

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
March 19, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Scott Wheatley, Nicole Leonard, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Rick Koch, Denise Hill, Falon Beck, Bobbie Aaron, Christina Vickers, Scott Haas, Andy Robertson, David Rice, Andrew Naumann, Brian LeCates, Clay Stamp, Dr. Ted Delbridge, Doug Walters, Michael Reynolds, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD., Cyndy Wright Johnson, Dr. Steve White, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Brian Francis, and Brian Ebling.

Call-Ins: Dr. Jon Krohmer, MD., Mike Parsons.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mary Alice Vanhoy to approve the January 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Brian LeCates and passed.

Introductions:

Dr. Ted Delbridge, Executive Director of MIEMSS: I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone. I am also looking forward to working on ways to advance EMS.

Dr. Tim Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director: I feel very privileged and happy to work with each of you in this new position. I will strive to make our system better and MIEMSS better to work with.

Clay Stamp, Chair of the Maryland EMS Board: Very honored to serve as Chair of the EMS Board. I am looking forward to working with Ted (Dr. Delbridge) and Tim (Dr. Chizmar) on building the next generation of the EMS plan.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

Scott Wheatley reported in Dr. Chiccone's absence: The last protocol meeting was one of the best protocol committees that I have taken part. Some key takeaways are as follows:

- Freestanding medical center has moved to an optional protocol verses pilot protocol.
- Wound packing will be the standard protocol delivery for BLS and ALS providers.
- In the near future protocol will dictate 12 leads will be obtained within the first ten minutes of patient contact with suspected cardiac related patients.
- Joules vs. Physio – Queen Anne's will be sending to Dr. Chizmar.
- CPAP – Parameters for indications and contraindications regarding use of CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) devices.
- Looking at changing the protocol book to become a more user-friendly format.

Dr. Delbridge: One thing we can aspire to be is a little bit more nimble pertaining to the amount of time it takes putting things into play. We will be looking for ways to make things happen much faster. Also, looking for feedback on ways to get this way of thinking on track for success.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Cyndy Wright Johnson: Brought handouts and announced that the website has been updated.

We only have three children nominated for the Stars of Life. Please get your nominations in by April 5, 2019.

The Winterfest and Miltenberger Conferences were very successful. PEARS was well received and also very successful.

PEPP will be revised by 2020 – More skills added.

EMS Care April 24 – 28, 2019 – Ocean City, MD. Preconference Friday: EMS Champion Workshop (invitation) – More info can be found on the MIEMSS web site at www.miemss.org

CPEN (Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse Review Course) 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Wednesday & Thursday, April 24 - 25, 2019. Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Registration is required at <https://eecreg3.wufoo.com/forms/cpen-review-course-april-2019/>

Several upcoming conferences / courses are about to start. (See handouts)

Thank you to PRMC and Talbot County for hosting the free 90-minute pediatric high performance workshops.

EMS Board Report:

Mary Alice Vanhoy: No meeting was held this month.

Mr. Donald DeVries Jr., Esq. has retired. We welcomed Clay Stamp as the new Chairman of the EMS board. Mr. DeVries had many ties to Talbot County – his father was the chief of medical staff at Easton Memorial, we would like to wish him well.

Keep an eye on the mental stress of your providers. Please be aware that some may start to use drugs or alcohol as a coping mechanism. Be vigilant in regards to checking in with them.

SEMSAC / Regional Affairs Report:

Scott Wheatley: Dr. Delbridge and Dr. Chizmar took our concerns seriously in regards to reviewing the 50/50 Grant program. A subcommittee was created to review the 50/50 Grants.

Scott Hass: All grants need to be reviewed, not just the 50/50 Grants.

Andrew Naumann: Grants will be tracked closely to ensure that they are executed in a timely manner.

Rick Koch: The SHGP Grant is completed for the disaster trailer. The final pieces of equipment are being installed and it is ready for service.

John Barto: Region IV 50/50 grants have been signed by all but one department. We will be reaching out to them to see if they are still interested. The other departments are moving forward with the purchase of equipment.

MIEMSS Report:

John Barto: I am pleased to have Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Chizmar and Chairman Stamp in attendance and wish to thank them for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us today. We look forward to them returning as their schedules permit.

Mr. Ron Schaefer has forwarded to the Highest Jurisdictional Officials (HJO) the Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Operational Program (JEMSOP) re-verification application. He would like to have these returned by July 1, 2019. The information he forwarded included the application, requests for curriculum vitae of the EMS Medical Director, written agreement between the EMSOP and the EMS Medical Director, Quality Assurance Plan including due process procedures and Medical Review Committee Confidentiality Agreement. He will be scheduling site visits in the near future. The site visit team will review MRC meeting minutes and EMS vehicle Seal of Excellence certificates with the QA officer from each jurisdiction. I look forward to having Ron at our next Region IV Council meeting to further explain the re-verification process and to answer additional questions.

The Regional Affairs Committee has taken on a request for the review of the Regional allotments for the 50/50 matching funds grant to SEMSAC. While there are no guarantees of any increases, it is being reviewed by SEMSAC. We appreciate the response of MIEMSS and the Regional Affairs Committee to review this very important item.

We are happy to announce that the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center at Easton's brain attack team recently received the Golden Brain Award from the Maryland Stroke Center Consortium. The Consortium is comprised of representatives from stroke centers in

Maryland, including stroke coordinators and stroke center directors, who get together every other month to review stroke care in Maryland and receive updates in stroke care nationally. Representatives from the American Heart Association and MIEMSS also attend these meetings.

