



**Region V EMS Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting Agenda**

Prince George's County Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street Landover Hills, Maryland 20784

March 16th, 2017
01:00 pm - 03:00 pm

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of Minutes
- III. Report of Chairman
- IV. Medical Director's Report
- V. MIEMSS Report
- VI. Old Business
 - a. MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Database
 - b. Nomination of a Local Government Emergency Management Official
- VII. New Business
 - a. Discussion on the Direction and Future of the EMSAC
 - b. Utilization of EMR Providers
 - c. Phase II MIH Committee Recommendations
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Regional Round Table



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Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Alan Butsch, David Goroff, David Stamey, Jon Bratt, Heather Howes, Mark Pettit, Michael Somers, Lori Cherry, Bryan Spies, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Terry Jodrie, Stacy Jones, Tessa Smith, Karen Baker, Rodger Stone, Tim Ryan, Stephen Stowers, Christy McKendrew, Patricia Gabriel, Jim DelVecchio, Jim Radcliffe, Rajah Rose, Katherine Wheeler, Cindi O'Brien, David Siviter, Barry Reid, Joel Buzzy.

Welcome and Introductions

- Chief Alan Butsch (MCFRS) welcomed EMSAC participants and thanked PG F/EMS for hosting the general membership EMSAC meeting.

Review of the Minutes

- The minutes from the January EMSAC meeting were reviewed. Brian Frankel made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Terry Jodrie. The EMSAC unanimously approved the minutes.

Medical Directors Report

- Dr. Michael Somers reported that the protocol review committee is looking to potentially update the TOR protocol, and recognized MCFRS for making a recommendation to identify factors that favor survivability. The group discussed that this has the potential to require that some patients are worked longer in the field, and that the change may result in the transport of more cardiac arrest patients.

Old Business

- Licensure and Certification
 - Chief Bryan Spies reported that MIEMSS has added a provider search feature into the new ImageTrend Licensure and Certification system, but it queries the entire State, not a single jurisdiction. He reported that there has still been no movement on other major issues.
 - The EMSAC decided that it would be beneficial for representatives from MIEMSS Licensure and Certification to come back to the EMSAC and give another report at a future meeting.

New Business

- Phase II MIH Committee Recommendations
 - Chief Butsch reported that the MIH committee is recommending a protocol to SEMSAC that will be developed at the local level, and approved by the local medical

director. All providers would be able to do perform interventions and assessment within their current scope of practice, and the emphasis would be integrating EMS in with primary care and public health.

- Chief Frankel reported that at this point, MIH efforts have been limited to community paramedicine, but the recommended protocol by the MIH committee is expandable and could encompass telemedicine such as the ETHAN project in Dallas, TX.
- Utilization of EMR providers
 - The EMSAC discussed a recent proposal at the State level to allow for EMR providers to be the primary provider on a BLS ambulance. Dr. Terry Jodrie made a motion that the council oppose any move to allow EMR to be the primary provider on an EMS unit, which was seconded by Brian Frankel.
 - Chief David Siviter agreed, and added that the State should be more interested in expanding the scope of practice of a BLS provider rather than moving a BLS ambulance back to the EMR level.
 - Dr. Rodger Stone recommended that the EMSAC draft a letter reading:

“The Region V EMSAC opposes any effort at the State level to lower the minimum EMS staffing requirements for the primary care provider for a transport unit to allow for the EMR to be the highest level of training or the primary care provider for a BLS ambulance for EMS.”

- Dr. Terry Jodrie seconded the motion. The entire EMSAC voted on whether or not to send the letter. The vote failed after Charles and St. Mary’s abstained. Mark Pettit made a motion to vote on the matter at the next EMSAC meeting after Charles and St. Mary’s representatives could discuss the matter with their stakeholders, which seconded by Dr. Michael Somers, and passed by the entire council.
- Discussion on the future direction of the EMSAC
 - The EMSAC discussed that the council has been primarily a forum for sharing information rather than decision making, and that an in-person meeting bi-monthly may not be necessary. Chief Alan Butsch recommended that the EMSAC form a work group to examine the purpose of and the work of the council. The following EMSAC members volunteered to participate:
 - Dr. Michael Somers
 - Mark Pettit
 - Katherine Wheeler
 - Brian Frankel
 - Reginald Singleton
 - Alan Butsch (ex officio)

The group agreed to meet and share their findings at the next EMSAC meeting.

Announcements

- Chief Alan Butsch recognized Dr. Terry Jodrie and congratulated him on his retirement as the Medical Director for Prince George’s County. Dr. Jodrie will remain the Region V Associate Medical Director.

Regional Round Table

- Prince George's Health Department - Not Present
- Montgomery County Health Department - Not Present
- Charles County Health Department - Not Present
- Calvert County Health Department - Not Present
- St Mary's Health Department - Not Present
- Laurel Regional Hospital – No Report
- Prince George's Hospital – No Report
- Doctors Community Hospital – No Report
- Fort Washington – Not Present
- Southern MD – No Report
- Charles Regional – No Report
- Calvert Memorial – Not Present
- St Mary's Hospital – St. Mary's Hospital reported that they have a new base station coordinator, Danielle Joy, who can be reached by email at danielle.m.joy@medstar.net.
- WAH – No Report
- Holy Cross Hospital – No Report
- HCH Germantown – No Report
- Shady Grove Adventist – No Report
- Suburban – No Report
- Montgomery – Not Present
- Children's National Medical Center – Not Present
- Shock Trauma – Not Present
- Malcolm Grow – Not Present
- Walter Reed – Not Present
- MSP – No Report
- US Park Police – No Report
- MSFA – No Report
- MFRI – MFRI reported that requests for classes for calendar year 2018 have been distributed, and that MFRI is moving forward with teaching both TCCC and TECC classes.
- MCAC – Not Present
- Prince George's County Fire/EMS – Prince George's reported that the county has a new acting fire chief, Ben Barksdale, and that they are in the final stages of hiring Dr. Millin as the new Medical Director. Prince George's also gave a brief summary of the first 90 days of their MIH project, and reported that the program has enrolled 35 patients, and achieved a 59% reduction in call volume from those individuals.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – MCFRS also reported on their MIH program, which has been conducting home visits for two weeks in conjunction with WAH. MCFRS also announced they were awarded the Congressional Fire Service's award for Excellence in Fire-Based EMS Service.
- Calvert County EMS – No Report
- St Mary's County EMS – No Report
- Charles – Charles' reported that they have a new academy class that starts April 3rd, and that Dr. Somers is serving as their interim medical director.