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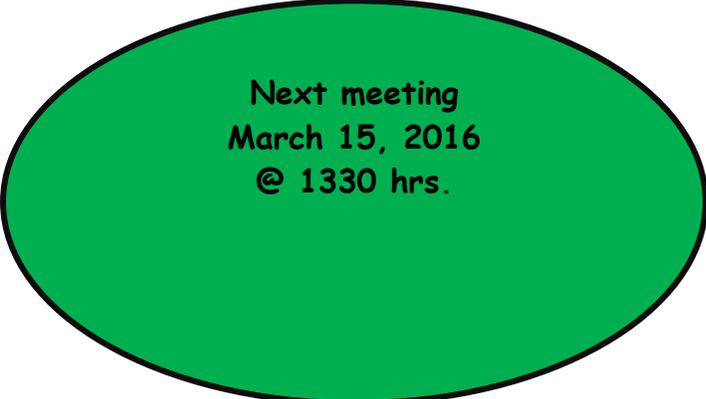
Brian LeCates, Vice-Chair

Andy Robertson, Secretary

AGENDA

January 19, 2016

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Regional Medical Director's Report
4. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMS-C Report
5. EMS Board Report
6. SEMSAC/Regional Affairs Report
7. MIEMSS Region IV Report
8. Agency Reports (Circle "yes" on the roster if you want to make a report)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment



Next meeting
March 15, 2016
@ 1330 hrs.

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 19, 2016
Minutes

Attendees: Joseph A. Ciotola, Md, Thomas Chiccone, MD, Brian LeCates, Barbara Steiner, Steven K. Frye, Scott Wheatley, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD, Alana Long, Steve White, Andy Robertson, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Bryan Ebling, Denise Hill, Andy Aswegan, MD, Justin Shockley, Michael Parsons, Mike Deckard, Jon Bratt, Randy Linthicum, Jennifer Nutley, Doug Walters, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, John Barto, Anna Sierra

The meeting was called to order by Brian LeCates at 13:30.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the November 2015 minutes as written, seconded and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Dr. Chiccone: Reminder – At the state level at the request of the heart association - reconsider the diversion of ambulances.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Cyndy Wright-Johnson: Star of Life and Right Care When It Counts award forms are in this month's newsletter. Can submit on-line. Reviewed some of the awards that have been submitted. Reviewed projects that they will be working on in 2016. Children with Special Needs workshop has been completely re-written.

SEMSAC Report: Joint meeting of Board and SEMSAC.

Regional Affairs Report: No report.

EMS Board Report: Board/SEMSAC joint meeting. •Transition students who have completed EMT course but have not completed the national registry exam. Expanded the number of Pierson-View locations ...two additional sites on the shore. Mike Deckard briefly reviewed the new EMT standards and the things that are being done to improve the testing readiness of the new students. The State's goal is to meet the needs of the students, but not affect the quality of the exam. •House Bill 19 is being supported on shore to rescind the sprinkler bill.

Chempack Update: Randy Linthicum – Reviewed purpose and locations (both hospital and EMS cache). MIEMSS role is to work with CDC and Health Departments for maintenance of the caches. Coordinate response and delivery of cache. Support stocking and inventory of stock. Purchased syringes this year to be delivered with the chempack. Working on enhancing the protocols for the use of the chempack. There is an instruction booklet that has been placed in the chempack caches and will be delivered with the cache. This is a quick reference for reconstituting chempack cache. Request for Chempack would go through EMRC. Goal of EMS is to get the requested material to the scene within 30 minutes of request to EMRC.

MIEMSS Region IV Report: Helicopter utilization – Anna Sierra- In coordination with EMRC, SYSCOM and hospital/EMS leadership pulled together info on helicopter utilization on

shore as opposed to the rest of the State. Concern has been raised that the helicopter was not being approved when requested via medical consult. The research does not bear this out. 70% of not completed missions were from standbys. Below state average for physician consult denials. Only 19 cases for shore. Reviewed reasons for cancellations with Council. Overall it is felt that the EMS providers are making the right decisions in the field and on consults the physicians were making good decisions. Dr. Ciotola raised the concern that at some facilities they are having problems getting feedback for the HUD reports. Anna reiterated that this is a follow up for QA, therefore, there should not be a problem. However, the hospital contact may need to be updated. There should be a loop for these follow ups to include regional office, EMS and the jurisdiction.

John Barto: SWOT process in Kent County is wrapping up.

Mobile Integrated Community Health Program in Queen Anne's County was mentioned and Dr. Ciotola gave a brief update on process and what is new. Dr. Ciotola expressed that he is dissatisfied and disappointed that the MIEMSS has not taken a stronger leadership role in the rolling out of the MICH program. Shore Regional Health is in a good position in a rural area to lead the state in a program like this and he feels that there are road blocks being put up. A motion was made to draft a letter by the Council to support the MICH program. Seconded and passed.

Agency Reports: Steve Frye: MFRI...there has been a change in management of the MFRI ALS program...Ron Hassen has stepped in until new ALS manager can be hired.

Mary Alice Vanhoy: Base station course on 2/8/2016 at Easton and polycom at Chestertown. ALS refresher 2/5-6/2016 at Easton. Winterfest is coming up. Still registration space available.

Mike Deckard: Winterfest...ambulance safety task force will have a booth at Winterfest.

MSFA is having legislative open house tonight. Cyndy Wright -Johnson – Very interested in getting a Safe Kids group started. Anyone interested contact Cyndy. Does not have to be EMS but should be coordinated with EMS.

Anna Sierra – DRHMG – Project monies has been awarded. Will purchase baby pods (transport pods for infants) to be used in event that no commercial pediatric transport is available. Concept of operations for use of baby pods will be drafted. Pediatric Annex for Med-Surge Plan to be developed.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Dr. Chiccone – Save the date notice has gone out for the Annual Medical Director's Symposium on April 13th.

Dr. Ciotola: New protocol coming out in July with Sepsis protocol. Shore Regional Health has a sepsis alert system...are we going to require a sepsis alert to hospital? All hospitals on shore have a sepsis alert policy already in place. Apparently, there are hospitals in the state that don't have a sepsis alert policy.

Mary Alice Vanhoy : In 2011 a group got together to look at the MIEMSS Alert Process. It is time to revisit the Region IV Alert Policy. John mentioned that the Red Alert was updated in 2013 but the changes never made it to the MIEMSS web page. A motion was made to put together a workgroup to review the Region IV Alert Policy, seconded, approved. Members: Scott Wheatley, Brian LeCates, Dr.Chiccone, Alana Long, Dr. Aswegan, Doug Walters, Mike Parsons.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.