



## Region V EMS Advisory Council

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15 Mar 2018

Montgomery County Fire & Rescue  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

### Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Alan Butsch, David Stamey, Cyndy W. Johnson, Lori Cherry, Heather Howes, Roger Stone, Emily Dorosz, Mark Pettit, Trudy Hall, Amy Swartz, Lisa Hardesty, Susan Femia, Paul Bauer, Karen Baker, Cindie O'Brien, Susan Gonzalez, Dave Hurley

Via phone: Michael Oxenford, Katy Wheeler, Melissa Smothers, Priya Kuppusamay, Kamelah Jefferson

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Chief Alan Butsch (MCFRS) welcomed EMSAC participants. Thanks to Montgomery County.

#### **Review of the Minutes**

- The minutes from the Dec 2017 EMSAC meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

#### **Medical Directors Report**

- See attached

#### **Report of Chairman**

- PGFD, Charles County, and Montgomery County are participating in Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) and will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual MIH Summit
  - 11 May – Sandy Spring FD – 0900 to 1600
- Chief Butsch and Frankel recently testified for MIH bill

#### **MIEMSS/ Regional Programs Report/ Dr. Alcorta**

- Discussion about the path forward for Cardiac Rescue Technician
  - Will remain current in Maryland but not adding new CRT
    - No more testing/ initial certification after 2020
- Discussion about Advanced EMT level
  - Could this be added into State level of certification
  - 11 April town hall meeting to discuss path forward in Maryland
    - Stakeholders from across the State will attend
- National search for Executive Director
  - Retained a notional firm (Witt) to conduct search



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- Dr. Alcorta will be retiring in Oct
  - Will be bring someone on soon to acclimate to the position – this person will work as a contractor
- elicensure
  - Affiliations now online for submissions
- Medication shortages
  - Essential medications will notify when in shortage
    - Fentanyl
    - Ketamine
    - Cardizem
- eMEDS
  - Moving to Elite platform
    - Reach out to Jason Cantera or Region V Office
    - We will be meeting with all jurisdictions to discuss local implementation
- Opioid Epidemic
  - MIEMSS testifying on path forward for Maryland EMS
    - Discussion about appropriate dosing
    - First responders allowed 4 mg administration
      - Immediately effective
  - Narcan grant program
    - Partial recovery – must submit application to Region V Office
- MIH programs moving forward with 50% of programs being in Region V

### Old Business

- A-EMT discussion
  - Town Hall meeting in April for Statewide input

### New Business

- SHSGP Applications Review
  - Montgomery County application reviewed
    - Active shooter response
    - Will be submitted to Regional Affairs
  - Charles County application reviewed
    - Advanced CONTOMS Course
    - Will be submitted to Regional Affairs
- Laurel Hospital changeover presentation (see attached documents)
  - Now Capital Region Health – partnered with University Maryland
  - New Laurel Medical Center - Campus
    - Transition to Freestanding Medical Center
      - Will keep ED with 20 beds
        - 4 Psych beds available



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### 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
- Laurel Regional Hospital – Upcoming base station course on 20 March 2018
- Prince George's Hospital – No Report
- Doctors Community Hospital – No Report
- Fort Washington – Will be pursuing becoming a base station hospital
- Southern MD – Not present
- Charles Regional – Not present
- Calvert Memorial – No Report
- St Mary's Hospital – No Report
- WAH – No report
- Holy Cross Hospital – Noted drug shortages
- HCH Germantown – No Report
- Shady Grove Adventist – No report
- Suburban – No report – ongoing construction
- MedStar Montgomery– Increase in behavioral health patients noted
- Children's National Medical Center – Emily reported there will be upcoming training, offer free of charge on 04 August 2018. Please mark the date and further info will be distributed.
- EMSC – see attached report and handouts
- Shock Trauma – Not Present
- Malcolm Grow – Not present
- Walter Reed – Not Present
- MSP – Not Present
- US Park Police – No report
- MSFA – Not Present
- MFRI – Academic year ending – jurisdiction submit for classes last half 2018
- Prince George's County Fire/EMS – Pyxis systems out in system -new recruit class – Brian Frankel promoted Deputy Chief – Earnie Lindquist new EMS Asst Chief
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – 2<sup>nd</sup> MIH Summit will be held May 2018 – changing to Elite platform 01 July 2018 – starting new Stop the Bleed Program
- Calvert County EMS – No Report
- Charles County EMS – MIH program received Governors Award – new Stop the Bleed Program -
- St Mary's County EMS – No Report