



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting

November 15, 2023

Virtual/Conference Call

Minutes

Attendance

Mark Bilger (MIEMSS), Kathi Burroughs (Union Memorial), Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Eric Cohn (Howard County), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Ethan Freyman (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), James Gannon, Ashley Gill (Mercy), Rebecca Gilmore (R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center), Barbara Goff (MIEMSS), Mark Goldstein (Sinai), Lauren Greer (Union Memorial), Christina Hughes (Franklin Square), Dick Johnson (Consumer Member), Candice Jordan, Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Hospital/Johns Hopkins Bayview), Shawna Keiser (Good Samaritan), Matt Levy (Region III Medical Director), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), Danielle Madison (Carroll Hospital Center), James Matz (Baltimore City), Nicole Nappi (Baltimore County), Michael O'Connell (MIEMSS), John Ortlieb (Annapolis), Jen Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), Mike Reynolds (Anne Arundel), John Richter (Harford County), Laura Roth (St. Agnes), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Michael Stoner (Harford County), Douglas Sward, MD (Upper Chesapeake)

I. **Opening Remarks – David Sabat:** Chairman David Sabat welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting was distributed to everyone to review and approve. The minutes were motioned to approve by Kathi Burroughs. 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 24, 2024 at 1:00pm in MIEMSS Headquarters Conference Room 212.

III. **Program Reports**

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update – Nicole Nappi

1. No report

B. State EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chizmar

1. Harford Memorial, moving to Aberdeen in February 2024, will retain their behavioral health unit and expand there.

2. Franklin Square is now a comprehensive stroke center.

3. The last Protocol Review Committee was held for 2023 last week. Several changes will include: persistent data protocol, vector change to fibrillation,



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double sequential fibrillation, clarification to burn and carbon monoxide protocols, MIH protocol modifications – several jurisdictions to do blood draws and acquire 12-lead ECGs, use of language line for interpreter service – under general patient care protocol, ketamine infusions for RSI jurisdictions that have ventilators and infusion pumps, patients who suffer from overdose for recovery resources. The new proposals will go to the EMS Board in December for approval.

4. Four jurisdictions who have signed up for the buprenorphine optional supplemental for the MIH jurisdictions. There are various stages of development for Baltimore City, Baltimore, Frederick and Montgomery counties.

5. MIEMSS is working with QA/QI Officers, PSAP and 911 Center Managers on recording times for CPR.

6. Cardiac arrest survival rate is around 33%. Dr. Chizmar will work with the council and cardiac arrest steering committee to help raise the survival rate.

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

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 – David Sabat

1. The committee discussed off-load data and ensuring that there is consistent relative information and the accuracy.

2. Working on goals for 2024 – meeting with working on problems from the group.

3. Harford Memorial Hospital will be moving to a new facility in Aberdeen on February 6, 2024. The ICU/IMC will be closing in January and patients will be transferred to Upper Chesapeake.

C. Region III Medical Directors - Matt Levy

1. Protocol changes that are in the process for 2024.

2. Continuing to track hospital off-loading times.

D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton

1. Not present for report

V. Old Business

A. None to report



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VI. **New Business**

A. A Look Back at 2023 and A Look Ahead to 2024

1. The Chair is proud of what has been accomplished in 2023. The top three things for the Council to work on were: patient off-load times – continued work in progress, alert status – looking for consistencies and best practices for re-route across the region and by-laws – were updated for the first time in over ten years. The Chair will send out a survey asking the Council for the top three things to work on for 2024 in the coming weeks as we prepare for the next meeting. For the Transportation Committee, one topic will be patient off-load times and consistent data is being reported and utilized.

VII. **Regional Roundtable Reports**

A. EMS Operations

1. Baltimore City

a) James Matz thanks everyone for their support for Baltimore City's 2 line of duty deaths in October and November.

B. Hospitals

1. R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

a) EMS Conference on Saturday, December 16th. Registration is free.

2. Union Memorial

a) Staff is reminded to have the medic drivers to turn off their medics when getting to the ambo bay because of the exhaust is going to the waiting room area.

3. Franklin Square

a) Christina Hughes thanks Dr. Chizmar for their comprehensive status in their recent survey

4. Johns Hopkins Hospital/Johns Hopkins Bayview

a) Thanked everyone who forwarded the information on Topics in EMS Conference on November 2nd. 54 people attended.

b) Thanked everyone who forwarded the information EMS Provider Satisfaction Survey. They are currently open in both locations.

c) Nominations for TraumaNet is still open for EMS providers. The conference will be held in May 2024.

d) Temporary storage locker for backboards at Johns Hopkins Hospital

e) Improve the ambo to triage process times at Johns Hopkins Bayview

C. Commercial Ambulances

1. Not present for report

D. Commercial Ambulance Services

1. Not present for report

E. MSP



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- 1. Not present for report
- F. Training Instructions/MFRI
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- G. MDEM
 - 1. Not present for report

VIII. Meeting Adjourned