



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting

November 16, 2022

Elkridge Fire Station – Elkridge, Maryland

Minutes

Attendance

Zakk Arciaga (Johns Hopkins Adult), Lorrin Barton (Sinai), Joseph Brown (Carroll Hospital Center), Kathryn Burroughs (Union Memorial), Kim Bushnell (?), Dr. Tim Chizmar (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial), Donna Disney (Mercy), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Aaron Edwards (Annapolis City), Chidi Ekeocha (Baltimore County), James Gannon (?), Ashlyn Gill (Mercy Medical Center), Sara Gray (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square Hospital), Barbara Goff (MIEMSS), Dick Johnson (Consumer Representative), Shawna Keiser (Good Samaritan), Danielle Knatz (Baltimore County), Dr. Matt Levy (Region III Medical Director), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), James Lyles (Maryland State Police), Cara Miller (Harbor Hospital), Jonathan Moles (Lifebridge Health), Beth Nash (St. Joseph's), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake Medical Center), Dr. Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Airport Fire & Rescue), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Dr. Roger Stone (Carroll County), Douglas Sward (Upper Chesapeake), Billy Taylor, Rob Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Amanda Wright, Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC), Debra Skultey-Robinson, Patty Sherman (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Sue Stiffer

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

II. **Chair Report - David Sabat:** The minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting was distributed to everyone electronically and to those in attendance for review. A correction to the minutes: For Opening Remarks it was a Trooper 2 helicopter, not a plane. There were 4 lives lost including 1 patient. Conversations about the by-laws. The motion has been approved with revision to minutes.

III. **Program Reports**

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update - Jim Matz

1. Not present for the meeting

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

1. EDAS – Scheduling visits with the hospitals with Dr. Delbridge and Dr. Chizmar. Checking for beds and space and by checking the number of patients divided by the number of treatment spaces available for patients.

2. ALS content has been recently been launched on the website about a week ago for ALS participants and will be recertified for 2023-2024.



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3. Discussions continue on the Collaboration Work Group with work of EMS and the police department.
 4. Protocol Review Committee – added a new JAC Representative: Christian Griffin from Baltimore County
 5. Commutable Diseases – Please ensure that patients are taken care of. It is strongly encouraged that everyone gets a flu shot. The RSV cases continue to be high.
 6. The percentage of beds does include the beds in the waiting room.
 7. Challenges in Emergency Medical Training includes space: occupied beds and able to move the patients through the system. There are two hospitals in Baltimore: Johns Hopkins and University of Maryland.
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report – Dr. Luis Pinet-Peralta
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. There was a successful training at Fort Meade with many EMS jurisdictions attended and would like to have to have more trainings in the future.
- D. Maryland EMSC Report - Cyndy Wright Johnson
1. The Maryland EMSC Report was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.
- E. EMS Preparedness and Ops – Randy Linthicum/Jeff Huggins – no report

IV. **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. Discussion of the policy of the impacts of jurisdictions that are not policed and trying to regionalize the off load policy in Region III to make it in protocol. The goal is to have every jurisdiction in Region III adopting a similar policy.
- C. Region III Medical Directors - Dr. Matt Levy
- D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton – no report

V. **Old Business**

- A. Bylaw Revisions – Review and Vote
1. The Council formed a committee and met a few times to review bylaw revisions. The last bylaws were updated in 2011. The revisions have been made effective September 28, 2022. Chair Sabat shared that the Committee have removed the language of bylaws were gendered equal, grammatical corrections had to be made. Removals from the introductions, Corrections of how the jurisdictions were listed with acronyms corrected, Maryland EMS Plan is outdated and recommended for removal and the addition of EMS Plan 2030 was added, the listed 14 regional hospitals and intent to have seat at the table and not to take anyone out. There was no preference or recommendation. There were representation of various groups that no longer attend to the Council, language



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was updated on how an internal member can be made when vacancies occurred, children were changed to pediatric patients, meetings can be noted electronically as well as e-mailed or mailed, the meetings can be held hybrid, in-person or virtually, language was removed to include Government officials for the Council meetings due to the length of time. Bylaws can be approved by 3/4ths of the Council. Dr. Debridge states the review should be at the MIEMSS level just for compliance and not necessarily review as obstructionist or intend to undo the Committee or Council's intention. Linas Saurusaitis first motioned to approve, Aaron Edwards second motioned to approve the bylaw revisions. The Council with majority approved the revisions and it passed.

B. Reroute Standardization

1. The goal is to standardize how the reroute is used with the jurisdictions,
2. Many people have decided to sign up on the Reroute Committee. The group will have the discussion after the meeting to dedicate time with this subject.

C. Patients' Wheelchairs

1. Transportation Committee is continuing to discuss the safety of transporting the wheelchairs and the potential projectiles. Some hospitals are able to fix those wheelchairs to the back of ambulances, but others are not able to discharge patients.

VI. New Business

A. Pediatric Surge – Impacts and Actions

1. A hospital states that is difficult to keep up with the reporting of the surge daily at the busiest part of the day. Randy Linthicum asks that if the hospital or hospitals report their concerns to Jeffrey Huggins.

VII. Regional Roundtable Reports

A. EMS Operations

1. Annapolis City – Annapolis City and Annapolis City put in a Transfer of Care Policy. They had 20 minutes once arriving at the ER and based on patient status, find a bed and find a chair. The times went from almost an hour to 30 minutes. Anne Annapolis City started the policy November 1st and Anne Arundel started November 13th.
2. Baltimore County – Many jurisdictions are interested in adopting the Transfer of Care policy. There have been more than 30 instances that people have waited for an hour to be seen.

B. Hospitals – no report

C. Commercial Ambulance Services – no report

D. MSP – no report

E. Training Instructions/MFRI – no report

F. MDEM – no report

VIII. Meeting Adjourned