



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting

January 25, 2023

Virtual/Conference Call

Minutes

Attendance

Todd Abramovitz (MIEMSS), Zakk Arciaga (Johns Hopkins Adult), Ami Ayers (?), Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial Hospital), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Aaron Edwards (Annapolis Fire Department), Ashlyn Gill (Mercy Medical Center), Rebecca Gilmore (Shock Trauma), Dick Johnson (Consumer Representative), Matt Levy, MD (Region III Medical Director), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), Danielle Madison (?), James Matz (Baltimore City), Bill McCarren (Baltimore City), Jonathan Moles (Lifebridge Health), Michael O'Connell (MIEMSS), John Ortlieb (Annapolis Fire Department), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake Medical Center), Luis Pinet-Peralta, MD (MIEMSS Region III), Michael Robinson (Carroll County), Laura Roth (?), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Reginald Singleton (Maryland State Police), Michael Stoner (?), Grace Strumbroski (?), Douglas Sward (Upper Chesapeake), Rob Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

I. **Opening Remarks – David Sabat:** Chair and Battalion Chief David Sabat welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chair Report - David Sabat: The minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting was distributed to everyone electronically and to those in attendance for review. The motion for the minutes for approval were passed.

II. **Program Reports**

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update - Jim Matz

1. SEMSAC had a joint meeting with the EMS Board this month

B. State EMS Medical Director Report - Dr. Tim Chizmar

1. New protocols for 2023 will be presented to the SEMSAC and EMS Board in their February meetings. The protocols include the revision to the clinical criteria to the trauma decisionry, pediatric respiratory rates and cardiac arrest, indication for the TXA.

2. Protocol updates will include a proposal to add buprenorphine for mobile integrated health programs, Emergency Department Advisory System (EDAS) still working on validation with CRISP and will be announced soon. Hospitals have been meeting throught the state to respond to EMS transfer care process. There are two sub-groups meeting: one group looking into what the expectations are and the second group are looking for the best practices for the hospitals. Many hospitals have drafting and proposing documents and MIEMSS is looking



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forward to hearing from the hospitals by the end of the month. 38 hospitals currently receive an EMS transfer care report, including all of the Region III hospitals.

- C. MIEMSS Region III Report – Luis Pinet-Peralta, MD
 - 1. The MIEMSS Region III Written 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. Dr. Delbridge is working with state and federal partners to extend the funding for the C4 project. C4 is funded through June 30, 2023
 - 2. The link for the IAFF2-Day Peer Support course will go out today for registration. The course is part of the EMS Care pre-conference on April 27th and April 28th. The course is available for all Fire and EMS personnel.

III. Committees

- A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes
 - 1. The Maryland EMSC Report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.
- B. Transportation – Chief Sabat
 - 1. The committee met in-person this morning and discussed off-load policies. All Region III jurisdictions except for Carroll and Harford counties are actively working to develop or implement off-load procedures at various hospitals. Dr. Delbridge is working on getting a group together from jurisdictions and hospitals to work on a bridge to this gap and off-load times.
- C. Region III Medical Directors - Matt Levy, MD
 - 1. The group continues to work on a number of operational clinical finds. The group will continue to be transparent and collaborative jurisdictionally with hospitals to find solutions to these challenges.
- D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton
 - 1. Not present for report

IV. Old Business

- A. Patient Off-Loading
 - 1. The jurisdictions and the hospitals should be meeting soon to work on off-load patient times.
- B. Patient's Wheelchairs
 - 1. It was difficult to discharge patients unless they had wheelchairs, if they are needed. One of the challenges faced is that Safety of bring a wheelchair in the ambulance in case there is an accident.

V. New Business

- A. No new business to report.



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VI. Regional Roundtable Reports

A. EMS Operations

1. BWI –

a) Their Fire & Rescue Department received 9 employees from Martin State Airport. The airport is now federalized. The employees are going through a modified-style academy.

b) Conducting a taskforce refresher for the first time in 3 years.

c) Welcomed Lieutenant Connie Lough from Baltimore City to teach all the chefs based from the department on human trafficking. Employees from Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties were invited in the training.

B. Hospitals

1. Harford Memorial Hospital – Former ED Nurse Manager Stacy Garrin is now the ADP of Operations and will transfer for the Aberdeen ED. Kelly Lambert is the Interim ED Nurse Manager.

C. Commercial Ambulance Services

1. no report

D. MSP

1. no report

E. Training Instructions/MFRI

1. no report

F. MDEM

1. no report

VII. Meeting Adjourned