

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 21, 2017

Minutes

Attendees: John Barto, Phil Hurlock, Justin Harper, Brian Frearson, Sgt. Michael Mann, David Collins, Laura Kim, Steve White, Barbara Steiner, Doug Walters, Michel Parsons, Ron Lewis, Andy Robertson, Dan Ebling, Anna Sierra, Tom Chiccone, MD, Rick Koch, Andy Aswegan, MD, Denise Hill, Falon Beck, Andrew Budzialek, Scott Wheatley, Alana Long, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Jen Anders, MD, Brian LeCates, Ryan Todd, Jon Krohmer, MD

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Rick Koch to approve the March 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Denise Hill, and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Dr. Chiccone - Special regional medical directors' meeting in lieu of the Protocol Review Committee since Dr. Alcorta was out of town. Updates: Legislative Report - MIH - A lot of effort being put forth to expand the program, including protocol updates. Efforts are mostly aimed at funding/billing. Hospital thru-put and ED overcrowding - Emphasis will swing toward metrics. Focus on time of arrival for admitted patient to the time they actually get out of the ED to the floor. AED in restaurants - fate is uncertain. Opioids - EMS newsletter was comprehensive on this topic. It answers a lot of questions on PPE and legal protections. Baltimore City is now considering an alternate destination designation project. Elite Platform is going to roll out in a trial form in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties. Appointment of MIEMSS Exec. Director - EMS Board is going to engage a search group to fill this position.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Cyndy Wright-Johnson - Introduced Dr. Jen Anders who is now co-medical director for PEMAC. Encouraged anyone who can to stay for the meeting after the Council meeting. Sent out report to Council members via email. In process of submitting a new federal grant, due after January 21, 2018, and asks what kind education you would like to have. Highlights: Safe Kids - Very concerned that a lot of the general public is unaware that all homes in Maryland must have a 10-year smoke alarm battery starting January 1, 2018. MIEMSS received a grant that focuses on drowsy driving. She is writing a report on EMSC performance measures. Working on termination of pediatric resuscitation protocol.

EMS Board Report: No report. Meeting was cancelled.

Regional Affairs/SEMSAC Report: Phil Hurlock - Election of officers. Eric Smothers reviewed Regional Affairs by-laws and SEMSAC by-laws have been presented to the Board. Pointed out Newsletter covered a lot of information on the Opioid crisis.

MIEMSS Report: Base Station review at AGH went extremely well and got another 5-year designation. Evident that the facilities that have a nurse coordinator were able to get more dedicated time to carry out responsibilities of base station. Had a request from Regional Affairs

to formally identify the Region IV rep - Motion by Rick Koch to formally recognize the chair and vice-chair as the Regional Affairs representatives for Region IV, seconded by Ryan Todd, and approved. Matching Grant: Region IV received \$91,220. The HJO's (as the Prioritization Committee) elected to allot \$14,000 per approved monitor request. A chart showing the prioritizations was disseminated to the Council. Motion to approve the Prioritization Committee's choice made by Brian LeCates, seconded by David Collins, and passed. All requests were received on time and had a cover letter explaining their need. Considerations in the selection are : age of monitor, number of ALS runs, how long since a department received money, tried to allow one request per county, and also considered upper, lower and middle shore. Narcan - Can a patient refuse treatment after being administered Narcan. Some counties the policy is to EP patient if police administer Narcan. Cooperative effort between EMS system and law enforcement. There has to be an agreement between law enforcement, EMS, the hospital on how to handle these patients. It was pointed out that a patient that has overdosed on an opioid may not be considered legally mentally competent to sign an AMA document. There was a great deal of discussion on this aspect of the opioid overdose crisis.

Ron Lewis - Attended Active Threat Integrated Response course at Wor-Wic - provided review. Strike Teams - Moving forward. Four solid counties Cecil, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Dorchester on board. Must get paperwork in to MIEMSS so everything is ready if a request comes in. VAIP - Almost all requests that have been received by the Region IV Office have been completed. Inspections have gone well. VAIP check list is on the MIEMSS website.

Regional Reports: Brian Fearson was introduced as the ALS coordinator for MFRI.

Rick Koch - Cecil received extension of accreditation of the EMS program. Public Service Message – OC is looking to hire 30-35 part-timers.

Scott Wheatley - Across the Bay was successful with no catastrophic event. Will send out reimbursement info to organizations that helped. Is anyone having problems with getting lactated ringers? Dr. Chiccone - Hurricane that hit Puerto Rico literally neutralized 250 ml bags, since the company that is the primary supplier of this size bag was locate there. Morphine in certain concentrations is in short supply.

Laura Klein- Office of Preparedness and Response: Reg IV has been approved of about \$15,000 for radiological response equipment. The group currently working on this project would like to have haz-mat teams that are established to participate. The Health Care Coalition on Eastern Shore must conduct a Surge Exercise in this budget period. Want approximately 20% of acute care beds evacuated. Not to exceed three facilities. Because EMS is a critical player in this exercise, any help with planning would be greatly appreciated. Question was asked regarding the scenerio.

Old Business: Helipad down at University - SYSCOM provides assistance with oversight. However, the policy ultimately goes back to what the University is doing with their helipad. They finally completed a re-decking of the Shock Trauma building. If for some reason the main ST building helipad became unavailable, University would immediately re-open Critical Helipad for use.

New Business: John Barto - CAD interface has been completed. Pilots for Elite Platform begin in Talbot and Queen Anne's on December 1, 2017. Plan is to begin to phase in to other jurisdictions early in 2018.

Cyndy Wright-Johnson – EMSC is going to be creating some standardized pediatric reports (thru a grant) for new Elite Platform. A lot of information does not transfer to the Elite Platform and requires a lot of manual labor to create data reports.

Dr. Krohmer - Several comments have been made to response to opioid crisis.... Potential exposure to responders - there have been no confirmed exposures to first responders. Follow appropriate PPE procedures. One concern - they suggest the appropriate respiratory precaution is an N100 mask. He feels that is overkill. There is no practical difference between N95 and N100 for responder purposes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:56.