

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2023

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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

April 20, 2023

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held virtually on April 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending online: Jeff Hobbs, Dr. Janelle Martin, Jonathan Dayton, Shannon Adams, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Rick DeVore, Al Ward, Scott Whetsell, Wendy Helms, Dwayne Kitis and Alex Kelly.

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

Approval of January 19, 2023 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Cyndy Wight Johnson and Bev Witmer from MIEMSS; Mike Salvadge, Allegany County DES; Ryan Hansen, GRMC; and Paul Harmon.

President's Report – Doug Beitzel; No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System

The group will be meeting soon to discuss the recipients for the Region I Hall of Fame awards.

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.

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

- An overview of this year's Miltenberger Seminar was given; the seminar went well.
- The Miltenberger Committee will start meeting by the end of June to begin planning for the 2024 seminar.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – Ryan Hansen

- Shelby Dilly is transitioning to the Base Station Coordinator position since Cheryl Hinebaugh is retiring.
- The hospital is having a big overhaul in IT now; new system goes live in July.
- Transports continue to be an issue, but has improved.

Garrett County Emergency Management – No report

Garrett County Communications – No report

Garrett County ESB and EMS – No report

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month; HD will be doing a Go Green Campaign for Children's Mental Health
 - Data from the Youth Behavioral Risk Survey of Middle Schools and High Schools revealed that kids contemplating suicides, etc. have gone up tremendously in recent years.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – No report

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Scott Whetsell

- The unit numbering process is still in discussion.
- The updated Ambulance Alerting Response Policy has not been implemented yet.
- On May 1st Allegany County will stop all pre-alerting and all 2nd alerting in the county; only a single alert and then 7 minute response check will be done

Allegheny County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- They have gotten approval for RSI and are in process of implementing it.
- CPR first aid training for bystanders will be occurring in different areas of the county.
- A Resuscitation Academy has been implemented to review all cardiac arrests so far this year; learning what they do that is good and what is bad. Recommendations will be made from this information.

Allegheny County Health Department – Allison Robinson

- HD is still doing COVID testing 3 days a week but not many people are attending, so the State (use of agency nurses) will be pulling out on 4-28-23. However, Allegheny HD will continue with the testing until June 30 by using other staff.
- They still have not hired a fulltime Health Officer.
- Allegheny and Garrett Counties Health Departments took part in a statewide Radiation Surge Tabletop Exercise held at UPMC today; it went well.

UPMC Western Maryland – Wendy Helms

- Nothing new to report.

Allegheny College of Maryland – Kathy Condor

- BLS Renewal class will be held on 4/25.
- Documentation, Billing and Coding Class will be online 4/26; it specifically deals with recouping costs for recovery services.
- They are still working on Mind Body Skills groups and are piloting 2-day course groups instead of just the normal 8 week courses.

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin

- MIEMSS has updated the PPE guidance recommendations for EMS Clinicians; essentially for any patient that has respiratory symptoms, respiratory infection or any concern for COVID then the appropriate PPE including N95, eye protection and gloves should be worn. Otherwise mask use is encouraged but not required.
- It should be noted that there are healthcare facilities that have their own guidance and their policies should be respected.
- A question was asked about xylazine, which is for veterinary use and does not respond to Narcan, being mixed with fentanyl and heroin. Dr. Martin said it may be something we will be seeing with opioid overdoses where they are not responding the way we expect them to with Narcan. If patient is not responding to Narcan, then go back to basics in supporting the airway with oxygenation ventilation; as long as the patient can be supported with BLS and ALS interventions.

Regional Pediatric Medical Director

Cyndy Wright Johnson told the group that there is no Pediatric Medical Director for the Region yet. A candidate has been interviewed for the position and she is optimistic that we will have someone soon.

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- Nothing new to report. UPMC still requires masks.
- Emergency Department is very busy and they are still doing Vertical Care.

MFRI – Todd Dyché

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region.

MDEM – No report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- They have implemented the Early Activation Policy, when a call goes out they are immediately dispatched instead of waiting to be called by EMS; lowering transport times down.

CISM – Al Ward

- They had 5 callouts and a couple of standbys since the last Council meeting.
- They manned a booth at the Miltenberger Seminar; some good interaction and a possible new member.
- Have added a new member to the team.
- The IAFF has rolled out a new Peer Support program; 3 members are taking the training next week.

