



Region V EMS Advisory Council

Thursday, May 19th, 2016 @ 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street Landover Hills, Maryland 20784

Conference call in information:

Call in: [REDACTED]

AGENDA

Call to Order Roland Berg, Chairperson

Roll Call

Review of Minutes Review of March 17th, 2016 minutes

Report of Chairman: (Presented by Roland Berg)

Medical Director's Report: (Presented by Dr. Richard Alcorta, Dr. Mike Somers)

MIEMSS Report: (Presented by David Stamey, Zachary Marselle)

Report of Special Committees:

- Region V EPC
- STEMI
- EMSC

Unfinished Business: (Presented by Roland Berg)

- Vice Council Chair Election
- Grant Review

New Business: (Presented by Roland Berg)

- Behavioral Health Patient Boarding – Alan Butsch

Announcements: (Presented by Roland Berg)

Regional Round Table:

Next meeting: Thursday, July 21st, 2016 1:00 pm Fire Services Building

Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Karen O'Connell, Trista Parker, Louissette Vega, Terry Jodrie, Cindie O'Brien, Heather Shymansky, Jim Radcliffe, Ryan White, Mike Somers, Emily Dorosz, heather Howes, Susan Gonzalez, Roland Berg, David Stamey

Conference Line: Mike Deckard, Becky Vasse, Melissa Myers, Rose Melendez, Erin Parks, Lisa Hurley, Joel Buzy, Kim Swartz, Reggie Singleton, Jon Bratt, Alan Butsch, Barry Reid, Pat Gabriel, Bill Smith, Mark Petit, Doug Mayo

Call to Order

Roland Berg, Chair

Minutes: Review of March 17th, 2016 minutes. They were accepted.

Report of Chairman

(Presented by Roland Berg)

- The EMS Board/SEMSAC didn't meet last month because of a short agenda.

Medical Director's Report

(Presented by Dr. Somers)

- The Medical Director's and Protocol Review Committees met earlier this month. They are discussing removing the use of tributline and the underutilization of albuterol.
- An airway subcommittee has been formed.
- The BLS 12 lead pilot is close to becoming a standard practice.
- In the process of looking at trends from Mobile Integrated Health pilot programs.

MIEMSS Report:

(Presented by David Stamey)

- NEDOCs Pilot
 - o The NEDOCs Pilot has ended. Data is being examined for correlations. A future meeting will be scheduled to present the findings.
- Grants Updates:
 - o ALS Training – Montgomery, Calvert, St. Mary's, and Prince George's counties will be utilizing all of their funds.
 - o AED 50/50 – All jurisdictions appear to be spending all of their allocated funds.
 - o SHSGP – We have received multiple EOIs. A prioritization meeting will be scheduled.
 - o We will continue to monitor all grants to ensure that all funds that have been allocated to Region V will be spent.
- Diversion Hours
 - o Diversion hours appear to be decreasing. We will continue to track diversion hours.

Report of Special Committees:

Region V EPC – presented by Jim Stoddard

- No Report.

STEMI – presented by Mike Somers

- No Update

EMSC/PEMAC – presented by Cyndy Wright-Johnson

- Right Care When It Counts & Star of Life 2016 awards
 - o Were due April 1, 2016. Next year's will be due April 1, 2017. Nominations were received from Regions 2, 4 and 5. Ceremony in Annapolis will be during EMS Week (DTBA).
- #MDPANDAFAN – (EMSC Family Advisory Network Council)
 - o A new "Just in Time" Right Care award was presented at the MSFA Executive meeting in February to a six year old girl who guided her family to their "meeting place" when a power strip caught fire. These timely Recognitions are available upon request and do not prevent the nomination for state awards each may which occur the year after the rescue or action.
 - o There is a new partnership and program with MSFA: Pediatric Cancer Support backpacks have been made for the children of EMS, Fire and Rescue families who are battling cancer. These backpacks include information for parents, children and siblings.
- MSFA Risk Watch Injury Prevention:
 - o MSFA Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee in partnership with Safe Kids Maryland will again be providing interactive displays for children and families at the MSFA Convention 2016. We will be on the second floor this year and Sunday will include Mascot Training and education on how to run injury prevention displays both at convention and local events.
- Pediatric EMS Data activities:
 - o Pediatric QIC/ DART committee is working on standardized quarterly reports for pediatric trauma & medical transports. A statewide EMSC Fact Sheet will again be available during EMS Week.
- Pediatric Trauma Triage:
 - o EMS provider survey and focused interviews conducted in fall of 2015 by Dr. Anders is being analyzed and preliminary report was presented at November PEMAC.
- EMS for Children Performance Measures:
 - o 10 Primary EMSC Performance Measures & 5 for MCHB grants.
- Off line Medical Direction:
 - o New / revised protocols for 2016 have been approved by the EMS Board and go into effect July 1, 2016. Pediatric ages were reviewed and condensed for usability. Newly born protocol has been updated to be in line with NRP and AHA 2015 guidelines.

