the required relicensure hours for paramedics from 72 to 60. This new model also allows for more online/distributive education. MIEMSS continues to work with MFRI to ensure the refreshers are aligned. When renewing online, there are currently two models available to select, 2012 or 2016. At this time, Maryland providers should select the 2012 option. CRT-I99s can still add their con-ed through the National Registry if they are still NR licensed. I-99 and MD only CRT still require a 72-hour refresher. Service directors should be receiving affiliation verification for renewals via email. They will sign off and submit. Service training officers should already be set up. If you do not see your service, contact Rae and she will assist. An SOW has been submitted to Image Trend for the ability to query a personnel roster. The next release should only be missing the ability to look up the providers con-ed record. Commercial services will be able to look up staff on their own now. Any issues or questions at all with the new system please contact Rae.

BLS Subcommittee: No Report

AAG:

Sarah Sette has begun drafting a memo to clarify the transport of psychiatric patients and their belongings. This request was initiated by Butler Medical Transport after several recent instances of patient elopement within the industry. Discussion ensued regarding whether admission is court ordered or physician ordered. It was consensus services need to be mindful of how to protect providers and patients, but that at this time, a memo may ultimately limit the crews. The group elected to table the issue at this time and to not seek written clarification.

SCT Subcommittee:

Will Rosenberg reported that the SCT Subcommittee met for an hour prior to CASAC about the OB patient transport regulation that has been topic of conversation for some time. He advised the group discussed possible scenarios for OB transport requests and advised the best option they could come up with was a regulation change to move all OB calls to SCT so that all calls would be screened by a nurse. A decision on the appropriate crew configuration could then be made by communication between the sending and receiving physicians, and the nurse. Deb Aliff questioned how the proposed changes would be written and was advised that Will Rosenberg and Jill Dannenfesler will be drafting the language for the group to review. Motion made by Will Rosenberg and seconded by Jill Dannenfesler to have language drafted proposing regulation change to move OB transports to SCT. Motion carried, unopposed.

NEO Subcommittee: No Report

Protocol Subcommittee: Montgomery County is submitting an OSP to allow for the transportation of stroke patients to free standing facilities.

PEMAC:

Cyndy Wright-Johnson provided hand-outs which are also located on the MIEMSS EMSC website. The Winterfest conference was held in January, Miltenberger is coming up in March, and EMS Care in April. A PALS course will be offered at EMS care. Some long term goals are to have key lectures taped and skills stations operationalized. PEMAC continues to consider pediatric HPCPR. The intent is to have a second algorithm for peds. A group is being formed to consider pediatric termination of resuscitation (TOR) with the goal to develop TOR protocols specific to certain pediatric circumstances and/or populations. There will be another PEPP course offered in the fall in Washington County. Request was made to have a PEPP class at MIEMSS for commercial services only. Cyndy advised she would consider this once EMS Care was over is there is still a need. She advised there is a hybrid class with a 6-hour online portion. Four pediatric base station classes are offered each year. Classes are at Children's in January, and at Hopkins on the 2nd Thursday in April, July, and September. This course is different from the adult course. All pediatric based, with no adult conversation. This course may not be substituted for the full course.

JAC Representative Report: No Report

Region III EMS Report: No Report

SEMSAC Report: No Report

Ambulance Strike Team Committee: No Report

Legislative Subcommittee: Justin Kinsey from Pulse attends on behalf of commercial services. Only relevant topic anticipated is a law stating that if someone is on oxygen lives at an assisted living or senior living facility, that they can not smoke.

Old Business: No Report

New Business: Cyndy Wright-Johnson reported that Star of Life nomination forms are available on the website and requested that nominations be submitted.

Elections:

Chairman Bill Adams (Pulse) - Nomination by John Oliveira, 2nd by Will Rosenberg

Vice Chair Will Rosenberg (BMT) - Nomination by Bill Adams, 2nd by John Oliveira

SCT Chair Will Rosenberg (BMT) – Nomination by John Oliveira, 2nd by Matt Larabee

BLS Subcommittee Chip Steininger (East Coast) – Alternate Randy Fox (MedCare)

ALS Subcommittee Darren Keller - Alternate Joseph Gamatoria (AMR/MEC)

Protocol Subcommittee- Gary Raines (BMT)

PEMAC- Jill Dannenfelser (MEC)

JAC- Justin Kinsey (Pulse)

Region III EMS Advisory Council - Joseph Gamatoria (AMR/MEC)

Region II EMS Advisory Council - Will Rosenberg (BMT)

SEMSAC- James Fowler

Ambulance Strike team- Adam Cole

Legislative Subcommittee - Justin Kinsey (Pulse)

Mobile Integrated Health - Deb Ailiff (Procare)

Ambulance Safety Taskforce - Corey Skidmore (Hart to Heart), Alternate Brian Ashby (MedStar)

Next Meeting:

- March 15th, 2017 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM Regular CASAC Meeting
- Reminder SCT Subcommittee meeting will take place from 12:00 - 1:00pm (Prior to CASAC Meeting).