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Region V EMS Advisory Council General Membership Meeting Agenda

ONLINE ONLY
20 January 2022
1100-1300

Conference Number: +1 662-441-3146

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- I. Attendance/Roll Call
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Review of Minutes
- IV. Report of Chair
- V. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
- VI. MIEMSS Report
 - a. MIEMSS, Dr. Delbridge/Randy Linthicum
 - b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney
 - c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - i. ALS Grant Allocation (End of meeting?)
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- X. Regional Round Table
- XI. Next meeting: April 14th, 2022 11am

Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Michael Cooney, Chief Lori Cherry, Heather Howes, James Laska, Mark Pettit, Mike Menefee, Mark Bilger, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Craig Smith, Chief Steve Finch, Luis Pinet Peralta, Dr. Jason Finkelstein, Adowah Amissah-Robb, Paul Schneiderhan, Kenneth Miller, Ben Kaufman, Jim Richardson, Danielle Joyh, David Feist, Brittany Keys, Dr. Karen Keller Baker, Courtney Griffin, Mike Oxenford, Randy Linthicum, Chief Terrell Buckson, Dr. Tuanah Vu, Dr. Timothy Chizmar, Dr. Roger Stone, Bob McHenry, Rebecca Vasse, Dawn Moreland, Emily Dorosz, Jim Richardson, Kyle Remick, Virginia Schad, Kelly Skelly, Linda Rivera (Doctor's), Captain Nicole Duppins, Stephanie Cleaveland

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review of Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept: Laska
 - b. Seconded: Pettit
 - c. Approved
4. Report of Chair
 - a. Nothing to report
5. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director:
 - i. CHATS Alert System;
 1. Poll was sent 70/30 in favor of suspension of colors system
 - a. Supportive of replacing system instead of just shutting off.
 - b. Will wait until EDAS is operational before cutting off CHATS

- i. Not removing trauma bypass, re-route and code blue
 - ii. Thank you everyone for their vigilance in the hospitals and in EMS.
 1. Adult hospitalizations have dropped to just below 3K for the first time in a while.
 - iii. Some of our programs to mitigate load have yielded success
 1. Pandemic triage protocol
 - a. 105 patients screened in the first 19 days of 2022 with 74% able to remain at home.
 - i. Less than 3% require ED visits within 24 hours
"Bounce back"
 - b. Couple with guidance on where to find tests will help reduce load on the ED.
 2. Direct to Triage:
 - a. Most EMSOPs are participating.
 - i. 130-200 patients per week statewide are being transported directly to triage. Good work.
 3. Public notices
 - a. All prior provisional EMTs that were to expire on 2/11 have been extended to 5/11. Hope that they convert their provisional to full license
 - b. Added provision for new provisional EMT until November of this year.
 - c. All who were to expire on 12/31/21 have been extended to 1/30/22
 - d. CRT, EMT & paramedics as vaccinators. Back in play
 - e. EMTs field internships requirement prior to cognitive test has been removed. Order has been altered. They still have to complete one but the
 4. Protocol additions

- a. Extraglottic airways expanding
 - i. King, Air Gel, LMA, IQ
- b. Medication additions
 - i. TXA 1g dose
 - ii. Troperidol 2.5mg
- c. Office of Clinician services has done a ton of work to put education online.
 - i. All 10 hours of state contact for ALS are available online
 - ii. New content launching in April.
 - iii. BLS Abuterol and Manual Draw epinephrine are available in the online training center
 - iv. QA/QI officer training course is now online, Congrats Dr. Pint Peralta
- d. MHCARS Maryland Commercial Ambulance Resource system
 - i. Hospitals can post patients that need commercial transport where their contracted service is not available.
 - ii. Medicaid has strict rules about using contracted vendors. Working through it.
 - iii. Goal is to decompress the hospitals as much as possible
- e. SB 70: Treatment of Service dogs
 - i. Extends immunity to clinicians to provide care or decline
 - ii. Included language to provide additional training for clinicians for Tx of K9s
- f. Upcoming conferences going online:
 - i. Winterfest and Miltonberger

g. Looming drug shortages

- i. Epinephrine & Pre-filled syringes. Look for a guidance memo on how to dilute 1:1000 to 1:10,000

- 1. Tough decisions to go to alternate suppliers for pull from low usage units due to supply shortages.

