

# *Region IV EMS Advisory Council*

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Scott Wheatley, Chair  
Rick Koch, Vice-Chair  
Brian LeCates, Secretary

## AGENDA

January 21, 2020

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



Next meeting  
March 17, 2020  
@ 1330 hrs.  
605 Port Street  
Easton, MD 21601

**REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**January 21, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Barto, Michael Parsons, Scott Wheatley, Brian LeCates, Denise Hill, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Dr. Chiccone, Dr. Ochsenschlager, Anna Sierra, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. John Larsen, Doug Walters, Harvey Both, Kenneth Tull, Dr. Ciotola, Cyndy Wright Johnson, Mark Fletcher, Ashley Ewing.

**Call Ins:** Dr. Krohmer, Chris Truitt, Dr. Aswegan, Falon Beck, Nicole Leonard.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Scott Wheatley

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Anna Sierra to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Mary Alice Vanhoy and passed.

**Introductions:**

Anna Sierra:

Please welcome Chief Mark Fletcher; he is the new EMS Chief for Caroline County.

**Regional Medical Director's Report:**

Dr. Chiccone:

Protocol updates from January 16, 2020 meeting:

Pediatric Needle placement – will defer to Cyndy Wright Johnson.

A Direct to Triage protocol was discussed – Handouts were provided showing the difference between Anne Arundel County and Montgomery County's pilot programs.

In the future, a possible statewide protocol may come where you can leave a non-emergent person with the triage nurse in the waiting area. More information to follow...

Dr. Ciotola – There are some fears for the greatest risk of medical errors if not handed off to a nurse. Could we be going down a road that we may regret?

Mary Alice – There have been times where patients were left in the ER when they should not have been. I feel this will be a disservice to some patients.

A discussion started among several council members with concerns regarding patient safety, patient care, and quality assurance if this becomes a protocol. There was also a discussion about when the hospital actually assumes responsibility for the patient.

Dr. Krohmer – Once a patient arrives at the hospital they are the hospital's patient.

Mary Alice – Once a patient is within 250 ft. of a hospital, they are the hospital's patient.

Dr. Chiccone - The rewrite of the protocol book will happen. It will also be available digitally with links to click for details.

### **Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:**

Cyndy Wright Johnson:

Summary of Pediatric Protocols

TOR is going to extend to all ages when meeting specific criteria.

Needle placement – the needle decompression site for pediatric patients under 15 years of age will be changed to the second intercostal space at the mid-clavicular line on the anterior chest wall. Placement for patients 15 years and older will remain unchanged. This change is coming out very soon – most likely by the end of the week.

Stars of life – Due date is April 3<sup>rd</sup> and can be submitted online through the smart sheet. You will be able to attach your forms to your submission. We need everyone to submit a child, at least one from each region.

Week 3 of the EMS Survey - responses are at 52% in Maryland. We have another two months to finish this so please complete the survey. The survey consists of the same questions you answered two years ago. All data is going to Congress to show we are making progress.

PEPP 4<sup>th</sup> Edition – Hybrid course will be offered at MIEMSS in August and October for both Pediatric EMS Champions and EMS professionals. Instructor / coordinator update will be held in July with the new addition rolling out in late May.

CPEN Course registration is open for Miltenberger. Please contact [pepp@miemss.org](mailto:pepp@miemss.org) with any questions.

PMAC meets next Wednesday.

### **EMS Board Report:**

Mary Alice:

A report from all of the different agencies that come to MIEMSS was given.

Protocols and VAIP were approved.

## **SEMSAC Report / Regional Affairs Report:**

No report given.

## **MIEMSS Report:**

John Barto:

I will first turn it over to Mike Parsons.

Mike Parsons:

Strike teams – We want to get going on this again. The more participation the better the outcome will be.

VAIP – Please get in touch with me if your agency needs to schedule an inspection.

John Barto:

Dr. Chizmar could not be with us today, however, he is very interested in what we do here in Region IV.

We had several who participated in the EMS Summit – I would like to thank you for your participation.

Cardiac Devices – All who have been approved should have everything turned in by now. If not get everything to Sherry Alban as soon as possible.

Base Station – Region IV has two upcoming Base Station site reviews, PRMC and Union Hospital. A letter from Dr. Delbridge will be sent to both hospitals in March. Once they receive their letter, we will reach out to get them scheduled.

Mary Alice Vanhoy – The Freestanding Queenstown Medical Center received its 5 year re-designation.

## **Agency / Regional Reports:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Jonathan Larsen, MSP Aviation:

I am glad to be back, I missed Aviation and the people on the shore.

We are looking to have seven flight medics in the near future.

Mary Alice Vanhoy – The ER at Shore Regional Medical Center of Dorchester says goodbye after 40 years of service to Cathy Weber who is retiring.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Scott Wheatley:

Keep in mind that the upcoming election of officers will be held during our May council meeting. Start thinking about your nominees.

Winterfest will be held this weekend in Talbot County.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:27, Motion made by Mary Alice, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna Sierra.