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Region V EMS Advisory Council General Membership Meeting Agenda

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11 June 2020

1100-1300

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of Minutes
- III. Report of Chairman
- IV. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
- V. MIEMSS Report
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- IX. Regional Round Table

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Attendees:

Danielle Joy, Christina Woodward, James Laska, Candice Bourgeois, Ben Kaufman, Rebecca Vasse, Tina Kennedy, Michael Cooney, Luis Pinet Peralta, Shawn Davidson, Sara Barra, Robert Hawthorne, Paul Baker, Dr. Rebecca Foster, Captain Lori Cherry, Tessa Smith, Shelle Stine, Michael Lambert, Nicole Norris, Mark Bilger, Katherine Wheeler, John Langenfelder, Jim Richardson, Heather Howes, Cynthia Wright Johnson, Christina Woodward, Candice Bourgeois, Joel Buzy, Marshall Bowen, Erin Parks, Nicole Duppins, David Feist, Mimi Martin, Emily Dorosz, Susan Gonzalez, Bob McHenry, Nicole Norris, Dawn Moreland, Jason Shorter, Karen Baker, Rebecca Hazel, Craig Smith, Dr. Roger Stone

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of Minutes
 - a. Moved to approve: Lori Cherry
 - b. Seconded: Dr. Rebecca Foster
 - c. Approved
- III. Report of Chairman
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- IV. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. Protocol updates are online on the online training center.
 1. A few revisions needed have been noted.
 - a. EPI infusion: Start at 1ml/min & titrate to 10. Now revised to go up to 2ml/min
 - i. Epi has lower complications than dopamine.
 - ii. Want to keep the math as simple as possible.
 - iii. 1mg in a 100ml bag (not 1000 anymore) Start at 60gtts/1drop per second. Increase to 2 drops per second.
 1. Drip beyond that is not likely to have a positive BP effect. If still a need, get medical consult.

- b. Revision document will be out today. All the printed material will have corrected information.
 - c. Update can be watched on Youtube, on Scorm, etc. We ask that the clinician log into the MIEMSS LMS & take the quiz to show they completed it.
 - ii. Fully Licensed pathway is being created.
 - 1. Provisionally Licensed 150 paramedics and over 700 EMTs.
 - 2. Must complete Continuing Education within 6 months of provisional expiration.
 - a. Requirements depends on how they obtained their provisional license.
 - i. Student
 - ii. Lapsed
 - iii. Reciprocity.
 - b. We value their contribution and wish to retain them.
 - 3. Davidson: does con-ed taken after receiving the provisional license apply? Chizmar: yes, we will go back 12 months for the training. Will look to EMSOP leaders to confirm the clinicians have been practicing.
- iii. Hospitalizations below 1000 which is good.
- iv. Alternate destinations for COVID are open with at least a 6-month plan. No immediate plan to demobilize them (convention center Adventist ACS, etc.).
- v. Leaving Pandemic Triage Protocol in place for the time being
- vi. We have tests available for clinicians
- vii. We are working on longer range initiatives as we normalize.
 - 1. EMS Plan
 - 2. State/Local content for ALS recertification update. Content will be online shortly.
 - 3. Seeking to replace the ALS protocol test with an online protocol orientation and test. For new licensees that have NREMT.
- viii. Roger Stone: Any Update with CHATS?
 - 1. Chizmar: @HA is in Beta test: helps clinicians determine wait times at facilities.
 - 2. Working on notification system actively. Evaluating platforms.
- ix. Dr. Stone: Anything EMS relevant from the 2020 legislative session.

1. Chizmar: Nothing specific was passed that relates to us. Going into the next session, we will be seeking to amend the vaccination protocol to include a COVID vaccine as it comes out.
2. Helmet Law repeal will be attempted in the next session.
3. Legislation may be put forward that COVID is a workplace illness for fire/EMS. MIEMSS can't take an official position on any legislation but we can provide support in the form of data.

b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director

i. **Old Business**

1. Reimbursement for non-transport work of EMS
 - a. **ET3 applications (Four jurisdictions) awarded:** Implementation Fall
 - b. **Annapolis & Baltimore Cities, Charles & Montgomery Counties**
 - c. No Change: HSCRC and Individual payors remain situationally aware
 - d. MCFRS filling out Guidance Template requirements by MIEMSS
2. Alternative Transport Destinations: On hold due to Pandemic
3. CHATs – MIEMSS still engaged in advisory and dynamic system proposal
 - a. Any update from Region V administrators?
 - i. Dr. Pinet Peralta: We're still testing the @HA system and it's ongoing.
4. Will ask Dr C if report exists on Statewide Summit Glen Burnie 11/14/19
 - a. Cyndy Wright Johnson: There will be a follow up QI Summit. The original plan was to have it as part of the medical Director's Symposium which has been postponed. If we can't gather in a safe location, it will be done in phases versus as an online meeting that would exceed 6 hours.
 - b. Planning shorter quarterly meetings and form a QI group. Trauma and Pediatric QI Committees already exist. Should make one for EMS.
 - c. All comments and input have been reviewed and the plan is to go through and prioritize the suggestions and comments.
5. Base station Instructors: Ft Washington disrupted by COVID planning and meetings
6. EMS Plan 2020 Plan write-up on 12/18/19 Summit (will ask Dr. D)
7. **COVID- 19**
 - a. Epidemiology beyond scope of this meeting BUT: Hospitalizations < 900
 - b. PSAP screening continues

