

Region IV EMS Advisory Council

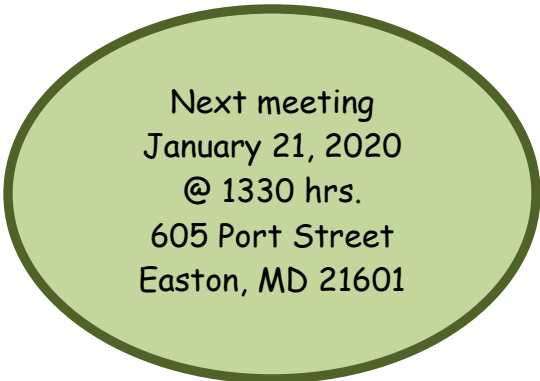
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Scott Wheatley, Chair
Rick Koch, Vice-Chair
Brian LeCates, Secretary

AGENDA

November 19, 2019

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Regional Medical Director's Report
4. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC 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
January 21, 2020
@ 1330 hrs.
605 Port Street
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 19, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: John Barto, Michael Parsons, Brian LeCates, Cyndy Wright Johnson, Anna Sierra, Scott Haas, Scott Wheatley, Dr. Chizmar, Clay Stamp, Dr. Daniel Ochsenschlager, David Rice, Jason Shorter, Kenneth Tull, Harvey Booth

Call Ins: Mary Alice Vanhoy, Nicole Leonard, Denise Hill, Dr. Andrew Aswegan, Falon Beck, Chris Truitt, Shari Donaway, David Collins.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by: Scott Wheatley

Scott Wheatley requested a moment of silence in memory of John Wilson who recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Anna Sierra to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Brian LeCates and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

Scott Wheatley reported on behalf of Dr. Chiccone:

Protocol Review Committee update - Amount of Epi was discussed and changes will be in the July 2020 protocols.

In addition, Protonic was approved for private ambulances.

Cuff tubes and Securing tubes, section has been revised.

Dr. Chizmar:

A vote in favor of retiring Dopamine, it will no longer be a requirement. Epinephrine could be removed as well, but this still needs board approval.

Scott Wheatley read a letter written by Dr. Chiccone to the Council regarding his retirement. Dr. Chiccone will be retiring as a practicing ED physician. However, he will continue to serve as Talbot County's Jurisdictional Medical Director, as well as the Medical Director of the Allied Health Division of Chesapeake College. Dr. Chiccone would like to continue as the Regional Medical Director and asked that the Region IV Council consider letting him continue to serve.

A motion was made for Dr. Chiccone to continue to serve as the Regional Medical Director to the Council by Scott Haas, seconded by Anna Sierra; all are in favor, no opposed, and so carried. Scott Wheatley will write a letter to Dr. Chiccone letting him know that the Region IV Council would be honored to have him continue as our Medical Director.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Cyndy Wright Johnson:

Cardiac Arrest - After twenty (20) to twenty-four (24) months of discussion, talking with families of individuals who have passed away, there has been a conclusion that there will be a time where it will be appropriate to stop life saving measures. Verification of everyone on scene, EMS and Law Enforcement must feel it is safe to stop. Medical Consult may still be wanted, but it will not be a requirement.

March PEPP course date: TBA.

New PEPP will be out in June.

All conference dates have been finalized and the first Winterfest sign up has been received.

Safe Kids updates have been posted online. Are there any suggestions on other languages that may be needed? Anna Sierra responded that Hsian & Creole may be helpful.

EMS survey is coming – Still in need of a Pedi's Champion for Somerset and Worcester.

EMS Board Report:

Mary Alice:

Reminder - December 18th is when the EMS Summit will take place. Your input is needed so please register.

McCready – A letter of support for the Free Standing Medical Center was sent.

There was a push for change in commercial ambulances making an EMR an acceptable driver due to not having enough drivers.

A discussion started about the pros and cons regarding this change with some being opposed to having EMR's as drivers.

Clay Stamp:

The EMS Summit is where the future plan for EMS begins, attendance from Region IV would be very helpful.

Alternative transport protocol was passed.

ED back up is still a big issue; however, it is being worked on.

SEMSAC Report / Regional Affairs Report:

Scott Hass:

VAIP was passed on the board level.

New Chairperson of SEMSAC - Wayne Tiemersma

Hospital overcrowding and the alert system are on Dr. Delbridge's radar.

MIEMSS Report:

Dr. Chizmar:

Please register and come to the EMS summit, we would like your input.

Good feedback from QA summit – very active small group session.

ED Alerts – A new hospital alerting system is necessary.

Goal with protocols is to make them more “living room material.”

John Barto:

EMS Plan is now available. If you need a copy, let Dawn know and she will mail it out to you.

50/50 Cardiac Devices Grant has been prioritize. Once received they must be signed and returned by December 15, 2019. The prioritize list may be out as early as this week.

Anna Sierra:

Two weeks is not a lot of time for most counties to have their grants signed and returned. Some counties need to have their paperwork reviewed by legal and signed by the County Commissioner. This is not something that can normally happen in a two-week timeframe.

John Barto:

HJO's in Region IV have discussed the turnaround time issue we are facing. The reason for the short turnaround time was to make sure no money would be left on the table. However, this has put a strain on some counties to have contracts reviewed and approved.

Clay Stamp:

This has been a “this year” issue and we do not foresee this same issue next year.

Scott Haas:

What is happening in order to make the awarded amount of grant funds fair? It's a big concern that we have (9) nine counties including some of the poorest counties in the State of Maryland and yet we continue to be robbed – would like to see some change to make it more fair to our Region.

Clay Stamp:

We know we have challenges and the Broad will be discussing all of these concerns in the beginning of the next year.

John Barto:

VAIP was approved through SEMSAC and the EMS Board the updated version will be uploaded to the MIEMSS web page.

Double Lock System – If clarification is still needed, please see Dr. Chizmar's letter.

Maryland will no longer be certifying new CRT's after this year (2019). We will still support the existing CRT's.

CRISP – At this point, we are hoping that everything has been turned in.

Agency / Regional Reports:

Anna Sierra:

Caroline County hired a new EMS Chief; please welcome Mark Fletcher when you meet him.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

David Rice:

Bryan Ebling is retiring after 41 years. I think we should put something together for him. His official last day is the 31st of December. However, his last day in the office will be just before Christmas.

Scott Haas nominated David Rice to organize something for Bryan and it was seconded by Brian LeCates and passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 motion made by Brian LeCates, seconded by Anna Sierra.