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

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 - a. 10 October 2024

Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

ONLINE

July 11, 2024

11:00am – 1:00pm

Attendees:

Adwoa Amissah, Karen Baker, Paul Baker, Mark Bilger, Terrell Buckson, Tim Chizmar, Michael Cooney, Shawn Davidson, Ted Delbridge, Charles Dorsey, David Feist, Rebecca Foster, Pat Gabriel, Susan Gonzalez, Heather Howes, Robbie Jones, Danielle Joy, Ben Kaufman, Tina Kennedy, B. Keys, Dwayne Kitis, James L., Mimi Martin, Andy Robertson, J. Sanfuentes, Virginia Schad, Anthony Scott, Craig Smith, Roger Stone, Ian Tornberg, Jeffrey Uribe, Yonnia Waggoner, Cynthia Wright-Johnson

I. Attendance/Roll Call

II. Welcome and Introductions – Chair Shawn Davidson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. Review of Minutes

- a. Motion: Heather Howes
- b. Second: Susan Gonzalez
- c. Vote: Approved

IV. Report of Chair – Nothing to report

V. Medical Director's Report

- a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. Protocol application have launched for IOS and should be available on the android platform soon. The e-mail apps@miemss.org is available to give feedback for the app.
 - ii. Spiral order of the protocols will be available on Tuesday and will be available at the Region V office.
 - iii. Memorandum has been sent on the shortage of Esmolol, which is one component of the VFVT protocol changes. Time is unknown on when it will be available due to the supply chain. Staff is asked if you are able to, please grab some of the medicine.
 - iv. Variety of protocol submissions for hypertension and pregnancies, open fractures to alcohol for the July 2025 submission.

- v. Congratulations are given to Many of the hospitals have improved on reducing their EMS transfer of care times.
- vi. EMTs are coming up for renewal. The due dates have been adjusted from June 30th to July 31st. The process remains the same for this cycle as well as the next cycle.
- vii. Memorandum was sent out to the ALS, paramedics and CRTs that the new ALS state content is available on the MIEMSS Online Training Center.
- viii. eMEDs Steering Committee will be held this afternoon at 1:00pm.
- b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
 - i. Working with Dr. Delbridge and Dr. Chizmar on the progress with EDAS (Maryland Emergency Department Advisory System). The progress is on hold due to internal computer issues.
 - ii. Base Station renewals are now underway. University of Maryland Bowie Health Center is in process of becoming a primary base station.
 - iii. Maryland Hospital Association has completed several meetings and completed a 35-page report on hospital and public health activity.
 - iv. Existence of a ground Whole Blood Program in Maryland. There have been 158 ground systems as of June 28th.
 - v. Maryland License tag renewal will soon increase.
 - vi. The practical and skills exam has been discontinued as of June 30, 2024.
 - vii. Honors Mary Alice on her retirement in Maryland and is now re-involved in EMS education in North Carolina.
 - viii. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital will have a base station course coming soon.
 - ix. Looking at two protocols for Labetalol for 2025.

VI. MIEMSS Report

- a. MIEMSS, Dr. Delbridge/Randy Linthicum
 - i. Working with advocacy groups on legislative requirements on defibrillators. All restaurants and grocery stores need AEDs installed by January 1, 2025.
 - ii. MIEMSS is recruiting for a new Director for Clinician Services.
- b. MIEMSS Clinician Services, Beverly Witmer
 - i. EMT/Psychomotor testing has been challenging on how it should be completed.
- c. Region V, Andy Robertson/Michael Cooney
 - i. Patuxent River EMS Conference is coming up in November.
 - ii. Site visit was made in Southeast DC – Cedar Hill Medical Center - to take some of the load in the surrounding hospitals. The center will open in the first quarter of 2025.
 - iii. All the base station protocols have been delivered to the hospitals.
- d. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
 - i. An e-mail has been sent out on continuing education – one on child passenger safety technicians on a webinar tomorrow.

- ii. A webinar is scheduled for September 16th on ambulance crashes. We are awaiting for the final time for the speaker before the flyer is sent out.
- iii. CPEN Review Course will be held in Salisbury for nurses to keep their 100 hours every 4 years of continuing education or to take the 2-day course to update for pediatric emergencies.
- iv. Pediatric Readiness Resuscitation workshop for Winterfest and Miltenberger.
- v. Region V EMSOPs have completed the National Pediatric Readiness assessment.
- vi. New posters that are consistent with the protocols available.

