



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III EMS Advisory Council January 24, 2018

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Jeff Huggins
Cyndy Wright Johnson
Randy Linthicum
Jon Bratt
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17. Sinai
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22. UMMC Midtown
23. Upper Chesapeake

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- F. MCAC
- G. Training Institutions / MFRI
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IX. Adjourn

Call-in information:

Please join my meeting. [REDACTED]

Join the conference call. Phone: [REDACTED]

Conference Code: [REDACTED]



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Minutes

In Attendance:

Richard Alcorta, MD (MIEMSS State EMS Medical Director), Robert Asamoah (Northwest), James Brothers (Howard County), Kathi Burroughs (Union Memorial), Tim Chizmar, MD (Region III Medical Director), Susan Cochrane (BWMC), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS Region III), Bill Dousa (Harford County), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Mark Dubel (Anne Arundel County), Aaron Edwards (Annapolis City), Brian Frearson (MFRI), Latanya Gaddy (Good Samaritan), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS Region III), Jonathan Larsen (Maryland State Police), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Chad Packard (Vice Chair/BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), Linas Saurusatis (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), Roger Simonds (Consumer Representative), Brittany Spies (MIEMSS Region III), Roger Stone, MD (Carroll County/CCVESCA Medical), Laura Taylor (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Curtis Wiggins (Carroll County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

On Line:

Terrance Baker (Good Samaritan), Cynthia Balmaceda (Howard County General), Nancy Cimino (Union Memorial), Diana Clapp (Shock Trauma), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial), Bill Deloriers (St. Joseph's), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Martha Hill (Sinai), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square), Dick Johnson (Consumer Representative), Paula Justice (Johns Hopkins), Cara Miller (Harbor), Lisa Puett (Johns Hopkins Peds Trauma), Judy Schroeder (Johns Hopkins Adult Trauma), Lauren Smith (Sinai)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chief Chad Packard welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done in the room and online.
- II. **Chair Report - Chief Packard:** The minutes from the November 29, 2017 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made and the motion passed by Kathi Burroughs and Roger Simonds. There was no correspondence to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 1:00pm at MIEMSS Conference Room 212.
- III. **Program Reports**
 - A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update - Roger Simonds:
 1. The annual joint SEMSAC/EMS Board meeting was held on January 16th. MIEMSS have submitted legislation to allow charge for non-transport to alternative receiving centers.
 - B. State EMS Medical Director Report - Dr. Richard Alcorta
 1. The Executive Director search is ongoing. Candidate recommendations will go to the EMS Board to start the review process. The search will take approximately two months.



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2. There has been a shortage of lactated ringers and saline in both EMS and hospitals
 3. Elite pilot program for EMEDs is underway for Queen Anne's and Talbot counties
 4. MEMRAD Referral for Proposal is now out
EMR for naloxone administration is now available. All EMRs are able to give Narcan upon completion of the training. A \$200,000 grant available for public safety personnel for non-transport when Naloxone is administered. There is a bulk purchasing opportunity through MMCAP to EMS personnel for purchase of all medication involved.
 5. In referencing the October 2017 MIEMSS newsletter involving the opioid crisis, it was reinforced that everyone appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
 6. AAG supports sharing of EMS/EMEDs reports with local health officers
 7. Jurisdictions are asked to continue giving out the opioid crisis hotline cards to all victims, family members and friends at the scene.
 8. EMD high-performance CPR for call takers now available in the Learning Management System
 9. MIEMSS have submitted reports to the Legislature on Mobile Integrated Health, AED and ED hospital overcrowding
 10. MIEMSS will be sending out a press release on yellow alerts recommending to patients to seek primary care rather than calling 911 or go to the emergency department.
 11. Discussion was held during today's Medical Directors meeting on the modification of yellow and re-route alerts influenced by Regional Councils. A proposal went to the Council to look at the policy and potentially make revisions. Vice Chair Packard will discuss with Chair Perricone to delegate a committee. Hospitals are asked to limit alert and re-route usage.
 12. Rae Oliveira, Director of Licensure and Certification, has left MIEMSS as of January 19th to work for Montgomery County. A search to be done to find a new Director.
 13. E-Licensure affiliation should be able soon.
 14. MIEMSS, along with collaboration of Montgomery County and other health care officials, deployed a CISM team to the US Virgin Islands via EMAC request. A group of 17 people will be there for 21 days to support first responders, allied health and government workers. Randy Linthicum is leading the efforts for MIEMSS.
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report - Jeff Huggins:
1. The Region III written report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.
- D. Maryland EMSC Report - Cyndy Wright Johnson:
1. The EMSC written report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.



