



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

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November 27, 2024 | 1:00 PM

Agenda

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| B. State EMS Medical Director Report | Dr. Chizmar |
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Minutes

Attendance

Ken Barnes (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Eric Cohn (Howard County), Elwood Conway (Johns Hopkins Hospital Bayview), Lauren Cox (St. Joseph's), Caitlin Dempsey (?), Jennifer Denault (Johns Hopkins Pediatrics), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Ethan Freyman (BWI Airport Fire & Rescue), James Gannon (Sinai), Ashlyn Gill (Mercy Medical Center), Rebecca Gilmore (Shock Trauma), Sara Gray (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Lauren Greer (Union Memorial Hospital), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square Hospital), Danielle Knatz (Baltimore County), Matt Levy (Region III Medical Director), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), James Matz (Baltimore City), Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Hospital Adult/Johns Hopkins Hospital Bayview), Raymond McRae (Annapolis City), Jonathan Moles (Lifebridge Health), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Michael Robinson (?), Delaney Ross (Harbor Hospital), Laura Roth (?), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Paul Schneiderhan (?), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Debra SK, Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Eric Zaney (Carroll County)

- I. **Opening Remarks – David Sabat:** Chief David Sabat welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting was distributed to everyone for review and approved. The minutes were motioned to be approved by Christopher Shannon and Eric Zaney. The minutes were approved as written.
- II. **Chair Report - David Sabat:** There are no correspondences for the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 1:00pm and will be held virtually.
- III. **Program Reports**
 - A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update – Danielle Knatz
 1. Dr. Delbridge provided a report regarding updates and improvement in hospital off-load times and data regarding the number of transports.
 2. Aaron Edwards was introduced as the Director of the Office of Clinician Services.
 3. Review of the revisions proposed to COMAR 30.01 and 30.02 – EMT Recertification and Renewal.
 4. Presentation on public access AEDs to be made available in a few weeks.
 5. Will meet on December 5th with a discussion on EMS compacts.
 6. Chief James Matz provided a Tele 911 program update. It has been successful so far after 6 months.



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B. State EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chizmar

1. MIEMSS was required to submit a report on Ketamine use statewide from 2022 to 2024. Nearly three-fourths of the cases are low-dose, pain management. 10% of the cases are for sedation after placement of airway and remainder of the cases are for acute, severe agitation.
2. EMT Renewal proposal was redone for approval: EMTs must complete 24 hours every 3 years, require protocol updates every 3 years, Office of Clinician Services will have to verify that the last 3 years have been completed before renewal of license.
3. Up to 9 hours of the renewal can be dedicated to technical or skills proficiency and 15 hours can be didactic – online or in-person. The tentative goal to the updated EMT renewal is July 2025.
4. Maryland is surrounded by EMS compact states. EMS compact would not require to change licenses and tags, will have to complete a FBI background check and system orientation to be familiar with Maryland protocols. Legislation would have to pass this for state law in Maryland.
5. Protocol Review Committee have submitted to SEMSAC for approval protocols for July 2025: Labetalol for hypertensive pregnant patients, removal of video laryngoscopy from the optional supplemented protocol to the standard protocol, removal of the out-dated COVID protocol.

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 – Randy Linthicum/Jeff Huggins

1. No report

IV. Committees

A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes

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B. Transportation – Christopher Shannon

1. No report

C. Region III Medical Directors - Matt Levy

1. No report

D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton

1. Not present for report

V. Old Business

A. Officer Elections

1. There were three nominations, one for each Officer position: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Chief Danielle Knatz from Baltimore County put in her nomination for Chair, Chief Eric Zaney from Carroll County Department of



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Fire & EMS put his nomination for Vice-Chair and Susan Mott from Carroll County Department of Fire and EMS put in her nomination as Secretary. Each person were approved for their new Officer positions. Their new roles will begin in January 2025.

VI. New Business

- A. No report

VII. Regional Roundtable Reports

A. EMS Operations

- 1. No reports

B. Hospitals

- 1. Amanda McCartney

- a) Ken Barnes is the new Administrator for Johns Hopkins Bayview Emergency Department.

- 2. Jonathan Moles

- a) The pediatric ER is now back open full capacity after a major flood occurred on October 27th.

- 3. Dr. Matt Levy

- a) Thanked all the jurisdictions, MIEMSS and MDH staff he that assisted Harford County after a smoldering MCI that affected 50 patients

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

- 1. Not present for report

VIII. Meeting Adjourned