

Mid-Maryland EMS Advisory Council

September 16th, 2024

The Mid-Maryland Advisory Council meeting was held on September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Attending were: Michael Cole, David Chisholm, Alan Matheny, Jess Griffith, Melanie Higgins, Anne Johnkin, Caitlin Weems, Chuck Bowler, Chris Amos; On-Line: Dr. Jeff Fillmore, Dr. Rupal Udeshi, Dr. Ryan McFague, Dr. Janelle Martin, Suzanne Butler, Jeanna Panarella, Eric Smothers, Deb Frye; Organizations represented: Region II Trauma Center – Tamara Baughman MIEMSS - Wayne Tiemersma, Alex Kelly, Cyndy Wright-Johnson (on-line); Guests: Scott Gordon

The meeting was called to order by Dave Chisholm at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of July 8th, 2024 Minutes

Minutes were approved.

President's Report – Dave Chisholm

- Bylaw change proposal were distributed.

Regional Affairs Committee Report – Eric Smothers

- CDG Grant was reviewed.
 - Almost \$8,000.00 was returned from the 2023 grant cycle due to non-closure from a few agencies.
 - A decision was made to review future grant request with past performance as part of the priority selection process. So far this current cycle looks pretty good.
 - If you apply for future grants please follow up to completion.
 - Both Region 1 and 2 have been good so far.
 - New grant cycle and requirements have been distributed.
 - Deadline for prioritization is October 14th.

SEMSAC Report – Dr. Fillmore

- Dr. Fillmore reported that there has been 1 SEMSAC meeting since our last meeting.
 - MIH has been added as a standing committee.
 - Reminder that clinicians doing on-line course work are doing the correct courses for their recertification.
 - Grocery stores AED's need to be registered to receive alerts (unsure of implementation date).
 - Public buildings require 2 naloxone doses with their AED's that will be supplied by the Maryland Dept. of Health.
 - Best practices for psychomotor skills are being developed. Robby May from Howard County invites anybody interested in observing their process to attend a session.

MD Trauma Network Report -Tamara Baughman

- Tamara Baughman reported that Elwood Conaway was nominated as vice chair.
- Trauma Nurse and EMS awards nomination forms are rolling out (on the trauma net site and will be sent out to region).
- Legislative committee is researching mandates including STB kits in public buildings and STB training in public schools.
- MIEMSS is working on aligning COMAR with ACS regulations.
- Trauma Nurse Core invitations were sent and will be holding their first meeting soon.

Medical Advisory Committee Report - Dr. Fillmore

- Protocol Review Committee discussion topics (2 reviews committees have occurred)
 - There is an opening for a career BLS clinician on the Protocol Review Committee. If anybody is interested, they need to be nominated by the 20th.
 - A Hypovolemic septic shock protocol is being reviewed. Parameters are being considered in categories of fluid sensitive (CHF, Renal Failure), and non-fluid sensitive patients. Evidence for guidelines are not clearly established.
 - Hypertension in pregnancy is being considered.
 - Alcohol withdrawal has also been requested (midazolam) for review.
 - Defibrillation doses are being changed to highest doses on defibrillator for adults.

- A resolution from EMSC was passed to increase the Dexamethasone doses for croup, anaphylaxis and asthma in children.
- EMSC has also requested to make the distal femur the second IO site (primary remains proximal tibia).
- Dr. Chizmar is advocating for Video laryngoscopy, pelvic binders, HP-CPR, and naloxone leave behind to be removed from optional protocols to standard protocol.
- Review making MIH entitled to draw blood.
- Moving patient initiated refusals to the general patient care section.
- Reminder that RSI sedation always precedes paralysis and RSI should not be performed in a non-sedated patient.
- Removing vascular Doppler in lieu of ultra sound.
- Removing COVID antibiotics.
- No consult required for Diphenhydramine if there is dystonia with Doperidol use.
- Sodium Bicarb and Calcium can be given by pump (tricyclic overdose, cardiac arrest in renal failure, hyperkalemia).
- Discussion about usage of alternate anticoagulants.

Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson

- Introduced Dr. Rupal Udeshi as the new Pediatric Medical Director.
- Reports were emailed out to committee for review including information regarding securing patients and clinicians.
- A PEPP course is being planned in Washington County, there are a few openings left. This will assist Region 2 with formation of a local PEPP teaching team.
- EMSC research forum is scheduled for November 6th. Dr. Anders is finalizing the agenda. The forum is in Baltimore, however there will be a call-in option for PMAC in the morning and a separate call-in for the EMS/ED Pediatric Research update forum.
- There was 100% participation in the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment for pre-hospital (NPPRP).
 - The aggregate reports should be available the first of October.
 - The Pediatric Champions will be meeting October 30th to review.
- Eric Smothers discussed public awareness around pediatric capabilities at hospitals. Cyndy reported the formation of a public facing recognition program in the works to assist with this effort.

Frederick County – Mike Cole

EMS Operational Program

- The QA/QI meets monthly to handle things in-house. 5/35 reports are forwarded to MIEMSS.
- The Whole Blood Program has been approved by MIEMSS, supplies have been ordered.
- Pumps are being placed on units. Training will be completed next week.
- New vents are up and running for EMS officers for CPAP/Bi-PAP.
- Re-designation Paperwork to be submitted this week.
- A Stabilization Center pilot with health department has been submitted.
- Working though process to replace the cardiac monitors.
- 94 AED's are being replaced.
- A new ALS service is being placed in the Thurmont area; next in planning is Brunswick, Woodsboro, and Green Valley.
- MIH continues to grow.
 - A third clinician is coming on board.
 - The RFP process for a MIH mid-level (nurse practitioner) to assist with buprenorphine, wound care and expanding bridge programs is in process.

Education –Anne Johnikin

- There are currently 10 ALS students in the programs; scheduled to test November 14th.
- Application period for the nest class is open with 21 applied to date. Looking to seat 16-18 students. The class is scheduled to begin in early January.
- Two in-house EMT classes are starting concurrently with recruit classes. (January and late March/April)

Medical Review/QA – Nothing to report

EMS Committee

- Working on standardized equipment on all the units across the county. Also working on a standardization policy.

Emergency Communications – No report

Washington County – Dave Chisholm

EMS Operational Program

- ☐ Preparing paperwork for the MIEMSS re-designation process.
- ☐ A new recruit class begins October 28th with 7 in the class.
- ☐ Additional station coming under DES.
- ☐ Beginning process of changing to Hamilton Vents.

Medical Review/QA – Nothing new to report

Education – Chris Amos

- ☐ Last cohort just completed 2 weeks ago. New cohort has 13 enrolled.
- ☐ Most Con-Ed is being done through FR1.

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management - Allen Matheny

No report

Region I & II Healthcare Committee

- ☐ Wayne Tiemersma - After action for HCC table top is pending.
- ☐ Cyndy Wright-Johnson - National Pediatric Disaster Management, two day course is coming. Cyndy will send out the information.

Agency Reports

Frederick Memorial Hospital

- ☐ The stroke door to needle pilot shows decrease from 40 to 38 minutes. The second part of the pilot is rolling out with a change back to bringing the patient to the charge desk for first stop.
- ☐ Ongoing staffing challenges with 8 open night shift positions. Four (4) agencies have been brought back on. New positions have been approved.
- ☐ A waiting room RN has been approved and added.

Meritus Medical Center

- ☐ ED physician group has extended USACS for two years.
- ☐ Whole blood in-house. Contacts were received from Fredrick/ANOVA and are being reviewed by legal.
- ☐ In final iterations of revising trauma activations to mirror MIEMSS.
- ☐ Trauma conference is scheduled for December 13th.
- ☐ No final on renovations to waiting room.
- ☐ Turnover reports are going well.

Frederick County Health Department

No Report

Washington County Health Department

- ☐ Continuing to provide STB education including public schools.
- ☐ Providing Rapid Covid test to the public thru Dec.

Frederick County Emergency Management – No report

Washington County Emergency Management – No report

Frederick County Education – No report

Washington County Education – No report

MFRI – No report

MSP Aviation – No report

Old Business – None

New Business

- ☐ Bylaw changes have been dispersed for action at next meeting. Please provide any feedback through email. Changes were reviewed.
- ☐ Eric Smothers discussed increased substance abuse among clinicians, with a reminder to be aware and proactive, and also discussed issues with clinicians not providing care (duty to act) trends in cases the past few months.

MIEMSS Regional Coordinator Report

No Report

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in Frederick County at the Training Center on December 16th at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.