- On line Medical Direction:
 - o Pediatric Base Station courses for 2016 have been scheduled for March 10th and September 8th 2016. Five centers with pediatric transport teams participate along with our two pediatric base stations at Johns Hopkins Children's Center and Children's National Health System.
- Equipment:
 - o MIEMSS has convened a special workgroup to develop minimum standards for all vehicles that will be distinct from the VAIP seal of excellence and SOCALR standards. 2016 VAIP Standards steering committee is updating the VAIP for July 1 based upon protocol revisions.
- LMS module Safe Transport of Children in Ambulance is posted at the MIEMSS online training center for EMS and hospital professionals. The CPS Conference call is also posted on MIEMSS YouTube for CPS Technicians and instructors. Laminated Safe Transport Reference Cards are still available for new transport vehicles.
- Pediatric Trauma & Burn Centers:
 - o Site visits were conducted at CNHS in 2013 & 2014 and JHCC in 2015. Both centers continue to participate in state and national registries and provide EMS education.
- Pediatric Interfacility Transport Resources:
 - o Maryland's acute care hospitals and freestanding EDs all have written guidelines for interfacility transport in the binder entitled – Interhospital Transfer Resource Manual that was last updated in October 2014 by MIEMSS. (Copies provided to each hospital and on www.miemss.org website). Another online resource is the EMSC/ ENA/STN Interfacility Transfer Toolkit which is an interactive PDF with guidelines, sample policies and forms. (www.ena.org under Pediatric Practice and www.emsnrc.org under toolkits).
- Pediatric ED Readiness:
 - o In 2013 - 2014, all hospitals in Maryland along with over 4,100 hospitals across the country participated in an assessment as part of the National Pediatric Readiness (Peds Ready) Project, a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that U.S. emergency departments (ED) have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. To assist EDs in measuring their progress in becoming ready for children, the Peds Ready Assessment Portal has been reopened for hospitals to again do a confidential self-assessment using the same national AAP/ACEP/ENA guidelines and questions.
- APLS courses:
 - o Maryland EMSC in partnership with the regional pediatric medical directors and pediatric base station physicians are offering Hybrid APLS courses (AAP/ACEP) again in 2016. The onsite 8 hour day includes three lectures and high fidelity simulations. Pre-course work is done online. For more information email: pepp@miemss.org
- ENA CPEN review course was sponsored in 2015 and will be offered again in 2016. ENPC Instructor's Course is being supported by EMSC and offered at ENA by the Bay on May 18, 2016.

Unfinished Business

(Presented by Roland Berg)

- We discussed the officer vacancies for Vice Chair and Secretary. The Vice Chair will run the meeting in the event that the Chair can't be present. No nominates were presented.
- Grant Review – All ALS training funds will be utilized. All AED 50/50 money will be used. The new applications will be sent out in September. There has not been any discussion about the change of dollar amount allocated to each Region or the allowed items to be

submitted for the grants. Many jurisdictions are trying to update AEDs/Monitors, and some are still not pediatric compatible.

- The EOI for the SHSGP meeting will be conducted after the council ends.
- We have done a great job of ensuring all allocated grant funds have been spent in Region V.
- Diversion hours are decreasing. A future meeting will be scheduled for NEDOCS to discuss the collected data and the path forward.
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New Business

(Presented by Roland Berg)

- Behavioral Health and Patient Boarding Presented by Alan Butsch
 - o We have been talking internally with hospital partners about the effectiveness of moving patients out of the ER is the fact that behavioral health patients are having to be boarded. We are looking into any behavioral health diversion tactics in the event that various faculties are overwhelmed with behavioral health patients. We would then compare these numbers to standard diversion numbers. We would ask facilities to provide four numbers to us a day including the number of adult and pediatric behavioral health patients they are boarding and the length of the hospital stay for those patients.
 - o We have been doing this for 10 days. We have about an 80% return data. We have an average of 3.5 patients being boarded every day and the length of stay is around three days. We just want to let people know that we are doing this. We will bring results back to the regional level when we are done.
 - o Roland requested that the form that is being used by MCFRS in order to send this to the entire state. They are using a google form and would like to keep it internally for thirty days. We will add a follow up discussion on this at the September meeting.
 - o One of the things we want to stress at the state level is that this is a real issue and we need to do something about it.
- Prince George's County has a wide assortment of backboards that have been collected over the past year from jurisdictions all over the state. We need these backboards to be removed. Please pick up any backboards by June 1st or else they will be thrown away. Please stop at Prince George's Hospital Center after stopping here to pick up additional backboards.