- ii. Questions:

- 1. Dr. Baker: Does MHCARS include level of care?
 - a. Dr. C. Yes. Very basic system that doesn't share PHI.
 - b. System is for people who have been languishing for a long time and there's no viable transport for the next few hours. No firm guidance
 - 2. Dr. Luis Pinet Peralta: Behavioral Health patients, MHA: Is this something that will help with that or is that handled elsewhere?
 - a. Behavioral health is being handled by Sheppard-Pratt. Not something we're directly involved in.
 - b. Dr. Stone: is there anything that prohibits using the MHCARS for BH patients? Dr. C. No but the hospitals have to sort out reimbursement and navigating Medicaid.

b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director

- i. CHATS replacement

- 1. New Advisory System to replace colors
 - 2. In late construction phase

- ii. OMICRON:
 - 1. Dangerous to unvaccinated
 - 2. Less virulent and dangerous to the vaccinated.
- iii. Access to alternative transport destination
- iv. Protocol updates are coming Be on the lookout for 11 of them
- v. National meeting of EMS physicians. Maryland has been involved.
 - 1. Meeting was held in –person in San Diego with over 900 attendees
 - a. Maryland presented at least 3 posters
 - b. 5 invited presentations authored or represented by Maryland Colleagues.
 - i. Included best pediatric oral presentation.
Congratulations, Dr. Anders
 - c. Shared our experience with ET3 enrollment and program
- vi. To Dr. Chizmar, Anything new on Supplemental Payment program?
 - 1. Dr. C. We should see an update in spring
- vii. Charles County: success at 2 year mark of the RQI & RQIT training program.
- viii. New Business:
 - 1. Drop times: State is reminding EMSOPs that the viral pandemic protocol is still available to work with qualified patients to stay home with viral illness. It's a low hanging fruit solution for patients who may not necessitate a visit to the ED.
 - a. Baltimore City is reporting low acuity patients on fire apparatus due to lack of EMS transport resources. Is this a “canary in a coal mine” for high usage and low resource situations state wide?
 - b. Calvert EMS: Has considered use of staff to monitor patients in ED, waiting for beds to release units back to

service. Curious to hear what their data is from this program

2. Senate bill to allow EMS Clinicians to provide care for police K9 to the best of their ability.

6. MIEMSS Report

a. MIEMSS,

i. Randy Linthicum:

1. We still have testing kits and PPE. Put in your requests

b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney

i. Dr. Pinet Peralta:

1. QA/QI training program is online and we're very proud of it.

- a. Addresses improvement and leadership

- b. 10 modules total

- c. People who are in QA/QI roles officially have 6 months to complete the course.

2. Working with MWCOG for regional trauma plan

- a. All EMSOPS are welcome to contribute

- b. Working through notification process.

3. Research Interest Group

- a. Working on project in Epinephrine, Mis-coded PCRs, behavioral health, and protocol evaluation

- b. If you're interested in attending and participating, you are welcome.

4. Base Stations renewal is ongoing

ii. Michael Cooney

c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson

- i. Thanks for recognizing Dr. Anders

- ii. College park VFD: thanks for participating in CPR research: Good findings.
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- iii. Manikins are available in the Region V office.
 - 1. We also have 2 infant trach manikins
 - 2. We have video & online LMS for the training. Will share via FB page.
- iv. QCPR Jr with ALS heads are on order, delayed due manufacturing.
- v. Champions: Virtual forums are working well. May champions meeting is being planned.
 - 1. Feb 18 In-person PEPP Class in Easton
 - a. Big venue and spread out
 - b. Southern Maryland: look to the summer.
- vi. EMS Awards: Get your nominations in!!! We already have one for EMD. Recognitions are scheduled for May.
 - 1. Recognitions may be distributed again. We may be coming to you
- vii. Thank you Charles and Montgomery for completing their EMS surveys
- viii. 100% of our Hospitals have been completed but they state they don't have inter-facility guidelines.

