



## Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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### Region III EMS Advisory Council

March 27, 2019

#### Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions Chad Packard
  
- II. Chair Report Chad Packard
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  - C. Next Meeting – May 22, 2019 – 1:00pm, MIEMSS Room 212
  
- III. Program Reports
  - A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update Jim Matz
  - B. State EMS Medical Director Report Dr. Tim Chizmar
  - C. MIEMSS Region III Report Jeff Huggins
  - D. Maryland EMSC Report Cyndy Wright Johnson
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- VIII. Regional Roundtable Reports
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    - 2. Anne Arundel
    - 3. Baltimore City
    - 4. Baltimore County
    - 5. BWI
    - 6. Carroll
    - 7. Harford
    - 8. Howard



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B. Health Depts.

C. Hospitals

1. Anne Arundel Medical Center
2. Baltimore Washington Medical Center
3. Bon Secours Hospital
4. Carroll Hospital Center
5. Franklin Square Hospital
6. Good Samaritan Hospital
7. Greater Baltimore Medical Center
8. Harbor Hospital
9. Harford Memorial Hospital
10. Howard County General Hospital
11. Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital
12. Johns Hopkins Hospital
13. Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatrics
14. Mercy Medical Center
15. Northwest Hospital Center
16. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
17. Sinai Hospital
18. Saint Agnes Hospital
19. Saint Joseph's Hospital
20. Union Memorial Hospital
21. University of Maryland Medical Center
22. University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown
23. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

D. Commercial Ambulance

E. MSP

F. MCAC

G. Training Institutions / MFRI

H. MEMA

IX. Adjourn

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#### Minutes

##### Attendance – In Person

Carla Aresco (Shock Trauma), James Brothers (Howard County), Kathi Burroughs (Union Memorial), Dr. Tim Chizmar (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Susan Cochrane (Baltimore Washington Medical Center), Timothy Cullen (Baltimore City), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Bill Dousa (Harford County), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Mark Dubel (Anne Arundel County), Aaron Edwards (Annapolis City), Brian Frearson (MFRI), Rebecca Gilmore (Shock Trauma), Jennifer Guyther (Baltimore City/Region III Associate Medical Director), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS Region III), Shaughn Keating (St. Agnes), Dr. Matthew Levy (Howard County/Region III Medical Director), Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Chad Packard (BWI Airport Fire & Rescue), Cathy Park (Johns Hopkins Peds), Linus Saurusaitis (BWI Airport Fire & Rescue), Rich Schenning (Baltimore County), Jeffrey Sexton (Emergency Education Council of Region III), Christina Smith (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Chris Tappan (Maryland State Police Aviation), Kevin Turner (Anne Arundel County FD), Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Curtis Wiggins (Carroll County), Tami Wiggins (Harford County DES), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

##### Attendance – On Line

Robert Asamoah (Northwest), Joe Brown (Carroll Hospital Center), Cindy Cohen (Mercy Medical Center), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial), Jessica Dell (Harbor Hospital), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Martha Hill (Sinai), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square), Shawna Keiser (Good Samaritan), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Lisa Puett (Johns Hopkins Peds Trauma), Marian Rongione (St. Joseph's), Patty Sherman (Anne Arundel Medical Center)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Chief Packard welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were conducted in the room and for those on the phone.
- II. **Chair Report:** The minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting was distributed to everyone electronically and to those in attendance for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made and the motion passed by Battalion Chief James Matz and Curtis Wiggins. Don DeVries stepped down from the EMS Board earlier this year and Clay Stamp has been appointed Chair. Dr. Debridge began as the new MIEMSS Executive Director on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:00pm at MIEMSS Conference Room 212.



