



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III EMS Advisory Council

January 23, 2019

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - A. Elections
 - II. Chair Report
 - A. Review of Minutes
 - B. Correspondence
 - C. Next Meeting – March 27, 2019 – 1:00pm, MIEMSS Room 212
 - III. Program Reports
 - A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update
 - B. State EMS Medical Director Report
 - C. MIEMSS Region III Report
 - D. Maryland EMSC Report
 - E. MIEMSS Emergency Operations
 - F. MIEMSS Regional Programs

Dr. Tim Chizmar
Jeff Huggins
Cyndy Wright Johnson
Randy Linthicum
Andrew Naumann
 - IV. Committees
 - A. Emergency Education Council
 - B. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition
 - C. Region III Medical Directors

Paul Massarelli
Christina Hughes
 - V. Prevention Activities
 - VI. Old Business
 - VII. New Business
 - VIII. Regional Roundtable Reports
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 - 2. Anne Arundel
 - 3. Baltimore City
 - 4. Baltimore County
 - 5. BWI
 - 6. Carroll
 - 7. Harford
 - 8. Howard
- Council Membership



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B. Health Depts.

C. Hospitals

1. Anne Arundel Medical Center
2. Baltimore Washington Medical Center
3. Bon Secours Hospital
4. Carroll Hospital Center
5. Franklin Square Hospital
6. Good Samaritan Hospital
7. Greater Baltimore Medical Center
8. Harbor Hospital
9. Harford Memorial Hospital
10. Howard County General Hospital
11. Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital
12. Johns Hopkins Hospital
13. Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatrics
14. Mercy Medical Center
15. Northwest Hospital Center
16. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
17. Sinai Hospital
18. Saint Agnes Hospital
19. Saint Joseph's Hospital
20. Union Memorial Hospital
21. University of Maryland Medical Center
22. University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown
23. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

D. Commercial Ambulance

E. MSP

F. MCAC

G. Training Institutions / MFRI

H. MEMA

IX. Adjourn

Call-in information:

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Join the conference call. Phone: [REDACTED]

Access Code: [REDACTED]



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Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting January 23, 2019

Minutes

In Attendance

Carla Aresco (Shock Trauma), Robert Asamoah (Northwest Hospital), Terrance Baker (Good Samaritan), James Brothers (Howard County), Kathi Burroughs (Union Memorial Hospital), Jason Cantera (MIEMSS), Dir. Tim Chizmar (MIEMSS State EMS Medical Director), Susan Cochrane (Baltimore Washington Medical Center), Timothy Cullen (Baltimore City), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS Region III), Bill Dousa (Harford County), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Mark Dubel (Anne Arundel County), Brian Frearson (MFRI), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS Region III), Richard Johnson (Consumer Representative), Paula Justice (Johns Hopkins Hospital), Dr. Matthew Levy (Region III Medical Director-Howard County), James Matz (Baltimore City), Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Alex Perricone (Chair-Baltimore City), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Fire & Rescue), Rich Schenning (Baltimore County), Roger Simonds (Consumer Representative), Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Curtis Wiggins (Carroll County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

On Line

Tracy Barresi (St. Agnes Hospital), Joe Brown (Carroll Hospital Center), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial Hospital), Jessica Dell (Harbor Hospital), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square Hospital), Paula Justice (Johns Hopkins Hospital), Cathy Park (Johns Hopkins Pediatrics), Marian Rongione (St. Joseph's Medical Center), Patty Sherman (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Susan Ziegfeld (Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chief Perricone welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were conducted in the room and for those on the phone.
- II. **Chair Report:** The minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting was distributed to everyone electronically and to those in attendance for review. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made and the motion passed by Curtis Wiggins and James Matz. There was no correspondence to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 1:00pm at MIEMSS Conference Room 212.
- III. **Program Reports:**
 - A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update – Roger Simonds: Nothing to report
 - B. State EMS Medical Director Report - Dr. Tim Chizmar:



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1. Dr. Matt Levy is the new Region III Medical Director and Dr. Jennifer Guyther is the new Associate Medical Director for Region III.
 2. Downward trend has been found in the state of Maryland and nationwide in Opioid overdoses as well as overdose deaths
 3. Active assailant workgroup conference in Annapolis will be held on February 22nd
 4. Every jurisdiction in the state of Maryland is now on elite. Dr. Chizmar congratulated Jason Cantera and the jurisdictions in their assistance in getting elite running
 5. MFRI shared the National Registry Pilot to a prior SEMSAC meeting to discuss how to continue to improve the recruitment and retention of EMTs in the state. This will be piloted in four different sites this year.
 6. EMS Medical Director Symposium will be held on April 10th in Sykesville
 7. Winterfest Conference in Easton on January 24th through January 27th
 8. Dr. Delbridge will join MIEMSS on February 13th as new Executive Director
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report - Jeff Huggins: The Region III written report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.
- D. Maryland EMSC Report - Cyndy Wright Johnson: The Maryland EMSC report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes. The Stars of Life and Right Care When it Counts award nominations are due by Friday, April 5th and the ceremony will take place in the 3rd week of May in Annapolis.
- E. MIEMSS Emergency Operations - Randy Linthicum:
1. Active Assailant Conference in Annapolis on February 22nd
 2. Annapolis and Anne Arundel County were involved in supporting Governor Hogan's 2nd Inauguration
- F. MIEMSS Regional Programs - Andrew Naumann
1. Working on CRISP, EMEDs projects and the base station program
- IV. **Committees**
- A. Emergency Education Council – Jeff Huggins: The Council will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3:00pm in Room 317
- B. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes: The Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition Report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.
- C. Region III Medical Directors – Dr. Matt Levy
1. Discussed opportunity to work with jurisdictions in data visualization to understand how the system is performing using the QA data
 2. The group began a discussion on finding clarity on how a patient is defined



