

CASAC Meeting

Minutes – September 17th, 2025



Meeting called to order by Chairman Rosenberg

Approval of minutes – the minutes from the July meeting were sent out by SOCALR.

Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? None

Motion to approve: Will Rosenberg, Seconded by Teddy Baldwin.

No objections to the motion – minutes approved.

State Medical Director's Report – Dr. Chizmar

Revision to the HHFNC OSP – change language to read “estimate total duration of transport and ensure there is at least a 60-minute oxygen reserve or twice the amount of necessary oxygen, whichever is less.”

There is some discussion about expanding the use of labetalol for undifferentiated stroke patients with elevated blood pressures, 220 or greater. Also, there is some intel that there will be a shortage of add-vantage diltiazem after December of this year. We have verapamil as a backup but it is an older drug and we are looking for a suitable replacement, most likely will be metoprolol.

Again, in no particular order, there are some revisions to the prolapsed cord and OB protocol regarding the transport of the mom who has a prolapsed cord. Right now, the protocols indicate that we transport in the knee-chest position which is not the safest position for transport. We're looking to move that position to a lateral position, called “Sims position”. So, the Protocol Review Committee will be looking to make some modifications to the OB protocol in this area.

Several other medications are being discussed. TXA for angioedema, BLS glucagon, and adding ketamine as a second line medication for seizures if unresponsive to two doses of midazolam.

Looking at eliminating the BLS Narcan OSP – still not requiring Narcan for BLS units, however eliminating the OSP since all BLS training programs now cover Narcan well.

Looking at the nasal epinephrine product, Neffy. Some of the jurisdictional programs have asked about it, however it appears to be more expensive than EpiPens.

There is a small group, including Melissa Myers and myself, who are working on crafting statewide ALS Con Ed topics, in the order of 5 to 10 hours of Con Ed.

SOCALR Report

Inspection/License Update – Scott Legore

Marty Johnson said he didn't have anything for inspection license updates. I don't want to sound like a broken record, as I brought this subject up last month. We continue to have problems with the service renewal applications coming in later or at least, in our opinion late, with less than two weeks before the renewal date. There are review processes that occur and we still need to get your service scheduled for the inspection before time runs out. We send these renewal applications out 60 days in advance. That should give you plenty of time to get the renewal application completed, submitted to our office, and get on the schedule for inspection. You know your renewal dates. Nothing has changed. It's important to submit your renewal applications in a timely basis and get your renewal inspections scheduled. Last month we had one service that we weren't able to schedule until after their license had expired because of their late submission. Please help us by submitting your renewal paperwork timely.

QA Review/Data Import – Scott Legore & Scott Barquin

We are noticing a trend that is becoming a semi-significant issue with transports to University of Maryland Shock Trauma. Either the service, the crew, or somebody is not putting in the correct hospital destination code. Instead of putting in 634 when they transport to Trauma, they are putting in 215 which is the code for UMMS. There are different access to the hospital hub for these facilities so they can not download the patient care report if the wrong code is used. Discussion among the group that this is probably an issue with Ride Central and the initial entry that is made in Trauma Soft. This can not be changed by the crew.

Megan Lynn would be taking this offline and looking at it from the Ride Central side.

Website & Smartsheet Updates – Scott Legore

Asking if there are any updates you would like to see to the website and/or the Commercial Services Dashboard?

ImageTrend & TraumaSoft Reporting – Scott Barquin

There has been a new, yesterday or day before, report of serious lag time in ImageTrend for 911 services. It may be related to a commercial service trying to import a large number of reports. Trauma Soft has been contacted and they are reporting a problem with commercial services importing into Elite. Error code 779. ImageTrend and Trauma Soft are working on this issue – more to follow.

Clinician Services – Aaron Edwards

I know there are a lot of questions about the reciprocity process. After this meeting, I am going to send out the steps an EMT needs to follow along with the application checklists. With the revised process, the new EMTs could have their card in less than five days.

First, they put in their reciprocity EMT application and they will immediately be given a license number. If they were previously a driver, they will be assigned a new number – we don't have an easy way to carry over the number and this would delay the process. Once they receive their license number, they will receive an email that tells them to begin their protocol orientation and online EMS training and how to find these classes. Once completed, a request for a background investigation is sent to the Office of Integrity. Following the background investigation, they are issued an inactive license. At that point, there is an application to request active status.

So, it can be a three-to-five-day process. Currently the big delays are with the completion of the protocol orientation.

I understand this process may be difficult to understand. I am available to discuss this more in depth with your folks, either one on one or as a group.

For BLS recertification, we are mapping the old recertification process at MFRI over to the new one, linked to the new categories. If you have clinicians that are expiring in January and have completed all of their training, we recommend submitting the applications early to eliminate any issues with last minute submissions.

Committee Reports

PEMAC Report – Jill Dannenfelser

EMSC is supporting a STABLE course both as pre-conference at Winterfest and Miltenberger in 2026. More information to come on this.

There is a push from the American Red Cross for their Neonatal Advanced Life Support course to be recognized under COMAR. PEMAC is evaluating this.

PEMAC is updating the newly born protocol and is working on finalizing the recommendations.

Right Care When It Counts nominations are open if you have someone to nominate.

SEMSAC Report – Danny Platt – Teddy Baldwin advised SEMSAC has been discussing the EMS Compact, but no action has been taken yet from their side.

Representative – Scott Legore

SEMSAC is looking for representatives for helicopter pilot and for a general public representative for county with population under 175,000. These are four year terms. Anyone interested should contact Barbara Goff.

MIH Report – Deb Ailiff (Not available) – No report.

Old Business

Fee Increase – Scott Legore

I mentioned at the last meeting that we were going to look at a regulation change related to a fee increase. We are still discussing internally and looking at other options as opposed to a regulatory fee increase.

There was a question last time about the consumer price index and which one we use. It is actually defined in COMAR in the definition section of 30.09.01 – Line #16. “Consumer price index (CPI)” means the Consumer Price Index, U.S. City Average (seasonally unadjusted) For All Items/All Urban Consumers (CPI-U 1982/84 = 100), published in the “Monthly Labor Review” as well as other publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

And the last item under this – we are looking at different types of fees that we could potentially charge and one that has come up is a re-inspection fee. If we go out to your site and the unit is not ready for inspection or grossly fails and we have to come back out to re-inspect, there would be a fee, say \$100. Although we don’t have an exact amount. It would not generate a lot of money but it takes time and resources to come out for a second inspection so we are looking at a re-inspection fee. This is not in the regulations so it would have to be added if we move forward with it.

New Business –

Election for Vice Chairman – Will Rosenberg

We need to have an election for vice chair as Mr. Stroh has resigned by email last week. The only nomination so far is Mr. Pixton. Are there any other nominations from the floor or on line? No other nominations. Mr. Pixton has received a vote for vice chair without objection.

For the Good of the Committee - None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned

Attendance:

Scott Legore, Will Rosenberg, Donna Geisel, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Randy Linthicum, Aaron Edwards, Kelly Hammond, Matt Larrabee, Scott Barquin, Jeff Kreimer, Donny DeGraves, Teddy Baldwin, John Damiani, Mike Moretti, Justin Kinsey, Jill Dannenfelser, Jacquelyn Breeden, Justin Webster, Joe Haney, Marty Johnson, Claire Pierson, Zach Risoldi, James Pixton, Mary Bell, Rob Weiss, Leigha McGuin, Megan Lynn, Abby Butler