

Region IV EMS Advisory Council, Inc.

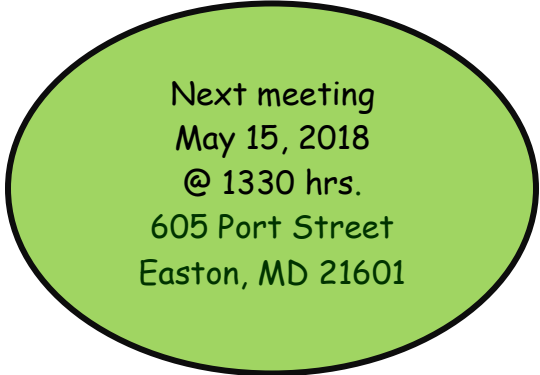
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Scott Wheatley, Chair
Andy Robertson, Vice-Chair
Brian LeCates, Secretary

AGENDA

March 20, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. CIC Update – UMMS Shore Regional Health
4. Regional Medical Director's Report
5. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMS-C Report
6. EMS Board Report
7. SEMSAC/Regional Affairs Report
8. MIEMSS Report
9. Agency/Regional Reports (Circle "yes" on the roster if you want to make a report)
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment



Next meeting
May 15, 2018
@ 1330 hrs.
605 Port Street
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 20, 2018

Minutes

Attendees: Ron Lewis, Phil Hurlock, John Barto, Joseph A. Ciotola, MD, Andy Robertson, Ryan Todd, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD, Steve White, MD, Judy Micheliche, bobbie Aaron, Barbara Steiner, Nicole Leonard, David Rice, Scott H. Wheatley, Gary Jones, Jeff Etherton, MD
Call-In: Chris Truitt, Michael Parson, David Collins, Rick Koch, Alana Long, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Andy Aswegan, MD, Mary Alice Vanhoy, David Phippin

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Scott Wheatley

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ryan Todd to approve the January 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Rick Koch, and passed.

John thanked everyone for coming or calling in. This is our first attempt at a call in for the Council Meeting.

CIC Update-UMMS Shore Regional Health: Gary Jones/Jeff Etherton, MD: The hospital has received CIC designation from MIEMSS. Briefed the Council on what Shore Regional Health has been doing for the past year and a half. Updated the whole cath lab. Prior to designation, were only doing walk-ins. Now ambulance can bring patients in. Well past twice the volume they anticipated. In process of expanding the program to three call teams and bringing on a third interventionalist. Dr. Etherton stated that they are here to help the people of the community from both an elective and emergency primary standpoint. Also available to educate the EMS programs and their staff. Gary Jones - This has been quite the journey. Being a rural community, it is important for patients to have CIC intervention in a timely fashion. Improving access in a timely fashion. Would like feedback from EMS to keep lines of communication open. Dr. Ciotola asked what average door to balloon time was - answer: between 60-90 minutes. They do track outliers to improve process (if possible). Scott Wheatley asked if Shore Health could provide feedback to the providers. They agreed this would be good. Will look at putting together a roundtable type group, similar to the Stroke Meetings that are currently done.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Scott Wheatley reported on behalf of Dr. Chiccone - Protocol Review Committee - Dr. Gash presented information on stabilization center which provides Baltimore City providers a location to take patients who have imbibed too much alcohol or narcotics. Should alleviate the ED beds being used. •Needle decompression site has been approved for change in 2019 to reflect 4th and 5th axillary. Big move with Baltimore City FD and Sinai Hospital with large vessel strokes...may bypass a Stroke Center to a Comprehensive Stroke Center. Goal in long run...this could affect whole state. •MIH is no longer a pilot...it is now an optional protocol.