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. ALS Grant Prioritization (end of meeting)

9. Announcements

- a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
 - i. None

10. 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 – Nothing to report.
- UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- Nothing to report
- UM Cap Region Health – Nothing to report.
- Doctors Community Hospital – Linda Rivera: nothing to report
- Adventist Fort Washington – Brittany Keys. Nothing to report.
- MedSTAR Southern MD – Nothing to report
- UM Charles Regional – Not Present
- Calvert Health – Nothing to report
- MedSTAR St. Mary’s Hospital – Nothing to Report
- WOMC Adventist – Not Present
- Holy Cross Hospital –Ms. Amisah-Robb. Nothing to report.
- HCH Germantown –Tina Kennedy : Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Noting to report
- Suburban – Not Present
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Menefee Nothing to report. .
- Children’s National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz, nothing to report.
- EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson:
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not Present .
- MSP Aviation – Not Present
- US Park Police – James Laska Stepping down as Chief Medic. Replacement will be Sgt. Samuel Karns.
- MSFA – Not Present
- MFRI –Not present
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS – Chief Buckson: Working on Drop times. Still on Blue alert. Have incorporated a transport office to help distribute. Working on scalability. Seeing a small improvement. Hoping to continue. Have instituted a Multi-patient management General Order to assist with units held at a hospital:



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

3. EMS-800

- a) Perform a system assessment and make recommendations to the Duty Chief.
- b) Report to hospitals with excessive EMS units to facilitate transfer of care and release of units.
 - (1) Have EMS transport units complete a short form to reduce hospital turnaround time.
- c) Multi-Patient Management – Transfer multiple BLS patients to a single EMS unit at a receiving facility.
 - (1) Maximum 3 patients to one EMS crew.
 - (2) Short form will be completed by the transporting unit.
 - (3) Once a patient is off-loaded, the transport unit will immediately return to service.
- d) Coordinate with the Northern and Southern EMS Duty Officers and Battalion Chiefs.

4. EMS Provider

- a) Complete a short form to reduce turnaround time at the hospital.
- b) Multi-Patient Management – Transfer multiple BLS patients to a single EMS unit at a receiving facility, only in consultation with an EMS Duty Officer.
 - (1) Maximum 3 patients to one EMS crew.
 - (2) Short form will be completed by the transporting unit.
 - (3) Once a patient is off loaded, the transport unit will immediately return to service.

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- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Dr. Stone:
 - Personnel Changes QA: In the process of filling the position. Captain Burns from the QI office has promoted to Battalion chief. Still helping in process of transition.
 - Have had success with an EMS destination officer in the last surge and have put it back in service for this surge.
- Calvert County EMS –
 - Monitor at Calvert Health: Stephanie Cleaveland, has had a significant decrease in drop times by having a dedicated crew.
 - Ken Miller: Struggling with Offload times like other jurisdictions. Worked with Stephanie put an EMS & ALS clinician in the hospital during surge. 22% reduction in hold time and average drops are at 30%. “Continuation of Care Monitoring Policy” Policy is set up to be activated and deactivated as needed. Cannot take patient transfer from out of county unit. Looking forward to seeing its benefit.
 - Heather Howes: Reminding neighboring counties. Calvert’s CAD does not feed to @HA so it shows no units at Calvert Health when there are. Richardson: working on getting the cad data to get

- Charles County EMS – Chief Cherry, Thank you for reaching out after Ambulance Accident after last week.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Nothing to report. Thanks to Drs. Chizmar and Stone for Standing in as our medical director
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I. Adjournment

Moved: Howes

Seconded:

Adjourned: 1215