

# *Region IV EMS Advisory Council, Inc.*

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Scott Wheatley, Chair  
Andy Robertson, Vice-Chair  
Brian LeCates, Secretary

## AGENDA

September 18, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Regional Medical Director's Report
4. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMS-C Report
5. EMS Board Report
6. SEMSAC/Regional Affairs Report
7. MIEMSS Report
8. Agency/Regional Reports (Circle "yes" on the roster if you want to make a report)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment



Next meeting  
November 20, 2018  
@ 1330 hrs.  
605 Port Street  
Easton, MD 21601

**REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**September 18, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees: Judy Micheliche, Brian LeCates, Scott Haas, Joseph Ciotola, MD., Rich Koch, Robert Price, Barbara Steiner, Bobbie Aaron, David Collins, Andrew Nauman, Brittany Spies, Charles Dorsey, Ron Lewis, Phil Hurlock, David Rice, Andy Robertson, Denise Hill, Ryan Todd, Anna Sierra, Jason H. Shorter Sr., John Donohue, Scott Wheatley, John Barto, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Steve White, MD., Lisa Myers.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Scott Wheatley.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Scott Wheatley to approve the May 2018 minutes as written, seconded by David Rice and passed.

**Regional Medical Director's Report:**

Scott Wheatley reported:

Next year's protocols were approved

Highlights of meeting - clean up on protocols, bi-pap transport - adults and pediatrics

Stroke transport

Baltimore has plans for using alternative staff for mid-level providers

**Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:**

Cyndy Wright-Johnson – We have not lost a child in three years from being left behind in a vehicle. Public service posters provided to be posted in areas where children are prone to be left behind in a vehicle throughout the jurisdictions.

Leading cause of death under the age of 1 is suffocation, leading cause of death over the age of 11 is suicide. Looking to get information on the environment to help with prevention.

Hospital survey for inner facility transport manual. Ten (10) hospitals indicated that they did not have Interfacility Guidelines or Agreements. Contact will be made and additional copies of the Maryland Resource Manual will be made available to these hospitals.

Safe Kids Maryland has three on going mini grants. Annual Buckle Up Grant – July to June every year, current focus is Heat Stroke Awareness. Water Safety – Cecil County DES and PRMC Trauma Center.

Safe Kids collation has been funded for next year.

PRMC is considering becoming a collation.

Safe Kids gives out \$500.00 grants.

PMAC had a meeting on protocols

BLS training meeting – A protocol that was approved: A parent cannot hold a child on a stretcher, the parent must be restrained separately. This will roll out long before the protocol is rule.

Scott - Cyndy pushes to get things done and wants Cyndy to know her voice is heard.

### **EMS Board Report:**

No meeting held – Nothing to report.

### **SEMSAC Report:**

No in person meeting held, only a conference call. No report given.

### **Regional Affairs Report:**

Scott Hass - Disappointed in the outcome of Grant discussion.

Last meeting 6 points were given to work on, no resolution.

Since 1998 the grant allotment has not changed \$400K then and \$400K now. Base amount needs to be revisited.

Using the 2009 census is not working, would like an updated census count. Allotment amounts given to each county is not fair. The formula needs to be changed, form vs. population.

More money is needed to cover the nine (9) counties. Five (5) jurisdictions are not receiving support under the current formula. Regional affairs sent out the formula asking for suggestions.

Update annually off of the current census for 50/50 Grants.

Thumpers & CPR devices can now be funded.

Not done with the fight...

Andrew responds – finance thought it would be challenging to change the formula this year but they are open for a change.

MIEMSS is willing to set perimeters to make changes to next year's formula, so each county could possibly receive more money.

MIEMSS has had discussions and are working to make it fairer across the board.

SEMSAC meeting needs to happen so this issue can be tabled.

John Barto - One region did not spend all of their money so Region IV did benefit from that.

However, this year they don't think any money will be left on the table.

Resource survey needs to be looked at.

LeCates - What official track needs to be taken? We want it to be considered and suggested and an official letter be put together with details and reports. Regional affairs obtains reports on each region that requests grant money and how the money is allocated.

A grant given can not exceed 50 percent of any contract, we have the lowest in the state for a monitor at \$14K.

Andrew encourages to send a letter to bring around changes to the formula.

LeCates made motion to write the letter, Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All are in favor of the letter...No one was opposed.

Andrew speaks to why the grant money has not increased. MSOFT funding has stayed the same so until they increase additional funding there is no money to be given. Anna suggested that this should be brought up to the legislature to have the fund increased.

## **MIEMSS Report:**

John - Ann has decided to retire and we are going to celebrate her today.  
Charles Dorsey, Andrew Nauman and Brittany Spies were introduced.  
John Donahue, Director of Cecil County Department of Emergency Medical Services

CRISP Chesapeake regional health tracks data through Maryland, Delaware and DC.  
All Maryland hospitals are funneling clinical data and counter data into CRISP  
300K grant e-meds into CRISP  
Phase one a provider can log in emeds, patient care reports, bi-directional data, and clinical information.  
Future goal - EMS providers can log into emeds and look at old reports, such as EKG's and get clinical data in the field. This will allow the tracking of patients from field to hospital.

## **Regional Reports:**

Rich Koch - OC happenings: November 3<sup>rd</sup> OC Triage event - National Guard MSP and several others will be in attendance.  
Having an issue with Information Technology, 15 minutes is not enough time before the program times out.  
Should be no less than 30 minutes but feels it should be the length of the call. It takes 5 minutes to log back into the system once it has timed out.  
Andrew said it is set to 30 minutes but Koch states his times out in 15 minutes.  
Setting it at 30 minutes is the industry standard and it is set up that way for protection of patient information.  
Scott – more discussion on this issue will be brought up at the November next meeting.  
Alana long is no longer with AGH, Harvey Booth is now in that position.

## **Old Business:**

None

## **New Business:**

Scott - 10K across the bay November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Anna – As Rural Health group starts to form she will be reaching out for help.  
Cyndy - there will be 10 funded courses for the next year.  
Stars of life – The 2019 nomination forms are available on line and are due April 5<sup>th</sup>. Scott urges everyone to fill out the form, feels it is important for region IV to do so.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 motion Denise Hill  
2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Koch