Nicole Leonard: Emergency services team members from the five counties served by UM Shore Regional Health joined members of the UM Shore Medical Center at Easton Brain Attack Team and several UM SRH senior leaders to celebrate the hospitals receiving the Golden Brain Award from the Maryland Stroke Center Consortium. Each quarter, MSCC presents the Golden Brain Award to the hospital with the fastest median “door to needle (alteplase)” time. UM Shore Medical Center at Easton had the fastest time – 31 minutes – for the fourth quarter of 2018. We are pleased to have receive the Golden Brain award and have it on display at the hospital. A big thank you to everyone in the Region.

John Barto: Round one of the interview process for the Region IV Associate Administrator position is complete. We hope to have the position filled by the later part of April.

Scott Hass: I just want to say that we have the best Regional office (Region IV) in the state. Every battle we go up against, John always has our back.

Agency / Regional Reports:

Mary Alice Vanhoy: An upcoming base station visit is scheduled for Queen Anne’s freestanding facility.

Reminder: If you put a hospital on reroute, remember to take them off.

Recently students had access to a wonderful resource at Chesapeake College. They were able to go through training at the simulation laboratory and used the high fidelity mannequins at the simulation lab.

Shore regional health at Easton has a CIC site visit scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2019.

Brian LeCates: The Talbot County ambulance bus is out of service for the time being so that it can be lettered. Once this is completed, the ambulance bus will be ready to respond when needed. You can access this bus by calling the Talbot Center or you can do so by dialing 911. The ambulance bus holds 12 stretchers and will be housed at the Talbot County Center, which is the old Black & Decker building on the Easton bypass.

Brian Francis, MSPAC: Please be advised that Trooper 6 is back in service 24-7. At this time, the Cumberland session is still limited until additional pilots are completely trained and available. We are recruiting for all positions. If you know anyone who is interested in joining

the MSP Aviation Command, please send them my way. Lastly, transport beds are now on all of the aircrafts.

Scott Hass: Please be advised that this year the 10K across the bay is canceled due to ongoing bridge work and repairs.

Dr. Chizmar: The 24TH Annual EMS Medical Directors' Symposium will be held in Sykesville at the Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department located at 6680 Sykesville Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784 on April 10, 2019 from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm. It is possible that if a more central location can be found the location could change next year. The Medical Director's Symposium has grown since its inception many years ago when Dr. Alcorta started it.

An ABLS course will be held at the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute in College Park on April 30, 2019 & April 31, 2019 and Dr. Alcorta will be teaching. Please plan to attend this exciting training opportunity.

Is anyone experiencing medication shortages? Discussion followed with several and the individual jurisdictions indicated that they are experiencing shortages with the following medication: Narcan, Epi Pens and 4% Lidocaine.

I want to touch base on ET3, Dr. Delbridge will be looking into this program relevant to alternate destinations and mobile integrated community health.

I also want to let everyone know that Edward McCready hospital will no longer be a base station effective April 1, 2019. Consultations will be directed to Peninsula Regional Medical Center or Atlantic General Hospital based on appropriate destination for Priority 1 and 2 patients. Radio equipment will be left in the ER at McCready for communication with and notification relevant to priority 3 patients. If any concerns exist about destination, McCready and PRMC could be brought online at the same time for medical direction as to destination.

Dr. Chizmar then brought up the topic of AEMT and how the state was going to move forward. Discussion then ensued regarding the role of this level of training. CRT will no longer be nationally recognized after December 31, 2019. Several individuals on the council indicated that we should stay with national registry classifications. It will be difficult maintaining the Maryland CRT once they will no longer be recertified at the national level. Dr. Delbridge requested that we look into this and get input as to where we go from here. Discussion of the pros and cons were mentioned as we attempt to figure out the future role and levels of training in Maryland. Some raise concerns about if we move to AEMT will jurisdictions want to reduce the number of paramedics. The comment was made that by not making Maryland EMT's keep up their national registry certification it was not in the best interest of future levels of certification. This ongoing discussion will continue as Clay Stamp indicated we need to develop a consensus and do our due diligence before making any decision on this important topic.

A discussion that ensued with comments from Mr. Bryan Ebling on how the Frederick model which is being tested in Queenstown was working. Scott Wheatley indicated that the textbook has changed and he feels it is a good working tool. This new format will be a success if teachers and instructors work hard along with the students. It is essential that students work at this new training level, put in the time preparing for class, and complete the online training if they are to be successfully in EMT certification process. Dr. Delbridge indicated he is also looking for test sites to be closer to the students and that money has been found and hopefully this will be available soon at the MFRI regional offices.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Scott Wheatley: We did a training rodeo, it was exceptional and a great experience. All agencies are encouraged to take advantage of this.

One of our regular attendees has taken ill. Let us all wish Barbara Steiner a speedy recovery by signing the card that is being circulated around the room.

Cyndy Wright Johnson: A PEPP Course being held in Ocean City is for both BLS and ALS clinicians. We would like to see a mix of both ALS and BLS Clinicians in attendance, so please promote this course in that manner.

Dr. Delbridge: MIEMSS Staff and others, we should not be using the term provider when referring to our EMT's, Paramedics, etc., it diminishes their social status. I recommend referring to them as clinicians if we are not going to use the proper title of their level of certification for licensure.

Scott Wheatley: Thank you to Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Chizmar and Chairman Stamp for attending the Region IV Council meeting. It means a lot that you not only made the trip but you also listened to us today and really heard our concerns.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:53 Mary Alice motioned and Rick Koch seconded.