Regional Round Table

- Prince George's Health Department – Not Present
- Montgomery County Health Department – Not Present
- Charles County Health Department – Not Present
- Calvert County Health Department – Not Present
- St Mary's Health Department – Not Present
- Laurel Regional Hospital – Trista Parker has assumed the ED Director position due to Rosie being on leave.
- Bowie Health – No Report
- Prince George's Hospital – No Report.
- Doctors Community Hospital – No Report.
- Fort Washington – Looking forward to getting Firstwatch set up.
- Southern MD – New ED Director was introduced, Ryan White. Firstwatch is up and running. The EMRC radio is a landline, and Verizon cut the line. We are using the DEMSTEL phone in the interim as Verizon is on strike. Dr. Somers added that eventually all hospitals will move to a VoIP system to avoid issues like this in the future. DEMSTEL does record just like the EMRC phone does.
- Charles Regional – Not Present

- Calvert Memorial – No Report
- St Mary's Hospital – No Report
- WAH – No Report
- Holy Cross Hospital – We have a new CEO over Holy Cross Health. He will be starting in August. Kevin Sexton has announced his retirement.
- HCH Germantown – We will have a base station site visit on July 21st.
- Shady Grove Adventist – No Report
- Suburban – Wanted to recognize EMS week and thanked the providers of Montgomery County. Communications and documentation were great during the active shooter event. We introduced the bleeding control patient course prior to the exercise. We are preparing for our base station visit in July. Construction continues but does not affect EMS. Trauma Conference will be on Saturday June 11th. Registration is via email. The topic is mass casualty and active shooter.
- Montgomery General – No Report
- Children's Hospital – We are looking to recruit for the first pediatric medical reserve corp. We have two training dates on June 4th and June 7th. The announcements are on social media. This will include an assessment and standby for any events that occur. We have our base station site review in July. We are working on getting our eMEDS reports printer and into the medical records. We hope to work out a long term system.
- Shock Trauma – Not Present
- Malcolm Grove – Not Present
- Walter Reed – Not Present
- MSP – No Report
- US Park – Receiving a refurbished helicopter from Delaware State Police.
- MSFA – Not Present
- MFRI – Full time positions are open for the fall. They close on June 6th. We are also looking for field instructors. We are hosting a TECC course for the NCR on Saturday. Registration closes later this afternoon. The TECC targets caregivers while TCCC targets the operators. We are transition away from PEP course to a new NMETECPC class. This is a two day emergency pediatric care class and is more assessment based.
- Prince George's EMS – Dr. Mike Millen has joined the PGFD Medical Direction Team as the Assistant Medical Director. He is also the Medical Director at BWI Airport and a physician at the Johns Hopkins Main Campus. A recruit school is taking place with approximately 45 new recruits. We are hoping to start a second class in June. We are getting ready to take delivery of a rehab unit that will be dispatched on all working fires and major incidents. On June 2nd we will be hosting Children's National Medical Center for an emergency medicine fellows coordinated training. We will be able to see how they transport patients into CNMC and they will be able to see how we transport. Thanked Southern MD Hospital Center for the care they provided to the fallen PGFD firefighters.
- Montgomery County EMS – In the process of accepting applications for a new recruit class. We hope to have 80 positions. We just had our MCI week and we are building on that with several drills including one on the Prince George's County Line. We are working towards making our Medical Director Full Time.
- Calvert County EMS – Working on a number of projects.
- Charles County EMS – We are transitioning several crews to different times. We have received funding for First Watch. We are entering into a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Partnership with Charles Regional. They are going to hire a Nurse Practitioner to assist with this. The goal will be to reduce readmissions. Program participation is completely voluntary on the part of the patient. The Waldorf unit will more than likely be stationed out of White Plains.
- Charles County Volunteers – No report.
- St Mary's County EMS – Two updates: Stanley Williams has retired. His position is open and the county is in the process of hiring. The Sheriff's office and the EMSOP are

collaborating and will be submitting an application at the end of the month for National Tactical Officers Association training.

Announcements

(Presented by Roland Berg)

- The council voted to skip the July 2016 meeting due to summer vacation.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 15th, 2016

Adjournment

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