

Region IV EMS Advisory Council, Inc.

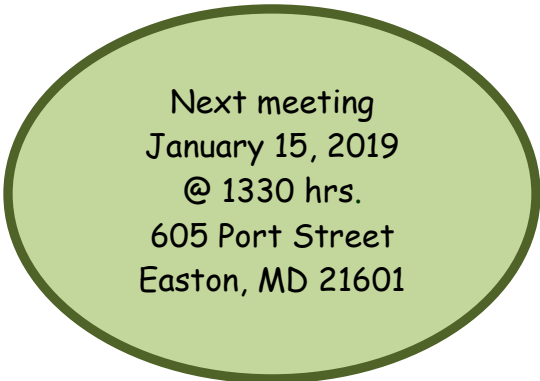
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Scott Wheatley, Chair
Andy Robertson, Vice-Chair
Brian LeCates, Secretary

AGENDA

November 20, 2018 (Rescheduled to December 11, 2018)

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



Next meeting
January 15, 2019
@ 1330 hrs.
605 Port Street
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 11, 2018
Minutes

Attendees: Chris Shaffer, Joseph Ciotola, MD., Scott Hass, Doug Walters, Robert Price, Bobbie Aaron, Barbara Steiner, Bryan Ebling, Brian LeCates, Dr. Chiccone, Anna Sierra, Steve White, Scott Wheatley, David Rice, John Barto, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD.

Call-In: Paul Massarelli, Andy Aswegan, MD., Natalie Evans, Chris Truitt, David Collins, Andy West-McCabe, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Jason Shorter, Michael Parsons.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Anna Sierra to approve the September 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Brian LeCates and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

Dr. Thomas Chiccone:

Dr. Richard Alcorta's last day as State EMS Director was October 31, 2018. The Region IV Council wishes him well in his retirement and thanks him for his leadership at MIEMSS. As of November 1, 2018 Dr. Timothy Chismar is now the State EMS Director.

Dr. Ted Delbridge is now the incoming Executive Director of MIEMSS.

Patricia Gainer, JD, MPA writes: Dr. Ted Delbridge, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS will assume the Executive Director position on February 13, 2019. Dr. Delbridge is one of the country's most knowledgeable and forward-thinking EMS leaders. He is highly experienced in all aspects of the emergency care and EMS. Among many noteworthy accomplishments, he has the principal investigator for the "EMS Agenda for the Future," issued in 1996. I know you will join me in welcoming Dr. Delbridge to MIEMSS and in ensuring that he has a long and successful tenure as Executive Director.

Highlights of 2019 Protocol Changes:

Adult Tachycardia: Algorithm significantly revised. Removal of medical consultation prior to the administration of diltiazem and the addition of blood pressure parameters.

Change in needle decompression: The flutter valve will be an optional piece of equipment.

DNR/MOLST: The list of acceptable procedures for DNR and MOLST B patients has been expanded to include the use of Magill forceps for obstructed airways and capnography.

Fentanyl: Use of fentanyl has moved to the general patient care section and morphine has moved to the optional supplemental protocol.

Medical Consultation Requirement: Changes have been made to the consult requirement for Priority 2 patients.

Stroke window: Changed from 3.5 hours to 20 hours.

Trauma Arrest: Epinephrine will be discontinued for adult patients in traumatic arrest.

Minor definitive care in Baltimore City is handling 3 patients a day - request to expand it to increase numbers.

Airway group is going to reconvene in 2019. OR sites are decreasing, this is holding up RSI applications. Looking into other alternatives.

January protocol review committee will be Jan 30th 2019, will not happen in time for next regional meeting.

Dr. Chiccone thanked John Barto, Scott Wheatley, Judy Micheliche, and all others for helping during the meetings that he couldn't attend.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Cyndi - Has new posters will bring them to the January council meeting.
PEARS offering 8 hr. course for non ALS providers.

EMS Board Report:

No report given

SEMSAC Report:

Scott Hass - Protocol packet was approved in SEMSAC to go to board.

Scott Hass indicated that when he spoke to Capt McMann - SYSCOM calls have to be ready to launch calls – stresses don't call unless you have a flight.

