

Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

July 16, 2020

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held virtually on July 16, at 7:00 p.m. Members on the call included: Elizabeth Wooster, Dr. Janelle Martin, Dr. Stephanie Sisler; Jeff Hinebaugh, Wayne Tiemersma, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Kathy Condor, Rick DeVore, Jonathan Dayton, Donnie Dunn, Joseph Braithwaite, and Dwayne Kitis.

The meeting was then called to order by Elizabeth Wooster at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Oct. 17, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Welcome Guests

Guests were: Alex Kelly, MIEMSS; Cyndy Wight Johnson, MIEMSS; Mark Bilger, MIEMSS; Paul Harman, NGCRS; Megan Galvin, MHA HCC administrator.

President's Report – No report

- Elizabeth Wooster stated that everyone's efforts with COVID-19 are much appreciated.

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report – no meeting held

Quality Improvement – No report – no meeting held

Bylaws/Membership – No report

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- Doug provided an update on ALS training in the Region and a list of upcoming ALS classes, please see attachment.
- The Garrett College Emergency Services Training Center FY 21 Budget Request was presented (see attachment). The Council membership approved this budget unanimously.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Dwayne Kitis

- Received an invoice from Rocky Gap Casino Resort for the 2020 abbreviated Miltenberger Seminar. Thankfully the bill was not as bad as we had expected it to be.
- The Planning Committee will have a meeting soon to decide what we are going to do about next year's seminar.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – Jeff Hinebaugh

- GRMC is experiencing a surge in PUI's; it is thought that tourist are adding a lot to the volume of PUI's.
- The hospital is increasing security again.
- Doing ok with PPE.

Garrett County Emergency Management, ESB, and EMS – Wayne Tiemersma

- The County did acquire a building in McHenry for the (EOC) Emergency Operations Center. It is currently being worked on for the updates it needs to meet their needs.
- EMS is doing well at this time; staying alert and at the forefront with the COVID-19 situation. There have been no COVID positives among the staff.
- They are also taking part in the new protocol dealing with out of hospital cardiac arrests and termination of resuscitation in the field. They will be testing patients that had a resuscitated effort given but terminated in the field and were not an ME case. Four test kits will be based in Lieutenant's vehicles.
- The County is seeing an increase in overdoses this month; watching and monitoring very closely.

Garrett County Emergency Communications

- The Dispatch Center was updated with new consoles and they have switched over completely to the Maryland First System; very pleased with how that is operating.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- They are watching the overdose rates and getting information out to the public concerning this issue; a class for naran will be given in August.
- There are currently 26 positive results for COVID-19 in the county; in last 10 days the count doubled.

- The HD is having a community testing event tomorrow in Oakland for non-symptomatic persons from 7a.m. – 1p.m.; no doctor's order is required.
- All departments of the HD are operating and doing what needs to be done. No walk-ins allowed, appointments are required.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board – No report

Allegany County EMS – No report

Allegany County Health Department – No report

UPMC Western Maryland – Elizabeth Wooster

- The health system continues to be vigilant on not letting COVID-19 spread in hospital; screening is done at several entrance points.
- They have struggled a little with PPE, but UPMC keeps them stocked up with most things.
- The hospital is working on completing some additional reverse airflow rooms and making them permanent.
- The Helipad will be having work done around the retaining wall; it will be starting soon and done intermittently. While this work is being done a secondary landing site will be over near Allegany College adjacent to the Continuing Education Building. Cumberland City Fire Department will be helping with the landing site. Everybody involved with this will be notified on a daily basis as to the operational status of the helipad for certain periods of time.

Allegany College of Maryland – Kathy Condor

- The college reopened on June 15 under limited status.
- An Ethics for Healthcare Professionals class will be held online December 11.
- ACLS will be done as a hybrid class, but no date is set yet.
- AHA BLS hybrid class right now is running online and then coming in for skills testing to be done.
- They are currently trying to find certification training for Contract Tracing; state and/or national certification. She asked if anyone has information pertaining to this, to please let her know.

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

- Dr. Martin thanked everyone for their time and efforts put into the COVID-19 response. She cautions against complacency; across the nation we are seeing multiple states referring to 2nd surge. She encouraged all to wear PPE and practice social distancing at work and in their private lives.

Regional Pediatric Medical Director – Dr. Stephanie Sisler - no report

Region I Specialty Centers – Elizabeth Wooster

- Currently up and operational; number of patients are down like most across the state except for Trauma.
- Work continues on some outreach education, such as STEMI and chest pain education for public.

MFRI

- A handout was provided by Todd Dyché on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment.
- Classes will more than likely be blended format with all lecture sessions via Zoom for the fall.
- WMRTC will be renovated soon and will be adding two more classrooms and a dedicated Pearson Vue Testing Center for NREMT exams.

