

Region IV EMS Advisory Council

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VIRTUAL MEETING September 20, 2022

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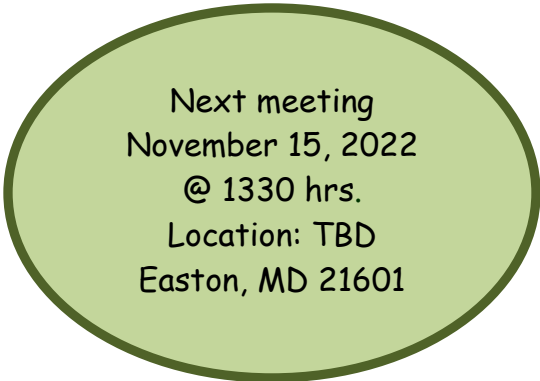


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AGENDA

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
November 15, 2022
@ 1330 hrs.
Location: TBD
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 20, 2022
Minutes

Attendees: Rick Koch, Bryan Ebling, Michael Parsons, Dr. Chizmar, Tim Collins, Randy Linthicum, Cyndy Wright Johnson, Melissa Bragg, Dr. Ochsenschlager, Falon Beck, 1st Sgt. Larson, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Scott Haas, Andy Budzialek, Patrick Campbell, David Rice, Scott Wheatley, Dr. Ciotola, Kathy Jo Marvel, Mark Sheridan, Matt Watkins, Dr. Uribe, Debbie Wheedleton, Dozia Rahilly, Shari Donaway, Dr. White, Danny Tyndall, Chris Shaffer, Chris Truitt, Lisa Lisle, Nicole Leonard, Hilary Cassel, Yelitza Hernandez-Davis, Andy West-McCabe, Beverly Witmer, Wayne Tome, Dr. Chiccone.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Rick Koch

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Scott Wheatley to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Dozia Rahilly and passed.

Rick Koch:

First thing on the Agenda will be voting on the new by-laws. Scott Haas and his team did a lot of work on updating our by-laws and we want to thank them for their time and hard work. The revised by-laws were sent out to everyone so does anyone have any questions at this time? Hearing none, we will put the revisions to a vote. All EMSOPS were represented by a voting member and the vote was unanimously in favor of the revisions to the by-laws. They were passed without opposition on September 20, 2022.

Scott Haas:

I want to publicly thank the group that helped with the revisions to our by-laws. We had three meetings in total and everyone put in a huge effort to make these revisions happen.

Rick Koch:

I just want to make everyone aware before we get started that we will have a brief presentation by Pulsara. In addition, we will be going into a brief closed session before adjournment today.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

Dr. Chiccone – The most recent protocol review committee and the upcoming protocol review committee in November will represent the end of the information that can be passed on to the board for its ultimate approval for inception in July of 2023. Therefore, these last two meetings have a tendency to have large and significant agendas.

Dr. Millan was able to join us remotely so that we could hear the final proposal for push dose TXA that is part of the wilderness protocol. The dose recommendation passed and will be presented to the board at their next meeting.

IV Nitroglycerin dosing clarification will be tabled until the November Protocol meeting.

Another protocol for Diltiazem maintenance to be done with an infusion pump for inter-facility transport introduced a larger issue. Mainly with Jurisdictions' that are already able to use infusion pumps, this may represent a gateway to paramedics vs. specialty care transport paramedics meaning the potential need for an additional certification. There is some momentum on that issue and Dr. Jen Anders proposed a compromise. Eventually I think the issue will come just as there are paramedics that perform mobile integrated health and that requires a special skill set. It is likely that interventions of this type fall under a specialty care transport paramedic.

A similar issue came up with palliative care transportation, meaning can any clinician actually do it and what exactly is that level of care by definition. That proposal will also move forward.

Dr. Anders gave a series of PEMAC recommendations. Rescue breathing was updated for all pediatric age groups. In addition, Cyndy Wright Johnson did a search of the protocols and identified the places that rescue breathing and other forms of respiratory assistance are given for children.

Additionally the now outdated word CPR will now be replaced by HPCPR.

There was also considerable discussion on the trauma triage. NHTSA has made a series of evidence-based recommendations for trauma triage and this was the first time they were put out to the group for discussion.

