

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JAN. 19, 2023

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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

January 19, 2023

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on Jan. 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. via Google Meet. Members attending included: Jeff Hobbs, Wendy Helms, Kim Gordon, Janelle Martin, Scott Whetsell, Jonathan Dayton, Mike Salvadge, Wayne Tiemersma, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Al Ward, Jennifer Ritchie, Dwayne Kitis and Alex Kelly from MIEMSS.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Beitzel at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Oct. 20, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Bev Witmer & Cyndy Wright Johnson, MIEMSS; Ryan Hansen, GRMC; and Paul Harman.

President's Report – Doug Beitzel; No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership – No report

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- An update on ALS training in the Region was provided, please see attachment.
- Garrett College is looking to start a 1-yr accelerated hybrid paramedic course this fall.

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

- The brochure for the seminar is out along with a flyer for the CPEN Course.
- Registration has started for the Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar; good response so far.

Garrett County Activities

WVU Garrett Regional Medical Center – Kim Gordon

- There have been a few changes at the hospital.
 - Ryan Hansen is the new ED Manager.
 - Shelby Dilly is now the new Base Station Coordinator; Cheryl Hinebaugh, current coordinator, is retiring.
- TNCC course was held in the Fall with another is set for Fall of 2023.

Garrett County Emergency Management – No report

Garrett County Communications – No report

Garrett County ESB and EMS – Wayne Tiemersma

- The ESB is still engaging with NGRS; currently looking at MOU between County and NGRS.
- They do have some openings in the County.
- They are in the process of procurement of video laryngoscopes.
- There is interest in starting a Bipap Protocol.
- Rewriting the QA Plan and reforming the QA Board are ongoing.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- New item was started recently on their website that gives Snap Shot of weekly respiratory illnesses in the county.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications / EMS – Mike Salvadge

- An ALS Refresher is coming up in February.
- There are 2 new ambulances in service for County.
- Ambulances are switching to slide in number plates now.

- Video scopes are up and running on County units.
- They hope to have RSI up and running soon.
- MSPA is now carrying cyanide treatment kit on board of aircrafts; keep this in mind that resource is now available.
- The County is now doing billing for Cresaptown and Company 12 for Medicare/Medicaid.
- They will be holding applicant testing on Feb 1st; may be getting to full staff soon.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

- Infection Control Policy was approved.
- Ambulance Response Policy from 2021 has not taken effect yet.
- Fire Chiefs Committee has approved recommended changes for unit renumbering. Now must get final approval.
- Alerting changes being looked at are: no pre alerts and no 2nd alerts; no final approval as of yet.

Allegany County Health Department – Alison Robinson

- They still do not have the position for Allegany County Health Officer filled.
- The Health Department has a lot of positions open.

UPMC Western Maryland – Wendy Helms

- In December, the ER started a new Model of Care called Vertical Care; it helps to offload ER admissions in a timelier manner.

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

- State is still in the middle of COVID, RSV and Influenza; Region I is doing very well.
- The Ebola outbreak is officially over according to WHO.

Regional Pediatric Medical Director – No report

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- The construction of the wall is complete now and all entrances are open; Medivac is able to land at the hospital now.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment.

MDEM – No report

Medevac – No report

CISM – Al Ward

- They have had a couple of calls since the Council's last meeting.
- Next team meeting is on the 30th.

AGCVFRA – Jonathan Dayton

- The February meeting will be held in Midland.
- The Association is monitoring a few pieces of legislation at this time.
- He has received a bike safety kit from Cyndy Wright Johnson; reach out to him to borrow it.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – No Report.

Career Fire & EMS – Doug Beitzel

- City of Cumberland Fire Department has hired 4 people; they are currently in the Academy. Three of the four are not EMTs and are being taught while in the Academy.
- They have another engine and a squad coming sometime before Spring.

Commercial Ambulance – No report

MIEMSS

Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis/Alex Kelly

- Most people should have been contacted now concerning their Cardiac Device Grants.
- C4 – this month has had a significant decline in calls compared to the last couple months of 2022; have also increased the group to handle anything that comes our way again.

Bev Witmer- Office of EMS Clinician Services

- The new BLS expiration dates are now July 31, 2023 and Jan 31, 2024. In March they will be updating licensure to show those dates, but will not be sending out new cards unless they are required for employment.
- Clinicians can reset their own passwords online now. There is a required time of 15 minutes for lockout before you can try again.
- Stipend Grant Update – 500 applications have been approved; 316 are in good standing with 150 of them now EMTs in Maryland; 184 applications are not in good standing and they have been trying to reach out to them, once contact has been unsuccessful using 3 different methods they will be withdrawn from the program; because of this 78 people on the wait list have been moved up to the approved list. Also have had people denied for other various reasons. There are 42 vouchers left for use.

Cyndy Wright Johnson - EMSC

- She updated the group on various items related to EMSC.
- Dr. Sisler stepped down as the Pediatric Region I Medical Director in December 2022.
- Cyndy reminded the committee that nominations for Star of Life and Right Care When it Counts awards are still open. Only a handful have been received so far; deadline is March 31.
- Also, MSFA has a Fire and Life Safety Award - the John Spiker Award which is still receiving nominations.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Garrett County has applied for Medicare Transport Funding.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council

January 19, 2023 - 1900 hours

– online

2022-2024 cohort – The cohort started the second semester on January 3rd. The cohort start with 22 students in September. 20 continue onto the second semester. Current labs include, IV, patient assessment and a cadaver lab held at UPMC. Students had just started the cardiac monitor. The spring semester will end on May 23rd with the fall semester starting on Sept. 5th.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation has begun with our self-study which arrived in November. We have 6 months to complete, then a site visit team will schedule a 2 day visit to inspect the program. Our annual report also arrived and due May 15th.

Paramedic accelerated hybrid – Plans move forward for a 1-yr accelerated hybrid paramedic program. It will be public announced when details on in place. Plans would be including a Sept – Sept course online, meeting 1 day a week for an 8-hr in person session. More to come.

ALS (MFRI) courses being offered in Region 1

2/11/23 - 2/19/23 – **ALS Refresher (weekend)**

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services

4/17/23- 4/20/23 – **ALS Refresher (M-Th)**

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

4/1/23 – 4/2/23 – **Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)**

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

3/18/23 – 3/19/23 - **Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)**

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services

4/22/23 – 4/23/23 - **Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)**

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

5/18/23 – 5/19/23 – **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)**

Garrett College Career Technology Training Center



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
 University of Maryland
 Western Maryland Regional Training Center
 Post Office Box 5153
 13928 Hazmat Drive
 Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: January 2023

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Cresaptown	9/22/22	Th/Sat	29	Active
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	10/22/22	Sat/Sun	8	Completed
EVO	-	LaVale Rescue	10/29/22	Sat	6	Completed
Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S015-2023	Shaft	2/6/23	Sat	(18)	Open / Active
EMT Skills	EMS-202-S007-2023	Cresaptown	11/28/22	M/W	5	Completed
EMT	-	GCCTTC	1/23/23	M/W/Sat	(17)	Active
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S048-2023</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>2/18/23</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Skills</i>	<i>EMS-202-S027-2023</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>3/20/23</i>	<i>M/Th</i>	<i>(0)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S042-2023</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>4/5/23</i>	<i>W/Sun</i>	<i>(8)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S049-2023</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>4/15/23</i>	<i>Sat</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

Additional Information

1. Renovation project at WMRTC is progressing well. On target completion will occur approximately April, 2023. All classes in Allegany County will be held at the renovated facility, once completed.
2. Spring courses are now posted on the MFRI website and available for registrations.