AGCVFRA – Jonathon Dayton

- The Association just met this past Sunday.

- They are looking at revamping the relief fund for Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics that die in line of duty.
- The Convention will be held at Eilerslie Volunteer Fire Department.
- State General Assembly just passed a bill to establish a commission to bolster recruitment and retention in volunteer and career sectors.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – No report

Career Fire & EMS – Shannon Adams

- They are very busy and doing well with a fully staffed department now.
- Recent recruits passed the EMT Course given while they were at the Academy with no issues. He thanked Doug Beitzel and his staff for their efforts in getting the fire recruits through the class.
- In process of purchasing new apparatus; expected to have in next 4-6 weeks.
- Two new ambulances were ordered and will arrive in 10 – 14 months.
- In a two year span their calls jumped up by a thousand, going from 6600 to 7600.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson - EMSC

- Cyndy will be sending out updated handouts on Outdoor Temperature Displays. The displays are housed across the state; can request one to use for your event.
- She congratulated the Miltenberger Seminar staff for a highly successful seminar.
- They will be coming to the Region to give awards to children and an adult from the two counties.
- Allegany and Garrett counties both completed their EMS assessments and will be joining them at EMSC for the Pediatric Champion meeting.
- They are trying to expand the Family Advisory Network.

Bev Witmer - Office of EMS Clinician Services

- Evaluator workshops across the state have gone really well; shared new exam module and tool used to evaluate BLS cycle motor exam.
- They will be having an Education Program meeting in May to prep instructors of Education Programs on test and how it will be tested.
- The Exam Scheduling Pilot starts July 1, in Region I exams on 1st Monday and then in Region II on the 2nd Monday of the month. Will also have 1 Saturday a month rotating in the Regions based on where exams are most prevalent that month.
- Expiration dates for BLS Clinicians have officially changed from June 30 to July 31 and from December 31 to January 31.

Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- New Cardiac Grant requests – everybody has already put in their agreements for this cycle.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council

April 20, 2023 - 1900 hours
– online

2022-2024 cohort – The current cohort is near the end of the second semester which will end May 23rd. Clinicals are currently being performed in the ER and OR. Field time will begin May 1st. We retain 20 students and added approximate 15 field preceptors in the last several weeks.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation is underway. We had 6 months to complete our self-study. It was submitted April 18th. We will now wait for an analysis and then schedule our site visit.

Paramedic accelerated hybrid – Is currently being advertised and applications are open through May 31st. There is an orientation session scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th to help with any last-minute questions before the application deadline. Entrance testing will then take place June 13, 15, 21 & 27. Interviews will be held on July 6th and 10th with acceptance letters being sent July 28th. The first session of class is Wednesday August 30th 2 8am. The course is a hybrid model with students doing online content, and meeting F2F on Wednesdays from 8am-5pm.

Health Sciences partnerships – The College Presidents from Garrett, Allegany, Potomac State, WVC&TC and FSU have formed a focus group to look at collaborating multiple programs. Today was the first meeting with 4-5 people from each college including the Presidents themselves. Doug Beitzel & Josh Hook are part of the Garrett College group. There was a high interest in paramedic. After much discussion, our paramedic program was asked to be the model for what could happen in the future between these colleges. Work will continue to explore how we will teach and expand the program. But these colleges would like to send us their students for paramedic. Exciting collaboration to come!

ALS (MFRI) courses being offered in Region 1

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



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: April 2023

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Cresaptown	9/22/22	Th/Sat	29	Completed
EMT	-	GCCTTC	1/23/23	M/W/Sat	14	Active
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	2/18/23	Sat/Sun	11	Completed
EMT Skills	-	Orleans	4/23/23	Sat/Sun	(9)	Active
EMT	-	Cresaptown	4/5/23	W/Sun	17	Active
EMT Refresher	-	Cresaptown	4/15/23	Sat	12	Active

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. Completion will occur approximately May 2023. All classes in Allegany County will be held at the renovated facility, once completed.
2. Fall course schedule will be online by the end of May.
3. Three potential instructors will be doing their interim classes soon. MFRI will congratulate Josh Bosley, Hanna Taranto, and Destiny Jackson for successfully completing EMS Skills Weekend.