MEMA – No report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- There were multiple pilots hired in the past couple of months.
- Staffing is 24 hours now.

CISM – No report

AGCVFRA – Jonathan Dayton

- Thanked everyone for hard work during this challenging time.
- At this year's election of officers, Jonathan was selected to be President.
- The Association held their convention on July 11 at Bowman's Addition Fire Department.
- Monthly reporting from the President's office will be starting; to be included on the email list please contact him.

- They are currently working on technology changes to livestream meetings in order to practice social distancing, as well as to keep everyone aware as to what the Association is doing.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Megan Galvin

Nothing specific to report. She asked if anyone was not receiving correspondence from the Healthcare Coalition and would like to, please let her know. Also, as we look to a potential 2nd surge of COVID-19, if anyone has ideas/suggestions as to how the Coalition could best support the region, please pass them on to her.

Career Fire & EMS – Donnie Dunn

- There were a total of 6745 calls in 2019 - 5425 Ambulance calls and 1320 Engine/truck calls.
- The Fire Department currently has 6 people in paramedic testing with Doug. This will give them a staffing of 20 paramedics, 4 CRTs and 26 EMTs.
- The ambulance that was having the chassis redone should be ready in a week or two and then back in service.

Commercial Ambulance – Joseph Braithwaite

- As of now he has no information for the Garrett County operation; they could not be on the call at this time.
- Allegany County was having a problem with PPE until Alison Robinson from the Health Department helped them out with that.
- They are running 4 crews through the day and 2 at night, includes at least 1 ALS crew but normally 2; it changes day by day.
- Call volume is starting to rise again.
- A new ambulance will be in service soon.

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson

- Cyndy emailed handouts to the members.
- Dr. Andrews and Dr. Chizmar sent out an update in April for signs and symptoms of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C); a very small percentage of this seen in children. There has been some updates on it but not in clinical presentations, so have not updated EMS guidance. There also has been a lot of collaboration on treatment for MIS-C in Europe, Canada, and U.S. There is a plan for aggressive follow-up on cases but not aggressive treatment or testing for them.
- There are 2 protocol updates related to children.
- EMSC has money waiting to use on education.
- The kick off of National Heatstroke Prevention Day is in July – never leave children in a car and locking car so children cannot get in unsupervised. EMSC has Outdoor Thermometer Display if anyone wants to use it; looking for local areas where people might gather for it to be seen well.
- There is a new 2020 poster on Injury Prevention, Be Seen Be Safe. If anyone wants them, let Cyndy know.

Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- There is now an ALS State renewal course starting in 2021 – 10 hours of State content for ALS clinicians to recertify; it is required every two years during recertification process. Doug added that this is in addition to the MFRI refresher which covers National requirements. There are 10 different topics, but only 7 can be done online on the Learning Management System; each is about 1 hour. The other 3 are in person classes. Wayne, Doug, and Chris Biggs need to get together to send out notifications to all ALS clinicians in the Region.
- This year's vehicle inspections will not be done the same as in the past. After talking with Wayne and Chris, it was decided that in each county the Supervisors or Lt's will be going around to inspect the vehicles and will then send the inspection paperwork to the MIEMSS Region I Office.
- Protocol updates need done by August 1st.
- Dwayne has a cache of COVID testing at the office for any First Responder/Clinician that needs a test done.
- There has been some talk at the ALS meeting about trying to develop a statewide Field Training Officer; may see email/possibly a poll about what the thoughts are in each Jurisdiction.

Old Business

Wayne updated the group on SEMSAC and RAC:

- At the last meeting the Cardiac Device Grant was closed out; all monies were used except about \$1,800 out of approximately \$325,000.
- RAC will continue to look at some other grants offered to make sure the accountability for them is being worked the same as the last few grants that were configured. There were also some grants identified that aren't being utilized; Region I needs to look to see if any of those grants can be utilized here.

- Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Programs – some areas of the state have these, but our area does not. A committee is being formed to look at MIH programs; MIH has been active in the state for 6 years. The committee will be looking at lessons learned and types of modeling to try and update what we are doing with it in the state.
- Vision 2030 is in final review now.
- Information on going from Provisional License to full status has been sent out. In our area it has been mostly EMTs who have obtained provisional status.

New Business - None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



**Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council meeting**

July 16 - 1900 hours – online

Cohort Report and status.

2018-2020 cohort – Our program came to a sudden halt with the College suspended face-to-face education on March 17th. We were able to reopen with restrictions on June 15th. Since then the students have been in small groups finishing labs and written exams. We have 23 students that should complete the program next week. Our NREMT psychomotor exam will be held on July 25th with adjustments being made and with different report times for the students. Many students are also scheduling their written exam soon after. After they complete NRP, they would normally sit for the Maryland protocol exam. MIEMSS has asked our cohort to beta test a new protocol review class that would take the place of the exam. If all goes well, it will be open state-wide September 1st.