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#### III. Program Reports

- A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update - Jim Matz: Tim Chizmar reported on the discussion on the funding of the MIEMSS AED/Monitor Grant. Wayne Tiemersma and Eric Smothers gave a presentation to the group.
- B. State EMS Medical Director Report Dr. Tim Chizmar
1. CRISP agreements have been sent out to everyone for signature. Jurisdictions that have not receive one should contact Jeffrey Huggins or Andrew Naumann.
  2. Medical Directors Symposium will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Sykesville
  3. Jurisdictions are looking at how they approach Opioids. The rate is slowing down and People are refusing transport. Responding rate on overdoses is 30%. Jurisdictions are continuing to look for ways for patients to get linked to treatment.
  4. Protocol update has been finalized and will be out in video format
  5. Discussion on Medicares ET3 project, CMS will do pilot for EMS jurisdictions that apply
  6. Discussion in some regions on interest of Advanced EMT. The Council is asked to consider the jurisdictions stand on it and whether it has value to the system
  7. Active medication shortages include Acedamine, pre-filled epipens 1-10,000 and sodium bicarbonate
  8. MIEMSS will be updating EMS Plan, planning for the next 5 years
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report - Jeff Huggins: 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: The Maryland EMSC report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes. A CPEN Review Course for Nurses will be held at EMS Care on Wednesday and Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Notifications have been sent to all Patient Coordinators and Nursing Directors. The Champion Workshop will be held at EMS Care Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- E. MIEMSS Emergency Operations - Randy Linthicum: Working on duodote distributions for the EMS jurisdictions.
- F. MIEMSS Regional Programs - Andrew Naumann: Working to permanently fill the Regional Programs Director position as well as the Associate Administrator position for Regions III and IV.
- G. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton: EMS Care brochure is now published and is on the MIEMSS website. The Council is actively seeking sponsorships and donations from hospitals. The Council will meet after the conference to finalize staff positions to revamp the group for more participation.



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#### IV. **Committees**

- A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes: The Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition Report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is included in the minutes.
- B. Transportation - Chad Packard: The committee met this morning to discuss matching, ALS and Homeland Security grants, jurisdictional needs for CRISP integration and the alert system
- C. Region III Medical Directors - Dr. Matt Levy: The group met this morning to discuss priorities and upcoming projects including enhancement and development of QA/QI best practices as well as mass casualty triage process for large scale events. Dr. Levy is also looking to survey jurisdictions currently using naloxone leave behind and share best practices.

#### V. **Prevention Activities - Council Membership:** None to report

#### VI. **Old Business:** None to report

#### VII. **New Business:** None to report

#### VIII. **Regional Roundtable Reports**

##### A. EMS

- 1. Annapolis: Nothing to report
- 2. Anne Arundel
  - a) Fire academy class including 2-3 ALS providers
  - b) Finalize additional medic engines. Seven additional engines are now in place bringing the total of nine
  - c) Kevin Turner is replacing Holly Hathaway as their QA Officer
- 3. Baltimore City
  - a) Class 1901 in the fire academy 47 EMT firefighters
  - b) 30 EMTs were cut from the academy Class 1803 to offset ambulance runs
  - c) MIH Press conference on February 5<sup>th</sup> with Congressman Cummings
  - d) 663 kits were left behind to date, in addition to 48 kits for MIH
  - e) Expanding partnership with the health department in the population help initiative one of the areas being focused on is the abuse of the elderly
  - f) Ready to roll out 17 eucathic machines and they will go in 11 hospitals and 6 EMS districts
  - g) Experiencing high call volumes due to backlog of ED wait times
- 4. Baltimore County
  - a) Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, there will include one extra Lieutenant in the EMS office
  - b) Chief Utz continues as Acting Fire Chief
  - c) Currently have a recruit class with 6 ALS providers



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- d) Working with health department on several initiatives
- 5. BWI
  - a) Have 4 people in Anne Arundel's academy class
  - b) Phase 1 of the installation of Stop the bleed kits in the airport is complete. Phase 2 will start in Martin State Airport.
- 6. Carroll: Nothing to report
- 7. Harford
  - a) Completing hiring process to add additional paramedics
  - b) Finalizing the decision for the new Medical Director
- 8. Howard
  - a) Working with the public school systems on the Stop the Bleed program. 75% of the high schools have been completed
  - b) Resuscitation Academy will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - c) Currently have a recruit class of 43 students including with 6 ALS providers
  - d) Station 14 – Merriweather will open in August
- B. Health Depts.: Not present
- C. Hospitals
  - 1. Anne Arundel Medical Center: Nothing to report
  - 2. Baltimore Washington Medical Center: Nothing to report
  - 3. Bon Secours Hospital: Not present
  - 4. Carroll Hospital Center: Not present
  - 5. Franklin Square Hospital
    - a) Construction to new pavilion ongoing and revise traffic patterns will continue
  - 6. Good Samaritan Hospital: Nothing to report
  - 7. Greater Baltimore Medical Center: Not present
  - 8. Harbor Hospital: Nothing to report
  - 9. Harford Memorial Hospital
    - a) Base station class will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm. Information can be found on the MIEMSS website.
  - 10. Howard County General Hospital: Not present
  - 11. Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital
    - a) Recently revised their trauma tier
    - b) Working on ambo off-loading plan to improve wait times
    - c) Hosting their biennial EMS week conference will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 12. Johns Hopkins Hospital: Not present
  - 13. Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatrics: Nothing to report
  - 14. Mercy Medical Center: Nothing to report
  - 15. Northwest Hospital Center
    - a) Construction continues at the ED
  - 16. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
    - a) Point Counterpoint will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>



