

Region IV EMS Advisory Council

Chris Truitt, Chair
Chris Shaffer, Vice-Chair
KJ Marvel, Secretary



AGENDA September 17, 2024

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Regional Medical Director's Report
4. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report
5. EMS Board Report
6. SEMSAC
7. Regional Affairs Report
8. Mobile Integrated Health Programs
9. MIEMSS Report
8. Agency/Regional Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

Next meeting
November 19, 2024
@ 1330 hrs.
605 Port Street
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 17, 2024
Minutes

Attendees:

In Person: Chris Shaffer, Zach Yerkie, Matt McCormick, KJ Marvel, Amanda Bunting, Doug Walters, Dr. Steve White.

Call In: Nicole Leonard, Shari Donoway, Patrick Robinson, Dwayne Kitts, Patrick Campbell, Mark Bilger, Lisa Lisle, Stephanie Ermatinger, Logan Quinn, Bobbie Jo Trossbach, Tina Kintop, Debbie Wheedleton, Morgan Castiglione, Dr. Uribe, Wayne Tome, Steve Cummins, Falon Beck, Bryan Ebling.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Chris Shaffer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Zach Yerkie to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes as written, seconded by Matt McCormick and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

No Report

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Dr. White – We had a PEMAC meeting on September 4, 2024. We have been working on some of the pediatric protocols that we will be presenting to the protocol review committee. Some that we have been working on included a modification to the wilderness protocol in terms of some specific pediatric pharmacology. In addition, we are looking at the alcohol withdrawal protocol and we are providing some pediatric guidance there as well. We are also looking at increasing the maximum dose of Decadron to treat respiratory issues. We have had extensive revisions to the VFIB protocol as well as the ECPR with access to ECMO. We are also taking a look at IO procedures as well.

PECARN, The Research Network for Pediatrics is recently publishing their algorithm for C-Spine and mobilization. This is something that we will be looking at as well.

EMS Board Report:

No Report

SEMSAC Report:

No Report

Regional Affairs Report:

Chris Shaffer - Rick could not be here but he did leave me some things to report.

- The FY2023 grants are closed. Looks like approximately \$5,400.00 was given back in this region.
- FY2024 grants - All PO's have been issued. We are waiting on the following to submit their invoices: Rising Sun, Cecilton, Churchill and Parsonsburg.
- FY2025 looks like Region IV is going to get about \$95,000 in grant funds. Applications are due back to the regional office by 10/14/24. The approval process will be in November and awarded in December.

MIH:

No Report

MIEMSS Report:

Bryan Ebling –

- The MEMRAD rollout is moving along particularly for the next group of people, which will be the 911 centers. After that, we will be working with the EMSOPS.
- EMT testing is going well. We are still looking for qualified evaluators so if there is anyone interested in being an evaluator, please reach out to Michael or me. We can give you the list of qualifications and put you in touch with the folks that you can talk to about becoming an evaluator for EMT testing.
- The cardiac device grant FY2024 is due to be wrapped up by June. If you are a recipient and have received and paid for your equipment, please get that reimbursement request in as soon as possible.
- The FY2025 cardiac device grant will close on October 14, 2024 at 23:59. The information was sent out last week. However, if you did not receive it please let us know. There will be an HJO meeting scheduled sometime in November to review, prioritize and select the recommended recipients.
- Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program - We have several inspections being scheduled for the next 60 days, so if you are interested in having your units inspected by MIEMSS please let us know.
- I think we mentioned this back in May, but there has been a lot of work being done to upgrade the application and inspection process for the VAIP program. We are looking at

moving over to an Image Trend module. We have been beta testing the module over the summer and it is going fairly well. A couple of the companies that are scheduled over the next 60 days will use the Image Trend module and give their feedback. We are looking at going live Statewide in the first quarter of 2025.

- I would like to remind everybody about the Telecommunicator CPR initiative. By now, each of the QA officers for the EMSOPS should have contacted the PSAP Manager or PSAP director. You should be able to identify what time the 911 specialist identifies that there is a potential cardiac arrest and document that time. In addition, what time the caller has hands on the chest and document that time and those times should be able to go over into EMEDS and into the CARES program.
- There are five training opportunities coming up that I would like to share.
 1. The TidalHealth Trauma Conference will be held on September 20, 2024.
 2. Pax River EMS Conference will be held November 2nd and 3rd, 2024.
 3. Mid Atlantic Life Safety Council will be held on November 3rd and 4th, 2024
 4. Winterfest will be held January 31st through February 2nd 2025.
 5. Miltenberger will be held March 7th – 8th, 2025.

Agency / Regional Reports:

No Report

Old Business:

Zach Yerkie – Scott Haas had started the bylaw subcommittee for the annual review. He had sent out a request for volunteers from the jurisdictions and we only received one other jurisdiction other than Queen Anne's represented. Therefore, he is going to send it back out again, we would like to see more than just two jurisdictions represented when we go through the bylaws.

New Business:

Dave Tyler, the technology manager with Talbot County EMS proposed plan to switch to the Maryland First 700 MHz radio system as a primary source with regard to med patching in our region. The outcome of the proposed changes will be to streamline the way we med patch as well as be able to capture more information than before. Dave reported he has spoken with Rich Berg

at MIEMSS and Rich is in support of the change. Additional discussion will take place on this matter before a final course of action is taken.

Zach Yerkie – I wanted to see if there was interest regionally to a standard with regard to MCI's. If we do get an MCI more than likely, you are going to have two or three jurisdictions in play from the get-go. Therefore, it would be nice to know that they would all be operating on the same sheet of music. If you are interested let me know and I can send something out to you.

Adjournment: Having no further business to come before the council. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07.