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Region V EMS Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting Agenda
ONLINE ONLY
12 January 2023
1100-1300

Conference Number: +1 662-441-3146
Participants Passcode: 547 119 853#
Google Meet Link:
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- I. Attendance/Roll Call
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Review/Approval of Minutes
- IV. Report of Chair
- V. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
- VI. MIEMSS Report
 - a. MIEMSS, Dr. Delbridge/Randy Linthicum
 - b. MIEMSS Clinician Services, Beverly Witmer
 - c. Region V, Michael Cooney
 - d. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. UM Laurel Medical Center Move, Dr. Karen Keller-Baker
 - b. ALS Training Grant Prioritization (after meeting with EMSOPs)
- IX. Announcements
- X. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- XI. Regional Round Table

Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Sgt. James Laska, Heather Howes, Mark Bilger, Kristine Kroliczek, Chief Lori Cherry, Randy Linthicum, Paul Schneiderhan, Susan Gonzalez, Linda Rivera, Mark Pettit, Andy Robertson, Lt. Nikki Duppins, Dr. Karen Keller-Baker, Mike Oxenford, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Emily Dorosz, Mike Menefee, Danielle Joy, Dawn Rose, Nancy Wilson (Calvert Health), Dawn Moreland, Kyle Remick, Virginia Schad, David Feist, Jacque Beecher, Tina Kennedy, Jeffrey Foy, Brittany Keys, Crystal Dowd, Erik, DCMC, Brian Dougherty, Patricia Gabriel, Dr. Karen O'Connell, Kelly Skelly, Ben Kaufman, Rashida Stewart, Doug Mayo,

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review of Minutes
 - a. Motion: Howes
 - b. Second; Pettit,
 - c. Vote: Approved.
4. Report of Chair:
 - a. Nothing to Report.
5. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. Hospital/ED Crowding.
 1. COVID/Flu/RSV
 2. Offload Times from EMS units
 - a. Some Hospitals do it very well.
 3. Some Hospitals receive weekly EMS offload Reports.
 - ii. Please Continue Mask & PPE use in the Field.
 - iii. Protocol Review Committee

1. Proposed Changes will be presented to the EMS board in the next meeting.
 - a. Pediatric Respiratory Rate Change
 - b. Reorganization and emphasis for staying on scene with Pediatric patients.
 - c. Inclusion of Shock index & Emphasis of Motor of GCS in the Trauma Decision tree.
 - d. Buprenorphine for MIH Programs
 - e. Adding TXA for Post-Partum Hemorrhage
 - f. IV Nitro Pilot for severe CHF
 - g. Clean up Cardizem protocol.

iv. Legislative Reports:

1. Ketamine
 - a. We are using it appropriately
2. Inter-facility Transport Report
 - a. Challenges for Timely Transport
 - b. Medicaid Pilot:
 - i. Central clearing house for Transports vs. County contracts.
3. ESPP: Reimbursement for excess cost for Medicaid Patients
 - a. Several EMSOPS have successfully used this program
 - b. Must bill centrally via governmental body.
 - c. Working with Managed care on Reimbursement for
 - i. MIH calls
 - ii. Treat no Transport
 - iii. Alternate Destination
4. Education

- a. 318 of the 500 EMT stipends have been paid out. 118 in process, 34 selected but not interested.
 - i. Extensive waiting list.
- b. EMT internship packet being revised
- c. EMT Psychomotor evaluations being revised
- d. Online and in-person training is available.
 - i. Winterfest in February
 - ii. Miltenberger
 - iii. EMS Care in April in Ocean City

b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director

- i. Report attached. Not Present

6. MIEMSS Report

a. MIEMSS, Randy Linthicum:

- i. Ebola Monitoring from Uganda has ended.

b. MIEMSS, Clinician Services, Beverly Witmer Not present. Nothing to report.

c. Region V, Andrew Robertson/Michael Cooney; Nothing to report

d. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson

- i. Handout and report attached.

ii. EMSC will be at the Winterfest Pre-conference on Friday.

- 1. 9:30-3:30 all hands simulation exercise. Looking for field clinicians to test the simulation protocol.

- a. Problems with registration, please contact Danielle Joy or Cyndy Wright-Johnson

iii. PEPP course at Miltenberger on Friday, March 10th.

iv. More upcoming training covered in handouts (attached)

- v. EMS and EMSC Awards: Deadline is March 31, 2023 to nominate Adults for Star of Life and Children/ Youth for Right Care When It Counts. The Pediatric EMS Champions have been challenged to nominate a child from each EMSOP. EMSC

will recognize all children at the regional level and hoping for at least five to be recognized at the state level during May's awards. Awards maybe in Annapolis or done at local stations/ hospitals.

vi.