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- D. Transportation Committee – Jeff Huggins: The committee met this morning and elected that future meetings will take place from 9am to 10am prior to the Medical Directors meetings
- V. **Prevention Activities - Council Membership:** None to report
- VI. **Old Business:**
- A. Dick Johnson inquired about the May 28, 2018 minutes. No correspondence has been received. A notice will go out for request for notes and reports for that meeting to have minutes recreated.
- B. Dick Johnson discussed the Jack Stout Public Utility model and if it would benefit the MIH program. Dr. Chizmar addressed that there has been significant interest in using ImageTrend module and forum to share best practices in all jurisdictions. Healthcare services and commercial services have also expressed interest.
- C. Terry Baker asked about the meeting with insurance companies to look at billing for calls to the scene and having transportation declined. The meeting has taken place with Acting Executive Director Pat Gainer with Medicare, Medicaid and private insurers. MIEMSS requested funding and the insurers are asking for the data to support the funding. MIEMSS is due to submit a report to Annapolis in the near future. A meeting is scheduled for February 6th in Washington, D.C. to discuss reimbursements on non-transports.
- D. Terry Baker working on a project looking in grants that would help hospitals and staff to remain ready to handle the Ebola situation. The grant is yet to be renewed.
- VII. **New Business**
- A. Region III Council Elections: The new election cycle will begin today and will run through the year 2021 with a new cycle to begin in January 2022. Nominations opened for Chair. The one nomination submitted was for Chad Packard (BWI Fire & Rescue). Motion to close nominations by James Brothers (Howard County) and James Matz (Baltimore City). Nominations opened for Vice Chair. The one nomination submitted was for Rich Schenning. Motion to close nominations by Curtis Wiggins (Carroll County) and James Matz (Baltimore City). Nominations opened for Secretary. There were no nominations submitted prior to meeting. Terrance Baker (Good Samaritan Hospital) nominates self for the position. Motion to close nominations by James Brothers (Howard County) and James Matz (Baltimore City). The nominations were accepted by James Matz (Baltimore City) and James Brothers (Howard County).
- B. Today was the last meeting for Roger Simonds as the SEMSAC Representative and Chief Alex Perricone as Chair of the Region III Council.



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VIII. Regional Roundtable Reports:

A. EMS

1. Annapolis – Not present
2. Anne Arundel
 - a) Trish Wilford was named the new Fire Chief and will start at the end of month
 - b) Fire Academy class of 50 will start in February
 - c) Looking to start ultrasound program
 - d) Added 7 new medic engines since December
 - e) Held active shooter training last Fall
3. Baltimore City
 - a) Recently experienced very high call volumes
 - b) Class of 29 EMTs and Paramedics to start in a week
 - c) Elite migration began in December
 - d) Evolving in the MIH program
 - e) Participating in the Leave behind program and left 596 kits since September 1st
4. Baltimore County
 - a) Chief Kryle Pries has retired; Chief Jennifer Albur-Utz has been appointed to the position
 - b) Working with the police department on the 2nd phase of active assailant training
 - c) Dr. Shawn Barrenholtz putting together EMS lecture series on several topics and will be able to expand and offer regionally
5. BWI
 - a) 57 Stop the Bleed cabinets have been installed throughout the airport
 - b) Working with Anne Arundel county on the Active Assailant Rescue Task Force
 - c) 5 new firefighters to start at end of February
 - d) 11,000 people attended the CPR kiosk with 5,200 completing the training
6. Carroll – Nothing to report
7. Harford
 - a) First county run medic unit last year transporting over 750 patients
 - b) Started the process to look for a 2nd crew and location to put the unit
8. Howard
 - a) Christine Uhlhorn is named the new Fire Chief in Howard County
 - b) Opening a new fire station in July at the Merriweather property
 - c) Recruit class of 42 to start on February 4th