Dr. Alcorta polled the group for drug shortages. He will be retiring on Nov. 1, 2018. MIEMSS continues to look for new Exec. Director. Protocol update is being beta tested now. Senate bill 682 is painful.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Cyndy Wright-Johnson- Right Care of Life: No children nominated from the Eastern Shore. Star of Life: As of Friday had no nominations for geriatric and EMD. For further information go to the MIEMSS website and click on the EMS for Children tab. •There will be a survey done of all hospitals in country from April thru June - She will be doing a webinar on the questions....Asking whether or not the hospitals have interfacility guidelines. Questions are federally written. •Ongoing work of pediatric medical advisory group - pediatric roll outs. Infant mannequins have arrived and give instant feedback on CPR performed on infant.

EMS Board Report: Mary Alice Vanhoy - Approved some training centers. Approved SRH for CIC. Letters sent regarding Narcan. Upcoming Town Hall meeting regarding National Registry no longer recognizing CRT. Aviation - Simulator has arrived. Currently being demo'ed.

SEMSAC Report: There has not been a meeting since the start of the year.

Regional Affairs Report: Will be covered in MIEMSS report.

MIEMSS Report: Roll out of Elite Program in Region IV - Selected as the first region to get this system. QA and Talbot counties have been using the system since December 2017. Reviewed the schedule for rollout in the rest of the region. Encouraged everyone to practice the Elite system online. Elite does not work on Explorer. Do not put in hospital code while practicing (it sends a report to Image Trend).

CRT: We have 64 CRTs in Region IV. National Registry will no longer recognize this after December 2018. A letter went out from Dr. Alcorta on March 19, 2018, and has been forwarded to the Council, which explains how the National Registry change will impact Maryland.

We have received 3 SHSGP grants (OCFD, Kent DES, and Wicomico County). The HJO's have reviewed and prioritized the grants. \$36,000 is the amount allotted to this region. The Council needs to make a recommendation to go forward to SEMSAC. Motion to approve the HJO's prioritization was made by David Rice, seconded by Ryan Todd, and approved.

Notice of Funding Opportunity for Naloxone Grant Application went out and is due back by April 1, 2018. Need to know from each of jurisdiction if they are going to apply. This grant is a reimbursement for companies that have purchased Naloxone. In this region, this is supplied by the hospital.

EMS Care is coming up April 26-29, 2018.

John Barto thanked Talbot County and all individuals that participated in Winterfest. This was first year that it was held at Easton High School. Had over 220 people.

Ron Lewis mentioned school shooting at Great Mills High School. Response went very well from a law enforcement perspective. Concern is EMS tactics in responses. A Tactical Response class is occurring on lower shore this weekend (March 24-25, 2018). EMS providers don't

always know what is expected of them when they first arrive on the scene. Updating active threat guide with regard to warm zones.

Tactical Response classes - some have been scheduled and working on additional classes. Contracts must be in place by April 1, 2018. These classes are also available through MFRI.

There are now have five ambulance strike teams in Region IV.

Regional Reports: Dr. Ciotola - Senate bill 682 - Basically EMS bill requesting that Medicaid and commercial insurances reimburse for MIH. Only resistance at time of presentation was from BC/BS and insurance lobbyists. Biggest resistance now coming from commercial insurance companies with pushback from Medicaid and the Maryland Health Care Commission because of some wording in the bill. Explained the bill and the process that is now occurring. Explained the advantages of approving this bill and the cost savings and reduction in unnecessary 911 calls. This bill would allow a small reimbursement for those calls that do not result in a transport, but do utilize personnel and supplies.

Nicole Leonard- EMS Task Force Stroke Meeting - AHA came out with new stroke guidelines for 2018. Currently there are no changes in the SHS protocol or process, but will be working on updates as needed.

Phil Hurlock - Several applications have been received to replace Rae Oliviera. 23rd Annual Medical Director's Symposium on April 23, 2018, in Sykesville.

Old Business: None.

New Business: John Barto - Would like honest feedback on conference call format. May meeting will be in person only since we will need to elect new officers.

Cyndy - In the process of typing up a Water Safety for Children Grant, with assistance from Cecil County and PRMC. Will have an update at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.