7. Old Business

- a. CHATS replacement:
 - i. Working on Data Validation
 - ii.
- b. Regional Alert Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Tabled until April's meeting.

8. New Business

- a. UM Laurel Regional Medical Center Move, Dr. Karen Keller-Baker
 - i. New Facility is being built in the same location
 - ii. Same capabilities and staffing
 - 1. Additional focus on Behavioral health.
 - a. 4 ED BH Beds
 - b. Outpatient BH Services
 - 2. 10 Bed OBs Unit (up to 48 Hours)
 - 3. Helipad
 - 4. EMS Entry direct to Ambulance Bay directly off Van Dusen Road
 - iii. Opening Planned for June, 2023
 - iv. Questions?
 - 1. Different Street address? (Chizmar)
 - a. Yes but specifics to be determined.
- b. MIEMSS ALS Training Grant Distribution (After adjournment)
 - i. Voting Attendees: Pettit, Cherry, Howes, Gonzalez

1. Fund St. Mary's and Calvert fully Split remainder between Prince George's and Montgomery.

	Requested	Allotment
Calvert	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Charles	No Request	
Montgomery	\$79,200.00	\$6,600.00
Prince George's	\$59,400.00	\$6,600.00
St. Mary's	\$24,800.00	\$24,800.00
R5 Allotment	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00
	O/U	\$0.00

9. Announcements

a. Cyndy Wright-Johnson

- i. EMS Awards: Champions are trying to find a child in each region to bring to Annapolis.
- ii. Process varies with each Governor
- iii. Very Few nominees. Lots of room available for nominees
 1. Online nominations are available.
 2. MIEMSS Facebook Page has past awards.

b. Kristie Kroliczek, Doctors

- i. BH Pavilion opening at end of February
- ii. Triage Process has been revamped as of 1/6: Up to 11 rooms providing triage of incoming patients
 1. Data supports this move
 2. Ambo triage is a great asset for DTT.

10. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter

- i.

11. Regional Round Table

- Prince George's Health Department – Not Present.

- Montgomery County Health Department – Not present.
- Charles County Health Department – Not present.
- Calvert County Health Department – Not Present.
- St Mary’s Health Department – Not Present.
- UM Bowie Medical Center – Starting to work toward Base Station Process. Susan Gonzalez will be the Base Station Coordinator.
- UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- Dr. Keller Baker: Moving into new facility in June.
- UM Cap Region Health – EMS Offloading: A new set of hallway beds have been designated for EMS offload.
- Doctors Community Hospital – Nothing More to report.
- Adventist Fort Washington –Brittney Keys: Nothing to report.
- MedSTAR Southern MD – Courtney Griffin: Nothing to report.
- UM Charles Regional – Not Present.
- Calvert Health – Nothing to report.
- MedSTAR St. Mary’s Hospital – Nothing to report.
- WOMC Adventist – Nothing to report.
- Holy Cross Hospital –Not Present.
- HCH Germantown –Tina Kennedy: Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Mike Oxenford: Construction continues. Will impact EMS approach over the next month. Information will be forthcoming.
- MedStar Montgomery – Surge capability has been expanded by a total of 12 beds to deal with boarders.
- Children’s National Hospital – Emily Dorosz: Nothing to report.
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not Present.
- MSP Aviation – Not Present.
- US Park Police – James Laska: Nothing to report.
- MSFA – Not present.
- MFRI –Not present
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS- Brian Dougherty, New QA officer.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Chief Kaufmann: Record-setting transport volume last week. Ran out of ambulances. ED managers were very responsive. Thank you.
- Calvert County EMS – Howes: Hiring EMTs and Paramedics. Job announcement for the Medical Director spot. Dr. Finkelstein is interim.
- Charles County EMS – Chief Cherry: Hiring temp P/T EMTs. Chief search ongoing.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Mark Pettit, Dr. Finkelstein is the new Jurisdictional Medical Director. Thank you Dr. Chizmar. Chief Edelen is no longer chief. Look for posting soon. Please forward correspondence to Mark Pettit.

Next meeting April 13, 2023

I. Adjournment

Moved: Gonzalez

Seconded: Howes

Adjourned: 1145