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- d) Currently over half the high schools have been visited for the Stop the Bleed program
 - e) Ultrasound program implemented and now doing practical components
- B. Health Depts. – None present
- C. Hospitals
1. Anne Arundel Medical Center – Nothing to report
 2. Baltimore Washington Medical Center
 - a) Became a Kaiser Center in October
 - b) Emergency Department Head Nurse Manager Kurt Rubach is stepping down; currently in search of a new Nurse Manager
 3. Bon Secours Hospital - Not present
 4. Carroll Hospital Center - Nothing to report
 5. Franklin Square Hospital
 - a) Construction will take place for the foreseeable future
 6. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - a) Base station course on March 6th from 9:30am to approximately 1:00pm
 7. Greater Baltimore Medical Center – Not present
 8. Harbor Hospital – Nothing to report
 9. Harford Memorial Hospital – Nothing to report
 10. Howard County General Hospital – Not present
 11. Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital – Nothing to report
 12. Johns Hopkins Hospital
 - a) Intermittent closures on some station at the ambo bay due to construction
 13. Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatrics
 - a) Census very high forcing the department to be on red alert; still open for pediatric patients referred
 14. Mercy Medical Center - Nothing to report
 15. Northwest Hospital Center
 - a) Construction in progress and has hallways closed; signs are posted
 16. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center – Nothing to report
 17. Sinai Hospital – Not present
 18. Saint Agnes Hospital – Nothing to report
 19. Saint Joseph's Hospital – Not present
 20. Union Memorial Hospital
 - a) Staff and providers are asked to turn off ambulances while waiting outside the hospital because of the fumes entering the hospital
 - b) Union Memorial is not a foot/trauma referral center



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- 21. University of Maryland Medical Center – Not present
 - 22. University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown – Not present
 - 23. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
 - a) Morgen Bernius is the new Base Station Manager
 - b) Base Station class is scheduled for February 19th at Upper Chesapeake
 - D. Commercial Ambulance – Not present
 - E. MSP – Not present
 - F. MCAC – Not present
 - G. Training Institutions / MFRI – Nothing to report
 - H. MEMA – Not present
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm



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MIEMSS Region III Office Written Report to Council January 23, 2019

EMS Care 2019: Save the date! April 24-28, 2019. EMS Care 2019 planning is already underway, we look forward to seeing everyone next year.

HC Standard Hospital Contact List: All hospitals are reminded to continue to update their contact numbers in HC Standard. Hospitals can do so by going under their facilities workspace and clicking on the matrix entitled 'Contacts-'Hospital Name'.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Programs: Spring VAIP's are in the process of being scheduled.

MIEMSS Emergency Operations: Region III continues to collaborate with Emergency Operations on the regional Ambulance Strike Team (AST).

Base Station Program: Region III continues to work with hospitals who are coming due to redesignation.

CRISP/eMeds®: Region III is working with jurisdictional partners to get MOU's signed.

EMS Grants:

ALS Funding Grants: FY2019 funding requests were approved, and have been distributed to the jurisdictions.

Matching Fund Grant: FY2019 applications were reviewed and prioritized by regional affairs. Award letters are in the process of being distributed.

Naloxone Grants: Naloxone Grants for Year I have been completed and reimbursed. Year II has been distributed, and should be submitted for reimbursement if not done so already.

State Homeland Security Grant Program: 2018 applications have been reviewed and approved by regional affairs. Award letters have been distributed, and should be returned if not done so already. The 2019 application period will open in April.



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Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition Report to Region III EMS Advisory Council January 23, 2019

The 2018 triage tag dates were held quarterly. The 2019 dates are on hold. The October compilation revealed the same trends...missing age, vital signs, treatment, and unit number.

There is a Coalition board available to use for health and medical coalition purposes on the state WebEOC system. Access for all health and medical partners is complete. The group is working with MEMA to set up a test.

Allocation of Scarce Resources framework development is being reviewed by Hopkins. We will then determine next steps.

Work has culminated on BP1 HPP projects: radiation portals received by Harford County and active assailant kits have been distributed across the region.

Members of the Coalition are participating in the UASI training and exercise planning workgroup to determine next steps forward.

The Coalition is maintaining their website. Invites for the member only portal have been sent.

The Coalition continues to work with MD First to move forward with programming radios purchased for partners in the Region.

Discussions with CRISP partners have continued. Region compiled a list of initial hospital participants to be given training and access. Training being held this week.

Many lessons learned and areas for improvement were identified from the 2 day JCTAWS (Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series). We continue to work on corrective action items.

The UASI Alternate Care Site cache is being maintained in Carroll County and Bayview's storage warehouse. Work continues to sort through the equipment and relocate some.

The ACS will co-exist with the GBMC gym while a new gym is constructed. Await official letter from GBMC officials. Timeline for return of the building to the Coalition is 24 months from 2/18.



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**Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition
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(Continued)**

The Coalition is continuing discussion with MSP to ensure that consistent processes are in place regarding healthcare worker expectations for road travel during emergencies. A draft plan has been completed.

The Coalition continues to collaborate with the new fire and EMS rep at the MCAC.

Still await feedback from MDH as to guidance from CDC for hospital CHEMPACK needed supplies to be stocked since auto injectors have been removed.

The Coalition awaits further information on next steps for the CCTA project.

The BP-1 supplemental HPP regional application has been approved. The Coalition has compiled lists of PPE that needs to be replaced. Active assailant kit needs have also been assessed. We will be hiring a training exercise coordinator whom will be employed by Maryland Hospital Association.

Our HPP regional coordinator position remains vacant.

The next Region III Health & Medical Coalition meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019.