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Region V EMS Advisory Council
General Membership Meeting Agenda
ONLINE ONLY
20 April 2023
1100-1300

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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,
 - d. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
- VII. Old Business
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- X. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- XI. Regional Round Table
- XII. Next Meeting
 - a. July 13th 2023

Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: Paul Schneiderhan, Michael Cooney, Shawn Davidson, James Laska, Adowa Amissah-Robb, Leslie Brown, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Mike Menefee, Heather Howes, Danielle Joy, Dr. Roger Stone, Adrienne Poindexter, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Dr. David Feist, Mark Pettit, Tina Kennedy, Jeffrey Foy, Emily Dorosz, Chief Alan Butsch, Lois Piper, Crystal Henry, Mimi Martin, Gloria Onihna, Chief Terrell Buckson, Stephanie Cleaveland, Kelly Skelly, Chief Ben Kaufman, Susan Gonzalez, Bev Witmer, Rashida Stewart, Crystal Dowd, Chief Lori Cherry, Jackie Beecher, Alex Nemeth,

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review of Minutes
 - a. Motion: Howes
 - b. Second: Laska
 - c. Vote: Approved
4. Report of Chair:
 - a. Nothing to Report
5. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. Annual Protocol updates are being shot (video).
 1. Aiming for a mid-May rollout
 - ii. Adulterant in Fentanyl and heroine, "Horse Tranq" Xylazine
 1. Support Respiration
 2. Naloxone may produce an incomplete response
 - iii. Legislative updates.
 1. EMSOF is predicted to go insolvent. Temporarily patched.

- a. Funding for MSP aviation Radios
 - b. Trauma Centers funding
- 2. Senate Bill 414:
 - a. Commission to expand Firefighting and EMS in Maryland
 - i. Aims to increase recruitment and retention
- 3. House bill 274
 - a. Task force to reduce ED wait times
 - i. Has grown to about 30 individuals
 - ii. MIEMSS is in charge of staffing
- 4. House Bill 288
 - a. Requires Grocery stores making over \$10M and Restaurants making over \$1M Annually to have AEDs
 - i. Some requirements in current public access AED programs are waived for them
 - ii. Tax Credit available via a separate bill
 - iii. Requires reporting to MIEMSS of location
 - iv. December 2024 deadline for MIEMSS to report on usage of AEDs in Restaurants and Grocery Stores
- 5. Senate bill 493
 - a. Commission to establish a fund for Trauma Centers for long-term planning
- 6. Peer Support Bill:
 - a. Modified language to reflect current standards
- 7. Public Access to Mental Health bill
- 8. Bills not passed
 - a. 911 Registration bill for residents with special needs & BH issues

- b. AED requirement for entertainment venues such as theaters, stadiums and concert venues
 - c. Repeal Motorcycle helmet law.
 - d. HB978: Add First Responders to list of individuals against whom it is illegal to make certain types of threats.
 - 9. Annual Ketamine report was submitted. No feedback received to this point. No surprised in the report. Mostly low-dose administration. No evidence of fatalities here in Maryland. Misdosage is within normal parameters.
 - b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
 - i. EDAS program, Update?
 - 1. Cooney: Validating data before we go live
 - ii. Current Virology:
 - 1. COVID-19 Community Transmission and Positivity rates are down. Happy news.
 - 2. Omicron variants are still around. COVID is not gone, just less deadly.
 - 3. PPE Memo: Clinicians should wear PPE while treating patients with URI symptoms. Please respect the facilities requiring PPE.
 - iii. Wall time/TOC times.
 - 1. Still an issue nationwide
 - 2. Encourage all EMSOPs to track numbers on wait times to feed back to hospitals to share understanding
 - 3. Would like to track the impact of DTT program on wait times
 - 4. EMS and hospitals need to work together.
 - iv. Medical Director's Symposium
 - 1. Kudos to MIEMSS staff on running the symposium
 - 2. Keynote speaker on Vector change defibrillation was relevant and useful.

3. Whole blood presentation by Dr. Floccare.
 4. Dr. Anders discussion on pediatric issues. Changes in trauma decision tree in pediatrics, especially seatbelt sign as directing trauma category (Upcoming co-presentation at EMS Care on Trauma Decision Tree by Drs. Anders and Chizmar.) and changes in falls & head impact
- v. Protocol Review Committee
1. Consult requirement changes: Physician may not be required for notification only priority one patients. Must be through the EMRC System
 2. High dose NTG. MCFRS is looking into IV pumps
 3. New MIH OSP for point of care buprenorphine.
- vi. New Memo for Veterinary care and documentation just came out.
1. Documentation will have a low validation score intentionally to prevent it from going into CRISP
- vii. Hyperbaric Chamber outages.
1. Typically out due to staffing but hyperbaric on-call physician is available for consult to other facilities.
- viii. New job listings for Medical Directors at various private ambulance companies.
- ix. EMS Care is next weekend.
- x. Anecdotal uptick in EMS Clinicians being charged criminally or civilly for some actions with patients. Will there be a push to legislate EMS care in the field?