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2. Stars of Life and Right Care When It Counts nominations are available on line. Posters are also available for pick up
 3. Physician ABLIS course is in the new 4-year grant proposal that was submitted. The course will be held on July 12th and December 14th at MIEMSS
 4. A hands-on component of the pediatric high-performance CPR will be rolled out this weekend at the Winterfest conference. It will also be featured at Miltenberger and there will be a three-hour training on the infant mannequins at EMS Care on Friday, April 27th.
 5. EMSC has completed regional termination of resuscitation focus groups. There will be a focus group with hospital emphasis as well as with families.
 6. There may be a protocol recommendation by this summer for the Protocol Review Committee to look through. It may not involve change in the protocol.
- E. MIEMSS Emergency Operations - Randy Linthicum:
1. Not present for the meeting
- F. MIEMSS Regional Programs - Jon Bratt: Reported by Jeff Huggins:
1. Michael Cooney has been named the Region V Associate Administrator. He worked as a Paramedic for 7 years in Saudi Arabia and worked at UMBC as well as the Coast Guard. His e-mail address mcooney@miemss.org. Ron Lewis was hired a few months prior as the Region IV Associate Administrator. He came from the Maryland State Police. His e-mail address is rlewis@miemss.org.
- IV. **Committees**
- A. Emergency Education Council - Paul Massarelli: Reported by Jeff Huggins
1. EMS Care planning is underway. The committee is looking for ideas, speakers and topics.
- B. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes
1. The Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.
- C. Region III Medical Directors - Tim Chizmar, MD:
1. Jurisdictions and hospitals are asked to begin to plan for purchase Acedamin which will become effective July 1, 2018. It would be used primarily for excited delirium and for pain management as secondary use.
- V. **Prevention Activities - Council Membership**
- A. Partnership for Safer Maryland sent out e-mail today with list of activities and will be setting up conference calls. More information will be forthcoming as it is received.
- B. University of Maryland Law School will run bi-weekly conference calls during the legislative session beginning on Monday, January 29th.
- C. It will start on no specifics at this time but in highway safety
- VI. **Old Business:**
- A. None to report



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VII. New Business:

A. Dick Johnson presented an inquiry about HB 139 and HB 140, in which the response units in local jurisdictions would travel by motorcycle and medical response units would travel by bicycles as well as SB175, which would change appointments to the EMS Board. The council has not heard of the bills. The bills are fairly new and a work in progress.

VIII. Regional Roundtable Reports

A. EMS

1. Annapolis

a) Working with Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management to put together a bed finder that includes 60 facilities to help accommodate people around based on location

2. Anne Arundel

a) Started operative IQ CDS program within the last two weeks. Currently working through glitches. They are doing dual reporting along will continue to do written logs. Dual reporting will stop on February 1st.

b) Safe Station Program going well. There were 1,083 overdoses last year. 385 people were brought in the program. 427 people were presented to the fire and/or police stations requesting assistance for opioid problems. 57% success rate in placement through rehab from April 20, 2017 to December 31, 2017. So far this year 66 people were presented to fire and/or police stations. 68 overdoses and 10 deaths have been reported

3. Baltimore City – no report

4. Baltimore County – not present

5. BWI

a) Personnel completing CPAP process looking to hire 7-8 Paramedics

b) Linas Saurusaitis has been promoted First Captain of EMS

6. Carroll – no report

7. Harford

a) Implemented first career county EMS unit and started service Sunday at 7am

8. Howard

a) Started a new academy yesterday with 18 members

b) Three new stations will open within 24 to 36 months

c) In process of transitioning for video laryngoscopy, will be transitioning out of the glyscopes and begin using UE Scope. The product is less expensive and more user-friendly.

d) Stop the Bleed Program was held at River Hill High School on December 12th. The program was a success. The county is looking to include the program in the high school curriculum for 9th graders in all schools

B. Health Depts. - Not present



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C. Hospitals

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6. Good Sam - no report
7. GBMC – not present
8. Harbor – not present
9. HMH - no report
10. HCGH - no report
11. JHB
 - a) EMS Education Day scheduled for May 24th
12. JHH - no report
13. JHPeds
 - a) Collaborated with the Adult Trauma and Burn Unit and installed a LED screen in EMS room in the emergency department. The screen will show trauma and burn education. Suggestions of topics people want to see covered can be sent to contact the hospital.
 - b) Will host the first APLS course in the Fall
14. Mercy – not present
15. Northwest
 - a) Expand psych area
 - b) Working on improving yellow alert times
16. Shock Trauma
 - a) Equipment is available for pick up
 - b) A road closure is schedule for mid-February on Lombard Street in front of the building. There been changes to the plan, the closure will be between Green and Pratt Street on Lombard Street. It will affect city units coming into the ED. Date confirmation will be sent out soon.
 - c) EMS Broadcast on February 7th at 7:00pm in Shock Trauma on Drowsy Driving
17. Sinai – not present
18. St. Agnes – not present
19. St. Joseph's – not present
20. Union Memorial
 - a) The hospital is a non-smoking facility
 - b) Became a MedStar area receiving center for Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs). The hospital is working with the city to provide training. Other counties who are interested should contact the hospital.
 - c) Reminder to providers that the hospital is not a lower extremity specialty center for trauma
21. UMMC – not present
22. UMMC Midtown – not present



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23. Upper Chesapeake

a) Jerry Creighton, Director of Emergency Services for Harford Memorial as well as Upper Chesapeake, resigned in December. The hospital is actively seeking a new Director.

b) Base Station course on February 20th at 10:00am. Information can be found on the MIEMSS website.