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- b) Working on a case study presentation for an upcoming monthly broadcast
  - c) Equipment available for pick up equipment
  - 17. Sinai Hospital
    - a) Construction at the ED continues and will be replacing pipes over the next few months
  - 18. Saint Agnes Hospital: Nothing to report
  - 19. Saint Joseph's Hospital: Nothing to report
  - 20. Union Memorial Hospital
    - a) Working on EMS Week activities
  - 21. University of Maryland Medical Center: Not present
  - 22. University of Maryland Medical Center Midtown: Not present
  - 23. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
    - a) Continuing First Friday EMS education opportunities
  - D. Commercial Ambulance: Not present
  - E. MSP
    - 1. Utilizing transport ventilators on all aircraft. All flight paramedics have been trained.
    - 2. In process of recruiting pilots, maintenance technicians and flight paramedics
    - 3. Graduated 4 paramedics from the last academy class
  - F. MCAC: Not present
  - G. Training Institutions / MFRI: Nothing to report
  - H. MEMA: Not present
- IX. Meeting Adjourned



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#### MIEMSS Region III Office Written Report to Council March 27, 2019

**EMS Care 2019:** Save the date! April 24-28, 2019. EMS Care 2019 planning is already underway, we look forward to seeing everyone.

**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'.

**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).

**Base Station Program:** Region III continues to work with hospitals who are coming due for redesignation.

**CRISP/eMeds®:** Region III is working with jurisdictional partners to get MOU's signed.

#### **EMS Grants:**

**ALS Funding Grants:** FY2019 funding requests were approved, and have been distributed to the jurisdictions.

**Matching Fund Grant:** FY2019 applications were reviewed and prioritized by regional affairs. Award letters have been distributed.

**Naloxone Grants:** Naloxone Grants for Year I have been completed and reimbursed. Year II has been distributed, and should be submitted for reimbursement if not done so already.

**State Homeland Security Grant Program:** 2018 applications have been reviewed and approved by regional affairs. Award letters have been distributed, and should be returned if not done so already. The 2019 application period will open in April.





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#### **Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition Report to Region III EMS Advisory Council March 27, 2019**

The 2019 triage tag days are on hold.

There is a Coalition board available to use for health and medical coalition purposes on the state WebEOC system. Access for all health and medical partners is complete. The group is working with MEMA to set up a test.

Allocation of Scarce Resources framework development is being reviewed by Hopkins. We will then determine next steps.

Members of the Coalition are participating in the UASI training and exercise planning workgroup to determine next steps forward.

The Coalition is maintaining their website. Invites for the member only portal have been sent.

The Coalition continues to work with MD First to move forward with programming radios purchased for partners in the Region. Radios will be distributed to hospital emergency managers in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel County in April.

Discussions with CRISP partners have continued. Region compiled a list of initial hospital participants to be given training and access. The first test was held March 11<sup>th</sup>. Access issues will continue to be resolved.

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 is being maintained in Carroll County and Bayview's storage warehouse. Work continues to sort through the equipment and relocate some. A workday will be scheduled to work on the cache at GBMC.

The ACS was to co-exist with the GBMC gym while a new gym is constructed. Timeline for return of the building to the Coalition was to be 24 months from 2/18. Await further clarification from GBMC as to whether they plan to return the ACS to the Region.

The Coalition completed discussion with MSP to ensure that consistent processes are in place regarding healthcare worker expectations for road travel during emergencies. A plan has been completed and will be distributed.

The Coalition continues to collaborate with the new fire and EMS rep at the MCAC.



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Still 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 awaits further information on next stakeholder meeting for the CCTA project.

The BP-1 supplemental HPP regional application has been approved. The Coalition has compiled lists of PPE that needs to be replaced. Active assailant kit needs have also been assessed. We will be hiring a training exercise coordinator whom will be employed by Maryland Hospital Association.

Plans are underway for the mandatory annual federal HPP evac/surge exercise. State agency participation will be needed.

A draft Coalition Response Plan has been compiled for submission due April 1, 2019. The final is due June 30, 2019.

Working with NDMS for their 2019 tabletop and functional exercise.

Version 6 of our Resource Management Plan is currently being updated.

Our HPP regional coordinator position remains vacant.

The next Region III Health & Medical Coalition meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2019.