

November 17, 2021 CASAC Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Scott Legore	Cody Winniford	Scott Barquin	Rob Weiss
Melissa Meyers	Jim Harsh	Mike Rosellini	Gary Rains
Will Rosenberg	Mike Moretti	Joey King	Leigha McGuin
Susan Rainey	Adam Cole	Pat Gainer	Sarah Sette
Dr. Tim Chizmar	Tyler Stroh	Tedd Winneberger	James Pixton
Adam Malizio	Bev Witmer	Cynthia Wright Johnson	
Rob Hewitt	Bobby Harsh	Jill Dannenfels	John Damiani

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rosenberg

Meeting Minutes – September meeting minutes were sent out in advance. Are there any additions or corrections? None Motion to accept with second. Motion to approve the minutes as printed was approved.

EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chizmar

- Thank you to everyone for their persistence through these difficult and challenging times
- I have been in contact with the OHCQ over the CMS vaccine mandate requirement. Still waiting on an answer from the OHCQ. It is unclear if commercial ambulances will fall under this requirement.
- On the OSHA front – the emergency standard requiring vaccinations is in the court system. A stay was placed at this time. The OSHA standard includes a testing pathway.
- MIEMSS will continue to support rapid antigen testing for services that have a testing program.
- Driver waiver and RN waiver has been taken up by some services – will defer to Scott for more information
- Provisional licenses – deadline February 11, 2022. Please enroll as many folks as possible to obtain permanent license
- I would like to introduce Bev Witmer, the new director of Clinician Services, formerly Licensure and Certification. Today is her first day.
- Some protocol changes are being recommended to the EMS Board
 - Extraglottic airway – will be open to King LT, I Gel, LMA and Air Q
 - TXA – for patients with traumatic injuries and some degree of shock
 - Optional Supplemental Protocol for MIH programs for Monoclonal Antibody infusion
- Thank you to everyone who responded to vaccination survey. A report is due to the legislature on the law that allows paramedics to vaccinate. This legislation is

temporary with a sunset date of January 1, 2023. MIEMSS hopes to make this legislation permanent.

- Continuing work on revisions to CHATS, both the ED advisory system and @HA dashboard. This will not be based on the hospital stress level (Red/Yellow) but based on hospital bed status and admission rate.

Question from Will Rosenberg regarding the transition from provisional to full license, specific to EMTs. Has there been any thought of an alternative pathway (not National Registry test) for these folks that have been functioning for 18 months now?

Dr. Chizmar – The National Registry test is to ensure there is a cognitive assessment. This is the only exam we have to demonstrate that cognitive level of knowledge.

Will – We are looking at a big hole coming on February 11th.

Regulation Update – Sarah Sette

- Non-EMS licensed driver regulation was published and we received only one comment. It is ready for the Board to adopt at the December meeting. It is already in place as an emergency regulation. Once the Board adopts the regulation, it will be published in January.
- Monty McGee has retired and Adam Malizio will be taking his place. Adam is a former CRT so he has some past EMS experience.

SOCALR Report – Scott Legore

- License renewal inspections have been completed. There are only a few units outstanding that were out of service at the time of the inspection. As we move into next year's inspection cycle, we don't have the leeway on expiration dates as we did this year with the Governor's order. All services will need to be inspected by their license expiration dates.
- We have started Base Inspections – several are scheduled over the next couple of months
- Reminder – units without current MSIs or registrations will be placed out of service. If you are having issues with getting parts, contact us to discuss options.
- BLS services – reminder that a CLIA waiver is required for carrying glucometers. This process is taking up to six months. Application link is on the SOCALR website.
- SOCALR is looking into trade names registered under the Department of Assessment and Taxation. We will be reaching out to services if trade names aren't registered.
- The QA Officer course is being loaded into the Learning Management System – hope to launch this course in the near future.
- Scott Barquin continues to work with services on data import issues. He is also the person to contact with affiliation or ePin issues.
- Updated equipment list to be published around the first of the year. BLS – portable suction alternative to Res-Q-Vac. ALS – D10 replacement for D50. As protocols are updated the checklist will be updated if applicable to commercial services.

- MIEMSS has started its vaccine clinic again to provide booster shots so if you come to MIEMSS headquarters, you will need to wear a mask on the first two floors during clinic days.
- Scott Barquin – when you input your data to us, if the clinician is not affiliated then that clinician will not show on the report. We have been contacting services to ensure that is being done. ePin process is a multi-step process – they have to request the ePin and then request affiliation after being assigned the ePin.

Licensure – Melissa Meyers

- The office is now called Clinician Services
- Bev Witmer is our new director and today is her first day
- Provisional licenses will expire February 11, 2022. All of the different processes are explained on the website – if you have any clinicians with problems, please reach out to our office.
- We are currently in the middle of renewal season for BLS – both EMTs and EMRs. There are a couple of different expiration dates out there. Any clinician that is currently on a COVID extension or another extension must recertify by the end of the year. Clinicians are only eligible for one extension per renewal cycle.

PEMAC – No report

SEMSAC – No report. All items already covered by Dr. Chizmar.

MIH – No representative.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Items for the Good of the Committee – None

Motion to adjourn – accepted.