

CASAC Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2021

Attendees: Will Rosenberg, Chairman (Butler Medical)
James Pixton (AAA)
Eli Dinerman (Pulse)
Gary Rains (Butler)
Bobby Harsh (County)
Teddy Baldwin (Lifestar)
Heather Stamey (Med Star)
Mike Moretti (Lifestar)
Susan Rainey (Nemours)
John Damiani (Christiana Care)
Adam Cole (Vesper)

MIEMSS representatives:

Dr. Timothy Chizmar
Pat Gainer
Marty Johnson
Cynthia Wright Johnson
Scott Legore
Melissa Meyers
Sarah Sette

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rosenberg.

Meeting minutes were sent out in advance of the meeting. Are there any changes to the minutes? None.

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Baldwin, second by Mr. Dinerman.

State Medical Director's Report – Dr. Chizmar

- Welcome everyone and thank you for your hard work as we work to get through the pandemic together.
- COVID update – Currently 820 COVID patients in the hospital, 602 in acute care, 217 in ICU beds. Takoma Park and Laurel remain open as alternate care locations.
- Vaccinations – Paramedics can continue to vaccinate by virtue of a bill that was passed by the legislature last session. EMTs and CRTs can no longer vaccinate as EMS clinicians with the expiration of the Governor's order however they can still vaccinate under the Department of Health order that allows lay persons that are properly trained and supervised by the health department.
- All provisional EMTs/CRTs/Paramedics have until February 2022 to apply for full licensure. This is not automatic, the clinician needs to file an application for full licensure. The pathway to licensure is on the MIEMSS website for folks to follow.
- Looking to expand C4 capabilities to Pediatrics to address the projected surge in pediatric respiratory illnesses this fall.

- Not many commercial services use eMeds – however there was a data irregularity transfer notification sent out by MIEMSS and Image Trend. The data was sent out to secure servers with Montgomery and Howard Counties. Both Image Trend and the AG’s office reviewed this transfer and do not feel it is a HIPAA/privacy breach and that individual patients need to be notified.
- National Registry has national, state and local individual contact hour requirements. There are 10 hours of online content available to fill the state requirements through the MIEMSS online training center. These will be refreshed in April 2022.
- Protocol update – D50/D10 – Scott received a question regarding the use of D10 by commercial services. Protocol allows for both with D10 preferred. Both are acceptable and the ALS checklist will be updated in the future.
- PRC is evaluating a variety of proposals
 - One deals with supraglottic airways other than King. This includes the I Gel and the LMA. This has received the thumbs up from the PRC and will need to go to SEMSAC and the EMS Board for approval.
 - TXA has also received a thumbs up for use by the PRC for the treatment of hemorrhagic shock. We can talk a little more about the implications for commercial services if needed.

Questions – None

SOCALR Report

License and renewal update – Marty Johnson

- SCT Inspections – Jen will be contacting each SCT service directly to schedule a virtual inspection of SCT equipment
- ACH/Wire payments – if your service is planning to pay by ACH please notify SOCALR so that we can confirm the payment
- MSIs – we are aware that many manufacturers have delays in parts which is delaying repairs and MSIs. Please let us know if you run into these issues and we can discuss a possible waiver. We are also aware of delays in the registration process due to insurance verification.

QA and data import – Scott Legore

- Scott Barquin continues to work with several services on data import issues
- Dr. Chizmar already mentioned the Image Trend data irregularity/release – if there are any questions, feel free to contact me or Jason Cantera
- QA Officer course – all modules have been recorded – currently working on converting these in the Learning Management System. Hope to have the course available by the end of the month. SOCALR will notify everyone when the course becomes available.

Equipment Update – Scott Legore

- BLS portable suction device – the checklist calls for Res Q Vac, we have been notified that this has been discontinued. If your service is looking at a replacement model, please send the device information to SOCALR to ensure that it complies with regulations.
- ALS Medications – D50 – looking to revise the ALS checklist to include D10 as an option

- Supraglottic airway – we did some research as the King airway is currently not on the ALS checklist for commercial services. This was inadvertently removed three years ago. We will wait until the PRC makes its final recommendations to the EMS Board before modifying the checklist.

Emergency Regulation Update – Sarah Sette

- The EMS Board adopted an emergency regulation that will allow SOCALR to continue to issue waivers to the BLS license driver requirement along with other staffing requirements. This regulation change was approved by the AELR as an emergency regulation and is now in effect. It will remain in effect until the proposed regulation goes through the regulatory approval process. Comments are due by October 12th to Scott Legore.

Vaccination Survey – Pat Gainer

- Last year we had a statutory change enacted that allowed vaccine administration by paramedics. The law allowing paramedics to provide flu and COVID vaccines is in effect until January 2023. Between now and then we have to submit a report to the legislature that describes paramedic involvement in vaccination programs and subsequently we are trying to get the statute modified to get rid of the sunset date. We will be sending out a survey to all commercial services and public safety jurisdictions asking them to describe how your paramedics are involved in vaccinating staff and the public. 15 questions through Survey Monkey

Questions – None

Licensure and Certification – Melissa Meyers

- Terrell has moved on from MIEMSS, taking a position in PG Fire
- All service directors should have access to the EMS portal
- Two renewal dates are coming up for administrative extensions (COVID)
 - ALS clinicians – October 30
 - BLS clinicians – December 30

PEMAC – Cindy Wright Johnson

- Pediatric C4 will not just be for ICU beds but also acute care beds as well. Currently surveying all hospitals for accurate numbers of pediatric beds. Expected to go online October 1st
- PEPP course is full – we opened for more slots this morning. Additional courses to be offered at Winterfest and Miltenberger as pre-conference sessions.

SEMSAC – No report

MIH – Scott Legore

- There was some discussion on MIH guidelines and training requirements at the EMS Board meeting however this item was pushed back so the Board had time to review the proposal.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Good of the Committee:

Question – What is the status of the non-EMS licensed driver waiver?

Answer – The regulation has been approved as an emergency regulation and the proposed regulation is pending final adoption.

Scott Legore – SOCALR is conducting interviews for the open secretary position and hopefully will have a new person on board in mid-October.

Meeting Adjourned --