



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III EMS Advisory Council

May 22, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Agenda

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| II. | Chair Report | David Sabat |
| | A. Review of Minutes | |
| III. | Program Reports | |
| | A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update | Danielle Knatz |
| | B. State EMS Medical Director Report | Dr. Chizmar |
| | C. MIEMSS Region III Report | Dr. Pinet-Peralta |
| | D. Maryland EMSC Report | Cyndy Wright Johnson |
| | E. MIEMSS Emergency Preparedness & Ops | Jeff Huggins |
| IV. | Committees | |
| | A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition | Christina Hughes |
| | B. Transportation | Christopher Shannon |
| | C. Region III Medical Directors | Dr. Levy |
| V. | Old Business | |
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| VII. | Regional Roundtable Reports | |
| | A. EMS Operations | |
| | B. Hospitals | |
| VIII. | Adjournment | |



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Virtual/Conference Call

Minutes

Attendance

Todd Abramovitz (MIEMSS), Lorrin Barton (Sinai), Tonya Bethel (Grace Medical Center), Mark Bilger (MIEMSS), Joseph Brown (Carroll Hospital), Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Eric Cohn (Howard County), Elwood Conway (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Lauren Cox (St. Joseph's), Christine Deckard (Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Aberdeen), Caitlin Dempsey, Jennifer Denault (Johns Hopkins Peds), Donna Disney (Mercy), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Ethan Freyman (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), Ashlyn Gill (Mercy), Rebecca Gilmore (Shock Trauma), Barbara Goff (MIEMSS), Lauren Greer (Union Memorial), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square), Jennifer Hunt (), Shawna Keiser (Good Samaritan), Danielle Knatz (Baltimore County), James Matz (Baltimore City), Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Adult/Johns Hopkins Bayview), Jonathan Moles (Lifebridge Health), Michael O'Connell (MIEMSS), John Ortlieb (Annapolis City), Jen Osik (Upper Chesapeake Medical Center), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Mike Reynolds (Anne Arundel County), Paul Schanderhan (Carroll Hospital Center), Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Roger Stone (Region V Medical Director), Trish Tuck, Shawn Turtle (Acute Care Solutions), Rob Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC), Eric Zaney (Carroll County)

I. **Opening Remarks – Christopher Shannon:** Christopher Shannon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting was distributed to everyone to review and approve. The minutes were motioned to approve by James Matz and John Ortlieb. Minutes were approved as written.

II. **Chair Report - Christopher Shannon:** There are no correspondences for the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 1:00pm and will be held virtually.

III. Program Reports

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update – Danielle Knatz

1. SEMSAC conducted their meeting on May 2nd. The bylaws need to be updated as well as committees are missing representation. The next scheduled meeting is scheduled in June, but could be cancelled until July.
2. Updated protocols are to go out soon.
3. There has been discussion if people ask if they want to go the hospital if people dial 911. Baltimore County is looking into changing this statewide.
4. Working on the 8-hour contacts for the 2024-2025 recertification cycles on the online training center.



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5. Regional Affairs reported that they have redistributed some of their funding for this grant cycle due to delay in delivery of some devices. The next scheduled meeting is June 6th.
- B. State EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chizmar
 1. The Maryland General Assembly passed several bills including the vaccination bill to continue doing fluid COVID-19 vaccinations until January 1, 2030, EMSOP funding for the next decade and increase the motor vehicle surcharge to for EMSOPs to remain solvent for up to 10 years, the requirement of Naloxone be co-located with automated external defibrulators.
 2. Protocols in PDF will be on the MIEMSS website this week.
 3. Esmolol is the only new medication in the updated protocol. The requirement is one single dose.
 4. Increase in the number of tunicates in the first responder units is updated in the Volunteer Ambulance Inspection Program.
 5. Recommendation for peep valves for all BBMs.
 6. Questions have come up on what EMTs can do as 16 or 17 year old minors, with parental permission. Those EMTs can complete anything in the protocol, unless the jurisdictions wishes for them not to do so.
 7. New scenarios and approaches are needed for the EMT psychomotor and practical tests, sticking to entry level competence and less on critical thinking capability.
 8. EMT renewal date has been updated from December 31st to January 31st and from June 30th to July 31st. This was voted by the EMS Board and approved by Annapolis. The change of the number of hours that and EMT needs to complete skills efficiency testing will not change. The hours are 4 for medical, 4 for trauma, 4 hours of global option and 12 for skills for this renewal cycle.
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report – Luis Pinet-Peralta
 1. The Region III Report to the Council was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.
- D. Maryland EMSC Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson
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- E. EMS Preparedness and Ops –Jeff Huggins
 1. Randy Linthicum has been promoted to Deputy Director and Jeff Huggins has taken over Randy's previous role working and working with Dwayne Kitis, Director of Mission Support and working with the Regional and Associate Coordinators.

IV. Committees

- A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes
 1. The Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.
- B. Transportation – James Matz



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1. There new representation for Howard County and Annapolis City.
2. Discussed re-route policies.
- C. Region III Medical Directors - Matt Levy
 1. Working on protocols for 2025 including labetalol, package for hypertensive emergencies specific to pregnancies that would involve more use of magnesium and labetalol and Wilderness EMS protocol.
- D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton
 1. Not present for report
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. None to report
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. James Matz wants to make a motion for Dr. Karina Noji to be the Region III Pediatric Medical Director. The motion was approved and will now go to Dr. Chizmar for credentials and licensure and to Dr. Anders to check for academics and will go to SEMSAC for approval.
- VII. **Regional Roundtable Reports**
 - A. EMS Operations
 1. No reports
 - B. Hospitals
 1. Franklin Square
 - a) Hosting a breakfast symposium from 7:30am to 10am.
 2. Shock Trauma
 - a) Please pick up backboards from hospital
 3. Johns Hopkins Adult/Johns Hopkins Bayview
 - a) Baskets and gift bags will be raffled off on Friday during the Topics in EMS Conference.
 - b) Prehospital reports are now available automatically from Imagetrend.
 - c) Please pickup backboards from hospitals
 4. Mercy
 - a) Gifts and treats at the hospital for those who attend.
 - C. Commercial Ambulances
 1. Not present for report
 - D. Commercial Ambulance Services
 1. Not present for report
 - E. MSP
 1. Not present for report
 - F. Training Instructions/MFRI
 1. Not present for report
 - G. MDEM



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1. Not present for report

VIII. Meeting Adjourned