A consult protocol was proposed to clarify the nature of what should and should not be consulted. That recommendation was pass forward.

I did want to mention that I have the time of my life working with Dr. Urbie and Dr. White at the Iron Man Triathlon. I want to thank our hosts in Dorchester County and any other county that helped to support this event.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Cyndy Wright Johnson – We are aggressively working on trying to condense the protocols and bring them up to speed. If anyone wants to look at them and help us find all of the CPR references within the book, we are very eager to move the algorithm on high performance CPR the front of the book. There is an ALS cardiac arrest algorithm but there is not one for BLS. We really want to focus on people staying on scene, continuing the CPR and getting epinephrine in as soon as possible. We still have some work to do before we can present it to the protocol committee to vote on and that work will be done this fall. There will be more to come on that.

We are going to have an in person Pediatric Champion meeting on October 19, 2022 at our headquarters in Baltimore. The following day is a PEPP class that has only been open to the Champions for the first 4 weeks and as of Monday morning it has went out to all of the Regional Councils. It is a hybrid PEPP course and there are still many seats open.

We are having our first Nurse Champion meeting on October 11th and 25th.

This Thursday September 22nd Dr. Anders is meeting with the Pediatric committee of ACEP and the Academy of Pediatrics committee on pediatric medicine to work on their role description and work on recruiting a Pediatric Champion for each hospital in the State of Maryland who is a Physician.

EMS Board Report:

Mary Alice Vanhoy – The current CHATS system is being replaced with something that is more data driven. Dr. Chizmar and Dr. Delbridge is going around, looking at every ED in the state, and determining the number of beds in each department. Working with CRISP, they will be able to get real time data on how many beds are occupied in the departments. There will be more to come on that soon.

Additionally, we did have a vote to approve the updated perinatal regulations.

SEMSAC Report / Regional Affairs Report:

Scott Haas – We did not have a meeting last month and our next meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of next month.

MIEMSS Report:

Dr. Chizmar – Dr. Chiccone covered all of the protocol elements. Mary Alice summarized the EDAS discussion. We are hoping to have that going by the end of this calendar year after all of the visits are complete. We have completed the entire eastern shore with the exception of Union in Elkton.

Randy Linthicum – The State Active Assailant Inter-Disciplinary work group is looking for a Fire EMS Representative. The Active Assailant work group was formed after the Navy Yard shooting and was re-affirmed by Governor Hogan with an executive order in 2018. We meet quarterly and work on a variety of topics to try and better prepare the State for all aspects related to an active assailant event. We have about 30 voting members and we try to divide it up geographically and diversely by Fire, Law and EMS across the state. Therefore, we are looking for a Fire / EMS Representative from the Eastern Shore or Southern Maryland. If anyone is interested, please send an email to aaiwg.mdem@maryland.gov.

Bev Witmer – Gave an update on the process of Con-Ed for Education Coordinators. We are also working on a committee for the EMT portfolio. The email address for questions for clinician services is licensure-support@miemss.org. That email address goes to everyone so it is the best way to get questions answered in a timely manor.

Bryan Ebling – Dr. Uribe is the new Medical Director for Caroline County and I would like to take a moment to welcome him.

We still have 9 recipients waiting for their equipment from our 2021 Cardiac Device Grant. I will be reaching out to those folks to ask for an update.

Cardiac Device Grants for 2022 should be released within the next week or two. It is my understanding we are looking at an October 26th deadline for the applications.

Please check the expiration dates on your CIAN test kits. If you need test kits, please fill out the Smartsheet.

The Tidal Health Trauma Conference is this coming Friday at the Princess Royale and there are still slots available.

Maryland Active Assailant Symposium is October 14th at the Double Tree in Annapolis.

A Critical Issues in Trauma class is being held on Saturday November 12th at Suburban Hospital.

Winterfest will be held February 3rd – February 5th 2023 in Easton.

As you know, Winterfest 2022 was virtual and those classes will remain up until December 31, 2022. So far, we have had 789 classes attended and that breaks down to 35 folks out of Region I, 23 folks out of Region II, 286 folks out of Region III, 232 folks out of Region IV and 213 folks out of Region V.

EMS Care will be held in April 2023 at the Clarion in Ocean City. The exact date will be forthcoming.