- c. PUI continue to decrease but suburban Region still has high acuity
- d. Hospitals STILL linger on ICU census: PG and MoCo packed
- 8. 2020 Legislative Session – Dr. Chizmar can update any main bills
- 9. *Mid-Atlantic Transport Conference* still scheduled 10/2/20
- 10. Direct to Triage: We estimate 5% qualify but numbers could be higher

ii. New Business

- 1. COVID 19: Flatten Virus curve but “bulging curve on regular pathology”
 - a. Statewide MIEMSS ID calls now bi-weekly, next 6/24/20
 - b. Statewide PSAP calls bi-weekly, next 6/16/20
- 2. Protocol Updates deadline for August 1st : Special Attention due
 - a. No more Dopamine; Epinephrine drips (ALS)
 - b. Nasal Inhaled Alcohol for nausea (BLS)
 - c. Pediatric TOR (All levels)
 - i. Cyndy Wright Johnson, further training available through EMSC Champions.
 - ii. There is a 30 minute video on pediatric TOR that can be made available by request at pepp@miemss.org
- 3. 25th Annual Medical Director’s Symposium reschedule (pending)
- 4. Future of Statewide EMS meetings (EMSCare, Miltenberger, etc)
- 5. *NAEMSP* 2021 in January – Call for Abstracts
- 6. What from COVID 19 will become the norm going forward?
 - a. What processes can we continue to keep implemented?
 - i. MCFRS have implemented “EMS700” as a duty officer to direct Ambulances to Hospitals.
 - ii. Could more meetings go virtual?
 - b. What should we have done?
- 7. Tonight Baltimore County EMS has an Airway Symposium
- 8. Open Forum or rest of meeting

V. MIEMSS Report

- a. Testing kits. Please document tests on the smartsheet. If you need the link, please contact us to re-send it. mcooney@miemss.org or lpinetperalta@miemss.org
 - i. We need to use up the initial inventory of test kits before the state will send any more.
 - ii. If your EMSOP has additional tests not in use, please let us know so we can redistribute them to where they are needed.
- b. We may want to move to a non-COVID stance but we need to remember that it’s not going away any time soon. As we move to normalization of operations, we must remain vigilant to how it will affect our operations.

- VI. Old Business
 - a. Thank You to Chief Davidson for taking the Chair.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Provisional Clinicians to Licensing: Process has been finally approved and will be published soon.
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
 - i. Davidson: We've all been seeing out people go above and beyond in this crisis and giving our best at what we do. That is commendable on all levels.
- IX. Regional Round Table
 - Prince George's Health Department – Tessa Smith: Nothing to report
 - Montgomery County Health Department – Not present.
 - Charles County Health Department – Not present.
 - Calvert County Health Department – Rebecca Hazel: Nothing to report. .
 - St Mary's Health Department – Partnering with St. Mary's EMS for clinician testing.
 - UM Bowie Medical Center – Nothing to add.
 - UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- Nothing to add
 - UM Prince George's Hospital – Nothing to add.
 - Doctors Community Hospital – Nothing to report.
 - Adventist Fort Washington - Not present.
 - MedSTAR Southern MD – Nothing to add.
 - UM Charles Regional – Nothing to add.
 - Calvert Health – Nothing to Add.
 - MedSTAR St. Mary's Hospital – Nothing to add.
 - WOMC Adventist – Nothing to add.
 - Holy Cross Hospital – Nothing to report.
 - HCH Germantown – Nothing to report.
 - Shady Grove Adventist – nothing to add.
 - Suburban – Nothing to report.
 - MedSTAR Montgomery – Becky Vasse: Rob Hawthorne is the new Base Station Coordinator starting on July 1. Dr. Katy Byrd Continues as the medical director.
 - Children's National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz. They are working to deploy the 3rd annual Pediatric EMS Symposium, but it will likely be virtual. Once we get the details settled, I will distribute the info and would appreciate all of your help to spread the word. Also, I would love suggestions for topics and/or speakers that you would like to see this year.
 - EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson.
 - Conference Schedule Handout.

- CPS project: moving forward with child-in-vehicle program & Safety Seats. Details in Handout. Car Seats available for all EDs in the state. Project continues to distribute as needed. Contact CPS@miemss.org
- EMS Sleep study invitation to participate. Asking for participating EMSOPs. Details in handout.
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not present.
- MSP – Not present.
- US Park Police – James Laska, Nothing to add.
- MSFA – MSFA Convention will be moved to a virtual platform for the conducting of association business and training.
- MFRI – Jason Shorter: All programs that have been suspended have been re-started. Please submit all ALS course requests ASAP for fall and spring: ALS@mfri.org .
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS – Nothing to add.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – nothing to add.
- Calvert County EMS – Heather Howes: Nothing to add.
- Charles County EMS – Capt. Cherry nothing to add.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Chief Davidson: Hired a new EMS Administrator: Dave Stamey.

X. Adjournment

Moved: Capt. Cherry.

Seconded: Heather Howes.

Adjourned at 1229