2020-2022 cohort – The application deadline for the fall cohort was extended in the first of June due to COVID. We received 35 completed applications. Since then, potential students have submitted references, background checks and taken an entrance exam. Interviews are scheduled the next 2 weeks with acceptance letter being mailed July 31st. Class will begin on August 27th.

FY21 Budget -Submitting the attached FY21 budget for approval by the council.

Requested MFRI ALS refreshers in Region 1

NCCR ALS Refresher – Garrett County

Oct. 3, 4, 17 and 18

NCCR ALS Refresher – Allegany County

Nov. 7, 8, 21& 22

GARRETT COLLEGE
EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER FY'21
BUDGET REQUEST

REVENUE

1. MIEMSS FUNDING

PARAMEDIC - first yr	\$20,000.00	
ACLS	\$1,500.00	
MISCELLANEOUS CE	\$6,500.00	
TOTAL MIEMSS	<u>\$28,000.00</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>

2. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

	<u>\$17,500.00</u>	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
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3. STUDENT TUITION & FEES

PARAMEDIC (\$1735 x 25)	\$43,375.00	
ACLS (\$115 x 20)	\$2,300.00	
TOTAL TUITION/FEES	<u>\$45,675.00</u>	<u>\$45,675.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$91,175.00</u>	<u>\$91,175.00</u>
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EXPENSES

1. PAYMENT FOR INSTRUCTION (Includes fringe @ 8.5%)

PARAMEDIC	\$27,868.00	
ACLS	\$2,272.00	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	<u>\$30,140.00</u>	<u>\$30,140.00</u>

2. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM DIRECTOR	\$10,750.00	
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$8,000.00	
TOTAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$18,750.00</u>	<u>\$18,750.00</u>

3. SUPPLIES/TEXTS/CERTIFICATION FEES

SUPPLIES	\$15,115.00	
PARAMEDIC STUDENT TEXTS (\$657 x 25)	\$16,425.00	
FISDAP STUDENT ACCOUNTS (\$175 X25)	\$4,375.00	
ACLS TEXTS (\$46 x 25)	\$1,380.00	
ACLS CERTIFICATION FEES (\$10 X 30)	\$300.00	
Cadavers	\$2,340.00	
Accreditation - CoAEMSP	\$1,700.00	
Accreditation - CAAHEP	\$650.00	
	<u>\$42,285.00</u>	<u>\$34,850.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$91,175.00</u>	<u>\$91,175.00</u>
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UPMC Western Maryland
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June 26, 2020

Dwayne Kitis
Region I & II Administrator
16 Broadway
Frostburg, MD 21532

Dear Mr. Kitis,

UPMC Western Maryland has a new designated secondary landing zone to help support any closures to our primary helipad. Community partners, including Allegany College of Maryland, The Cumberland Fire Department, and the Maryland State Police Aviation Unit have worked with UPMC Western Maryland to establish a site closer to the hospital for emergencies when time is of the essence and our helipad is out of service.

The secondary site is located directly across the street from the hospital within the boundaries of Allegany College of Maryland. As you enter the college from Willowbrook Road, the first building on the campus to your right is identified as Continuing Education Building. The secondary landing zone is directly across the street from this building in a large field. Maryland State Police Aviation First Sergeant Partridge inspected the site in person and approved the location. Please see the attached maps for an accurate depiction.

In the event of a primary helipad closure, UPMC Western Maryland will immediately notify all necessary communication centers and all partners involved. An informational packet has been attached to this correspondence for your awareness. Telephone contact will be made and an email with the attached packet will be sent immediately to our partners each time the secondary site is activated.

The Cumberland Fire Department will be notified immediately of the primary helipad closure and possible activation of the secondary landing zone for stand-by awareness. They will need at least 10 minutes to arrive at the site once notified. If for any reason the Cumberland Fire Department is unable to respond due to other incidents, the Mutual Aid Agreement that is in place with all local Fire/EMS providers would be enacted, and when notified, one of those companies will respond and provide the same service that the Cumberland Fire Department would normally perform.

It will be extremely important that communications are made to UPMC Western Maryland for all incoming flights as soon as possible so that the landing zone can be staged appropriately by the fire department.

Additionally, a relationship will still exist with the Greater Cumberland Airport as a backup to the secondary zone. There could be occasion when the secondary zone is activated, and due to weather conditions or some other issue that would prevent its usage, the plan would revert to using the airport.

The most important function in all of these operations is communication to make sure all of our partners are made aware of any changes to normal operation. If there are any questions regarding this please contact Greg Leake, UPMC Western Maryland Director of Safety and Security, at 240-964-2999.