6. MIEMSS Report

- a. MIEMSS, Presented by Dr. Chizmar during Medical Director's Report.
- b. MIEMSS, Clinician Services, Bev Witmer
 - i. BLS Psychomotor Evaluation Tool is being evaluated
 1. It is being built as we need it by ImageTrend

2. Next step to pilot the tool out in the field at select classes with the medical scenario. Pilot starts on July 1st.
 3. Roll it out in phases, gathering feedback and data on the way
 4. Hopefully rolling out the trauma scenario by the end of the year
 5. Meetings in May to share with evaluators and instructors what the scenario and process will look like.
 - a. Focus on reliability and validity of the model
 - b. Model should test entry-level competence
 6. Will try to deliver exams to programs within 2 weeks of program completion
 7. Ask educators to have students complete the initial EMT application within the 1st week of class and educators to submit course roster within the 2nd week of the class so we can track who is going to be testing and who is in the course.
- c. Region V, Michael Cooney
 - d. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
 - i. Award nominees are in and being reviewed. Will be presenting the awards regionally versus in Annapolis.
 1. Working on a new platform for submitting awards.
 2. More information attached.
 - ii. EMSC
 1. Further information available attached.
7. Old Business
 - a. CHATS replacement:
 - i. Working on data validation
 - b. Regional Alert Policy Subcommittee
8. New Business
 9. Announcements

10. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter

- i. On March 20th PGFRS responded to a welfare check on a 14 year old. Found in arrest, able to respond despite bad address and language barriers. Got ROSC and discharge with positive neuro 2 days later.

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- Kelly Skelly, Moving on June 4th, June 3rd going on yellow at 8pm, Mini disaster at midnight, open for business at 7:30 and entrance on Van Dusen Road. Throughput: EMS entrance goes directly to triage. Direct to Triage: Having some patients delivered to waiting room without meeting the DTT protocol. Open for tours.
- UM Cap Region Health – Trauma Designation Visit tomorrow. Please pick up backboards.
- Doctors Community Hospital – Rashida Stewart: Dr Louis Piper: Just opened BH facility. Supertrack process: Vertical care to get DTT working more efficiently and expedite offloads. Trying to triage ambulance patients as they arrive
- Adventist Fort Washington –Brittney Keys: As of April 11, masks are optional. Still doing DTT and collaborating with clinicians. Started piloting a rapid results area where patients can wait for results to free up beds.
- MedSTAR Southern MD – Adrienne Poindexter: Using DTT a lot more. Seeing an increase in BH patients and high acuity patients.
- UM Charles Regional – Not present.
- Calvert Health – Stephanie Cleaveland: Nothing to Report.
- MedSTAR St. Mary's Hospital – Danielle Joy: Nothing to report.
- WOMC Adventist – Masking is now optional, offloading process improving. Nothing more to report.
- Holy Cross Hospital –Adowa Amisah-Robb: Added throughput practice to triage ambulances as they come. Expanded FastTrack area. Majority of patients being seen upfront versus taking beds. BH patients are very high, overloading the designated area with a lot of boarders. Lots of new hires to improve staffing.
- HCH Germantown –Tina Kennedy: Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Leslie Brown, Optional masking. New ambulance entrance. Seems to be working well without issues. Making an effort to improve offload.

- Suburban Hospital – Dr. David Feist: Building out triage and treatment area. Working on clearing out inpatient to improve throughput. Passed trauma reverifications.
- MedStar Montgomery – Not present.
- Children’s National Hospital – Emily Dorosz: Ambulance entrance has a temporary CT Scanner in the way. Will be in place for 10-12 months. Can’t have many units lingering in the driveway. Please let us know if there are any concerns on traffic routing. EMS Week is coming up. Happy EMS week. Activities coming up during the week and welcome our Prehospital Clinicians to visit.
- 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.
- US Secret Service – Paul Schneiderhan: Nothing to report.
- MSFA – Not present.
- MFRI –Not present
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS- Chief Buckson: Recruit class starting up on the 25th. As to DTT: if our personnel are not checking in before we move a patient, please let us know.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Chief Kaufmann: Continue EMS 700 from 0700-2300 every day. Directing disposition of calls. Working with hospitals to monitor ED volume and business, including number of boarders. Making decisions that match patient to best options in care and transport. Help with downgrades and alternate transport. Thanks to the hospitals for participating. Seeing a sustained improvement of drop times and cycle of EMS units. Reduced extended delays >90 minutes.
- Calvert County EMS – Heather Howes: Noting to report.
- Charles County EMS – Chief Cherry: Finalizing choice for assistant chief of EMS starting and academy on May 22.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Chief Davidson: New acting EMS Chief, Tom Raley. Actively hiring Clinicians due to budget approval. Dr. Finkelstein is new full time Medical Director. Kudos to St. Mary’s Hosptial in working with us to reduce drop times.

Next meeting July 13, 2023

I. Adjournment

Moved: Howes

Seconded: Kaufman

Adjourned: 1234