Scott Hass – Suggests calling the hanger on a daily basis because it could be different from day to day depending on pilots, etc.

David Rice - MSP should pay if we are forced to use an out of state helicopter so that the patient does not receive the bill.

Scott Hass- Scott Wheatley's letter on behalf of the council to Pat Gainer was sent and a response was received. – Response letter attached.

Movement through SEMSAC to up the amount the money for grants...won't have anything done until next year and may still be split the same. Refer to SEMSAC minutes.

Dr. Murray Kalish was elected to chairman of SEMSAC.

Regional Affairs Report:

No report given

MIEMSS Report:

John Barto

50/50 Grants Prioritized 5 Lifepac15's will be received.

Powellville – 1 & an additional \$1083 for an upgrade

Talbot DES - 1

Goodwill VFD - 1

Cecil DES – 2

Departments will receive the full 50% in grant money this year.

Thank you to all the people that participated in the call. Some jurisdictions didn't bother to call in and participate which is unfortunate.

Motion to accept prioritization made by: David Rice, Seconded by Anna Serra
All were in favor.

Thank you to Cecil, Queen Anne and Dorchester County for responding to the Survey Monkey.
All other counties please take the time to complete the Survey on Nerve Agent Antidote.

Ron Lewis has taken a new position at Shore Regional as Head of Security.

Region IV Assoc. Admin. Position has been posted on DBM website.

Regional Reports:

Scott Hass - Medical restraints...how does everyone handle them since there are two different ways listed in the protocol book.

There needs to be some clarity on the proper protocol when transporting a person in restraints. Once a person is restrained they are to remain restrained as stated in the protocol book. Clarity is needed on how the officers and EMS should handle transport after a person is restrained.

Scott Hass wants law enforcement to transport. Once a person is restrained the officer should ride along with EMS or transport the person themselves. Some officers refuse to ride along with EMS.

David Rice – EMS can refuse to transport a person that has been restrained by an officer if that officer refuses to ride with EMS.

Anna Sierra – updated the council, Next Gen 911 commission improvement of 911 funding – close the loop hole on how the 911 fee is set up. The fees should have been \$1.00 per line, not \$1.00 per phone bill. An increase in fees is needed. Legislation will be proposed this year to allow counties to raise the fee and correct the way it is billed from \$1.00 per bill to \$2.00 per phone line and raise the state fee from .25 to .50. Anna encourages everyone to come out support why it is important to EMS.

Brian Ebling - Legislation will be proposed and is very important – Costs will be more than double what they are paying now. Just to deliver phone calls to the building is going to at least double but could be more – EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement need to be involved.

Recruit salary raise for 911 call taker dispatcher – EMS may have to follow suit.

Anna Sierra – no one from MIEMSS was asked to participate in the discussions license vs certification, who is running EMD committee?

John Barto– Andy Palarski retired and Steve Goff will be working on EMD meetings.

Cyndi Wright-Johnson - On agenda for January EMD committee...Steve Goff 2019 will have quarterly meetings half in person half by phone.

Scott Wheatley – January 3rd the Delaware / Maryland connection between 95 and 301 will be open.

Bryan Ebling - 5th station expanded going live Jan 1st. No longer split, one in Preston and one in Federalsburg

Anna Sierra – Division Chief Special OPS Greg Fry opioid intervention team - EMS training, grant writing and will attend meetings.

Old Business:

Response letter from Pat Gainer
Senate bill 682 next meeting is Jan 8th at MIEMSS

New Business:

John took Dr. Chismar to a meeting in Somerset County and listened to the points and concerns and a monthly meeting was established with Pat Gainer and Dr. Chismar with Mr. Cox. Looking at results across the entire state.

Brought to leadership's attention - the pass rates and dropout rates, courses managed, are students using the Brady online.
Asked at council what is being done?

No longer a CRT training course at Chesapeake or Wor-Wic.

The council would welcome an update from Pat Gainer and Dr. Chismar on their efforts to work with Maryland Fire & Rescue (MFRI) on the collaboration efforts to improve EMT certification results.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. motion by Anna Sierra, seconded by Brian LeCates