VII. Old Business

- a. Nothing to report

VIII. New Business

- a. Nothing to report

IX. Announcements

- a. Nothing to report

X. Clinician Kudos/Save of the Quarter

- a. Dr. Dan Oschenslaughter, Region V Pediatric Medical Director, retired from Children's Hospital and moved to Kent Island and became the Region IV Pediatric Medical Director, has officially retired as of June 30th. He has received the 1st ever EMSC Lifetime Achievement Award in May.
- b. Two employees at Suburban Hospital were awarded in May at the Maryland Committee on Point/Counterpoint Conference EMS Clinician of the Year Award.

XI. Regional Round Table

- a. Health Departments
 - i. Prince George's County – Not present
 - ii. Montgomery County – Not present
 - iii. Charles County – Not present
 - iv. Calvert County – Not present
 - v. St. Mary's County – Not present
- b. Hospitals
 - i. UM Bowie Medical Center
 - 1. Thanking the Region for the opportunity to apply for becoming a base station facility.
 - ii. UM Laurel Medical Center/UM Capital Region Medical Center
 - 1. UM Laurel Medical Center – No report
 - 2. UM Capital Region Medical Center – Transfer of care times are improving and as well as direct of care transfer times.
 - iii. Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center – No report

- iv. Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center
 - 1. Thanks to Andy Robertson, Prince George's Chief Terrell Buckson and PG's QA Officer on their transfer of care times and data to be accurate.
- v. MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center
 - 1. Had a successful MIEMSS site visit and have been recertified as a stemi center.
- vi. Suburban Hospital
 - 1. Waiting on the next stroke survey
- vii. UM Charles Regional Medical Center – No report
- viii. CalvertHealth Medical Center
 - 1. Stephanie Cleveland has left, Autumn Foster is currently acting.
- ix. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
 - 1. Base Station Course will be held on July 31st at 9:30am.
 - 2. Air conditioning is not working. There are chillers throughout the unit to keep the hospital cooler.
- x. Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center
 - 1. Increasing the beds by 30 on November 1st, which will free space in the ED
- xi. Walter Reed Medical Center
 - 1. Increased beds since April 2023 from 87 to 169.
- xii. Holy Cross Hospital
 - 1. New Senior Nursing Director – Alexis Webster
 - 2. ER renovation will resume in the Spring or late Winter of 2025
- xiii. Holy Cross Germantown Hospital
 - 1. Dr. Haung took the promotion as Chief Medical Officer effective in September.
 - 2. Dr. Ann Price will be the ED Medical Director.
 - 3. Completed the joint commission last month.
- xiv. Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center
 - 1. Will have a new adult side nurse doctor.
 - 2. Finished the MIEMSS CIC re-accreditation.
- xv. MedStar Montgomery Medical Center
 - 1. Process of finding Director of Nursing.
- xvi. Children's National Hospital – No report
- xvii. Shock Trauma – No report
- c. Other Departments
 - i. Malcolm Grow – No report
 - ii. MSP Aviation – No report
 - iii. US Park Police
 - 1. Having staffing issues with retirement, injuries and military leave.
 - iv. US Secret Service – Not present
 - v. MSFA – Not present
 - vi. MFRI – Not present

d. EMSOPs

i. Prince George's County Fire/EMS

1. The Dyer Care Center will open in August.

ii. Montgomery County Fire/Rescue

1. Pete Doogan is the Operations Battalion Chief, Ben Kaufman is the Assistant Chief and Tony Scott is under Quality Management.
2. The 4th EMS Supervisor will be added to the field.
3. The function of the EMS 700 will remain the same.
4. Continuing transport to the crisis center in Rockville.
5. Switching the CPAP device from Kings to Igels within the next two weeks

iii. Calvert County EMS

1. Hiring a few more temporary positions
2. Training on the sapphire IV pump for the ALS providers.

iv. Charles County EMS

1. MIH team in service 24/7 – Paramedic EMT crew on a chase unit.
2. Moving the Directors, Chiefs and Captains from Headquarters on Audi Lane to the Remax Building on Crain Highway and White Plains within the next two months.

v. St. Mary's County EMS

1. Mental health and emotional support in the first responder community and will have a mental health support group will begin at the end of the month.

XII. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, October 10th at 11:00am

XIII. Meeting Adjourned