Sincerely,

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Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: July 2020

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	WMRTC	1/13/20	M/W/Sun	8	Completed
<i>*EVO</i>	<i>FIRE-130-S010-2021</i>	<i>Shaft</i>	<i>8/29/20</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>(10)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S009-2021</i>	<i>Bittinger</i>	<i>9/9/20</i>	<i>M/W/Sat</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S008-2021</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>9/9/20</i>	<i>M/W/Sat</i>	<i>(4)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S017-2021</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>9/8/20</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMS Officer I</i>	<i>MGMT-203-S002-2021</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>9/22/20</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>(0)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMR</i>	<i>EMS-105-S002-2021</i>	<i>Midland</i>	<i>10/1/20</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>Open</i>
EMR Refresher	EMS-207-S003-2021	Grantsville	10/5/20	M/W	(1)	Open / Active
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S018-2021</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>10/24/20</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>Open</i>

Notes:



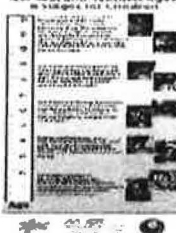


1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
2. *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start



Emergency Medical Services for Children
 Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

**SAFE
 KIDS**
 MARYLAND

Injury Prevention Resource Update – 2020

	<p align="center">MHSO Bike Helmet Safety Grant</p> <p>This project is funded by MHSO to distribute bike helmets for all ages through Safe Kids Coalitions & community partners and bike safety educational information.</p>
	<p>"Helmet Fit Test" posters are available for download on the new webpage – http://www.miemss.org/home/bike-safety-project Request copies of the poster by emailing: bikesafety@miemss.org</p>
	<p>NEW: "Be Seen Be Safe" posters are available for download on the new webpage – http://www.miemss.org/home/bike-safety-project Request copies of the poster by emailing: bikesafety@miemss.org</p>
	<p align="center">CPS & OP Safety Grant</p> <p>This project is funded by MHSO to provide education and resources to healthcare professionals on child passenger safety, teen driving, buckle up reminders and drowsy & distracted driving.</p>
	<p>"Car Seat and Seatbelt Ages & Stages for Children" posters are available for download @ http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps . We Request copies of the poster by emailing: cps@miemss.org</p>
	<p>"Heat Stroke Take Action" posters are available for download @ http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps . Request copies of the poster by emailing: cps@miemss.org</p>
	<p>"Tips to Prevent Heatstroke" posters are available for download @ http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps . Request copies of the poster by emailing: cps@miemss.org</p>

For more information please call the Maryland EMS for Children office at 410-706-1758
 Website: www.miemss.org, look under departments, Click on EMS for Children



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2020 Educational Conference List

January 24 – 26, 2020 - Winterfest EMS Conference in Easton Maryland

EMSC Preconference: Children with Special Health Care Needs (Friday)

March 12 – 13, 2020 - Miltenberger EMS & Trauma Pre - Conference at Rocky Gap Maryland

EMSC Preconference: CPEN Review Course (Thursday & Friday)

April 24, 2020 Webinar ONLY 9:30 – 11 AM Pediatric EMS Champion Pediatric TOR update

email PEPP@miemss.org for more information and registration link

Postponed until Fall/ 2021 Miltenberger Main Conference (Saturday 3/14/2020)

Postponed until Fall/ 2021 Public Educator Life Safety Conference (3/21/2020)

@ MFRI College Park Maryland Visit www.mfri.org for more information

Rescheduled for 2021 - Maryland EMS Care 2020 in Ocean City Maryland

Rescheduled for 2021– MD ENA Conference 2020 @ MITAGS

Visit www.mdena.org for more information

Rescheduled for 2021 - Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference

Brochure & Registration: <https://www.fabscom.org/malisc-info-and-registration>

Reformatted MSFA Convention 2020 Virtual in June

MSFA Convention- Phase 2 being planned for September

For UPDATED information, continue to watch visit www.msfa.org

EMSC Moulage Workshop Postponed until later in 2020



PEPP 4th Edition Hybrid Course – coming in the fall 2020



Regional Maryland ENA Conferences information @ www.mdena.org

October 9, 2020 - Metro Baltimore ENA Conference @ St. Agnes Hospital

November 6, 2020 - Mid Maryland ENA Conference @ Holy Cross Hospital



Maryland Trauma Center Conferences information at www.maryland-traumanet.com/

Fall 2022 - Meritus Trauma Conference details to follow

September 2021 - PRMC Trauma Conference details to follow

(Note 2020 PRMC TC has been cancelled)

September 25, 2020 - Sinai Trauma Conference

We anticipate additional online learning opportunities over the summer and fall of 2020 as we make adjustments for in person training with skills and simulation.



This star indicates a new conference posting. More conferences & seminars will be added as dates are finalized

Please email other educational event dates to the EMSC office at pepp@miemss.org.

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As of June 4, 2020