D. Commercial Ambulance – not present

E. MSP

1. Have been seeing an increase of aviation safety reports from flight crews pertaining to off-loading procedures and landing zones. The section supervisors will reach out to the jurisdictional EMS leaders and set up training dates and times

2. In 2017, Troopers 1, 2 and 3 completed 1,085 medivacs and 1,457 missions

F. MCAC

1. Alex Cardello is the new MCAC representative, replacing Les Hawthorne

G. Training Institutions / MFRI – no report

H. MEMA – not present

IX. **Meeting adjourned**



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MIEMSS Region III Office Written Report to Council January 24, 2018

New Region III Associate Administrator:

I am pleased to announce that Brittany Spies has joined the Region III Office as the Region III Associate Administrator. Please join me in welcoming Brittany Spies to the Region.

Brittany has spent her EMS career working with providers and medical directors to enhance service delivery while improving the quality of life for the citizens and Marylanders. After over fifteen years in the field in as an EMS provider, and serving as a field training officer, Brittany came to MIEMSS where she has worked for over a year in the Commercial Ambulance Office as a Licensing Specialist.

Brittany's background in the Fire and Emergency Medical services includes over fifteen years of service to the Community Fire Company of Perryville, where she serves as their EMS Captain, and has been named EMS Provider of the year several times. Her experience as a Cardiac Rescue Technician includes time spent with the Harford County Volunteer Fire and EMS Foundation and Aberdeen Fire Department, where she has received several lifesaving accommodations.

Brittany's contact information is as follows:

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Triage Tag Days: Jurisdictions are requested to participate in the quarterly triage tag days to enhance provider familiarity with the tags. Participation continues to increase throughout the region. All region III hospitals should be prepared to receive the tags and may use the EPTS equipment to scan incoming tags if so desired.

HC Standard Hospital Contact List: All hospitals are reminded to continue to update their contact numbers in HC Standard. Hospitals can do so by going under their facilities workspace and clicking on the matrix entitled 'Contacts-'Hospital Name'.

50/50 Matching Grants: FY2018 applications have been reviewed and approved by regional affairs. Award letters are currently being distributed.

EMS Care 2018: EMS Care 2018 will take place April 25-29, 2018 at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City, MD. The planning committee is being assembled to begin work on this year's conference.



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Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Programs: Spring VAIP's are in the process of being scheduled.

MIEMSS Emergency Operations: Region III continues to collaborate with Emergency Operations on the regional Ambulance Strike Team (AST).



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Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition Report to the MIEMSS Region III EMS Advisory Council January 24, 2018

The 2018 triage tag dates will continue quarterly. The next dates are April. The January compilation will be done by the end of the month.

WebFUSION has gone away as most of the Region moves to the State WebEOC system. There is a similar board available to use for health and medical coalition purposes. Work on gaining access for all health and medical partners is just about complete.

Allocation of Scarce Resources framework development is complete and has been submitted last summer to MDH for review, approval, and next steps. Continue to await their feedback at this time.

Work has culminated on BP5 HPP projects: a water filtration system, incident rehab pod, resource management plan update, evacuation implementation plan, website sustainment, active assailant kits, and recovery plan. The RMP has been distributed.

Members of the Coalition will be participating in the UASI training and exercise planning workgroup this week to determine next steps forward.

Many partners attended a training opportunity at the CDP in Alabama November 13-17th.

The Coalition has developed a website. Invites for the member only portal were sent.

The Coalition continues to work with the MDH Comm Group to move forward with a radio purchase for partners in the Region.

Await additional feedback from MIEMSS on the future of patient tracking. Discussions with CRISP partners have continued.

Many lessons learned and areas for improvement were identified from the 2 day JCTAWS (Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series). We continue to work on corrective action items.

The UASI Alternate Care Site cache as the USAR warehouse has been relocated to Carroll County and Bayview's storage warehouse. Work continues to sort through the equipment and relocate some. Additional materials for the cache have been received.

At this time, it appears that the ACS will co-exist with the GBMC gym while a new gym is constructed starting in February 2018 and culminating no longer than 24 months from then. Await official letter from GBMC officials.



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**Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition
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(Continued)**

The Coalition is continuing discussion with MSP to ensure that consistent processes are in place regarding healthcare worker expectations for road travel during emergencies.

HPP regional projects for the current budget period are underway. There will be a Regional Surge/Evac Tool Workshop on April 30th. Planning is underway for the evacuation exercise as well. Requests for additional active assailant kits are currently being accepted.

The Coalition is collaborating with the new fire and EMS rep at the MCAC.

The group is collaborating with the MDH Ebola Planner to work on training opportunities for regional partners.

Await feedback from MDH as to guidance from CDC for hospital CHEMPACK needed supplies to be stocked since auto injectors have been removed.

The Coalition has begun to discuss concerns regarding PPE expiration and need for replacement with MDH.

The next Region III Health & Medical Coalition meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2018.