The EMT Stipend program has had 440 applicants and from my understanding, it has been going very well.

Somerset County SWOT begins on Thursday with Dr. Chizmar leading the discussions and meetings. Over the summer, Somerset County requested MIEMSS to do a SWOT analysis, they have appointed their membership to the task force and our first meeting is this Thursday in Princess Anne at the MIFRI Training Center.

If there is a County EMSOP on the Eastern Shore that is interested in getting information about the Medicaid Supplement Program that Dr. Delbridge has spoken about, please reach out to either Michael or me.

Cyndy and I have spoken many times and we really want to have EMS Champions in all counties in Region IV. We are still looking for Champions in the following EMSOPS, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset.

We have spiral bound protocol books available for \$10.00 each in the Region IV office.

The C4 and C4P program continues to be very useful and has been busy over the last month. It is reported that their grant funding ends in June so they are looking for additional grant sources to continue that program.

Caroline County is continuing to work working through some of their issues with their CAD matching up to @HA application.

We are working with Atlantic General and the 4 Shore Health Facilities on their Base Station re-destinations. We are on schedule to have all 5 of those hospitals surveyed in early November.

MIEMSS has been working to reconcile the number of available Duodotes to the number of units that need Duodotes.

I am sure most of you know that 988 was launched in July. 988 is the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline that will connect the caller with a Mental Health professional. This is not just for suicide, but for any mental health issue the caller may be suffering from.

The Responder Health and Wellness work group that MIEMSS is involved with is working on a regular basis to help share information with all first responders within the state.

Michael Parsons – We did get the VAIP updates to go live in June, just in time for the July 1st protocols. The format is a little different, as you will see on our website. We also made the applications available in the Smartsheet form to help us of keep track of the statewide inspections. If you have any feedback, please let us know.

Rick Koch – We did have a Statewide QI meeting recently and talked a lot about performance measures so that everyone can see where they stand. If you have not received the information and were not on the call, please let MIEMSS know and we can get that out to you.

Agency / Regional Reports:

Rick Koch – For Cecil, I want to welcome Patrick Campbell who is the Deputy Director of Operations and Training.

Wayne Tome – We hired an Emergency Planner, Michael Berth who will start on October 3rd. He comes to us after serving as a marine in the military. He was the chief of training for the Air National Guard Fire Dept. He is also a graduate from the Inaugural School of Technology here in Cecil County.

Tim Collins – We have implemented four EMTs in Somerset. Therefore, we have a Paramedic EMT pair up 7 days a week / 24 hours a day.

Chris Shaffer – We are going to participate in the Medicaid reimbursement program. We are also going to participate in the pre-hospital ultra sound program starting here in the next few weeks.

Chis Truitt – I put in the Chat about our 150th coming up. The only other this is we are also going to participate in the Medicaid reimbursement. We also received another grant to renew our Minor Definitive Care Now so that is going on again 3 days a week for swift.

1st Sgt. Larson – I will say that I am glad this week has ended. We saw many motorcycle patients over the past week. Moving forward if any of the Jurisdictions would like us to conduct any type of training for your clinicians, please reach out.

Rick Koch – Before we go any further, we will have a brief presentation by Pulsara.

Pulsara gave a presentation to the Council for consideration.

Rick Koch – We will be going into a closed session with a representative from each EMSOP for a few minutes and will return to our regular Council meeting shortly.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

Old Business:

Rick Koch – Protocol Review Committee Appointment: Was the appointment done for the protocol review committee?

Bryan Ebling – I have not heard. I do have a meeting with Dr. Chizmar so I find out and get back to you.

Rick Koch – November 13th Bridge Run in Queen Annes County: Is this still on schedule?

Scott Wheatley – Yes, I have sent requests for help out and had some replies. What I really need is some firm commitments. I will be sending out additional requests for help.

New Business:

Scott Wheatley – In Person Meetings: We have talked about coming back together in person, was there a reason we were not able to do that this time?

Rick Koch – To be honest, it went off my radar with the busy summer we had. I would like to see if we could come back in person for our next meeting. I would push that question to Bryan Ebling to see if we can come back to in person for the November 15th meeting.

Bryan Ebling – Yes, and I will make note of it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30