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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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Attendees:

Dr. Roger Stone, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Craig Smith, Dr. Luis Pinet Peralta, Dr. Karen Keller-Baker, Danielle Joy, Chief Shawn Davidson, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Capt. Nicole Duppins, Shellee Stine, Patricia Gabriel, David Feist, Dr. Kyle Remick, Heather Howes, Capt. Lori Cherry, Chief Steve Finch, Shakeira Mitchell, Paul Schneider, Chief Alan Busch, Tina Kennedy, Chief McHenry, Dr. Jason Finklestein, Terri Marshall, Chief Ben Kaufmann, Rebecca Vasse, Courtney Griffin, Laure Murdock, Terry Marshall, Dr. Karen O'Connell, Dr. Doug Mayo, Dr. Joel Buzy, Yonnia Waggoner

- I. Attendance/Roll Call
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Review of Minutes
 - a. Motion to Accept: Heather Howes
 - b. Seconded: Lori Cherry
 - c. Approved
- IV. Report of Chair
 - a. Nothing to report
- V. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. Thank you for all the hard work you're doing.
 - ii. EMT vaccinator program is available. Well over 500 EMTs have taken the training.
 1. Available on the MIEMSS LMS Site.
 - iii. ALS Recertification State Content (10 hours) is available on the MIEMSS online training site (www.emsonlinetraining.org). This is a requirement for completion no later than 3/31/2022 for all ALS clinicians.
 - iv. COVID: 788 Hospitalizations. Not seen since early Nov.
 1. Still transporting 113 PUIs/day with 30 confirmed. Down by 1/3 from the peak in December and early January.
 - v. CDC has released new guidelines. MIEMSS has not taken a position on that due to the large number of the population still unvaccinated. Would still urge mask use as much as possible until more people are vaccinated.

- vi. Base Station Course assessment is online. The course is still provided by the hospital using video teleconferencing software, then attendees login to www.emsonlinetraining.org and take the test after the course.
- vii. Governor's press Conference: Expiration of some licenses that were extended by Executive order. More information from MIEMSS to follow, but appears that extensions may expire by June 30th. Clinicians that are on only the COVID extension, should be taking continuing education now in preparation. This would not apply to provisional licensees, who have up to 180 days after termination of the emergency to convert to full licensure, if desired.
- viii. Vaccination Survey: Kudos to the EMSOPs that participated. Most EMSOPs in the state are taking part in vaccination of their personnel and the public.
- ix. C4 is running and well. Have capability to run it at least through June 30th and we hope to continue after that date.
- x. @HA program is online and live. Hopefully clinicians will find it useful. A mass email was sent out yesterday with the link and information to all EMS clinicians.
 - 1. Color coded alerts will be retired in the future. No firm date. Will transition to a new system. No further details.
- xi. Dr. Stone continues as acting medical director for Prince George's Fire & EMS
- xii. Medical Directors symposium will be online on 4/14/2021. CME will be available for physicians and EMS QA/QI officers.
- xiii. Bills in Annapolis that are still in Committee:
 - 1. Vaccine bill that proposes to enable EMS to provide any vaccination on CDC schedule of immunizations.
 - 2. Ketamine bill: Senate bill 78: Mostly a police-oriented bill, but aims to restrict ketamine use by statute. MIEMSS urged unfavorable report.
 - 3. Reimbursement for calls that do not result in transport separate from the ET3 program.
 - 4. Increase Medicaid reimbursement for EMS gradually over time to bring the rate in line with other states, from \$100 to \$300 per transport.

b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director

- i. ET3 Participation in MD: 207 Jurisdictions participating nationwide. 4 in Maryland are participating. MCFRS implemented on Jan 1. Currently gathering patients to participate in telehealth & remote care.
- ii. COVID-19: 209 in ICU. That's half from 3 months ago.
- iii. Epidemiology different from last meeting: 788 hospitalized, 209 ICU, 3.6% +
- iv. (As opposed to Hospitalizations > 1,650, near 400 ICU, positivity > 7.5%)
- v. TOR swab rates in Montgomery County went from 24% to <5% over last month-6 weeks
- vi. Emails from Pete Fiackos on con ed. They are very handy for those who need refresher courses before deadline. Email him for distribution.
- vii. Protocol Updates approved by September 14th 2020:
 - 1. Anything from Dr. Chizmar?
 - a. Albuterol administration by BLS
 - b. Glucometer use by BLS Clinicians
 - c. Ketamine for Agitated delirium.
 - d. Rollout of the statewide stroke routing for LAMS score of 4 or greater.
 - i. Several centers in region V have come onboard.
 - 2. OSP: BiPAP and Humidified HHNC
 - 3. New PRC season active in considering new protocols
- viii. Hospital Link for Student Clinicals released just after last meeting 12/16 email
- ix. Statewide 911 Communications – RQI-T for EMD presented at ENSB, RQI for ground HPCPR presented at March 4th SEMSAC
- x. Don not forget looming NREMT Deadline: Medical Director sign offs by 3/31/21
- xi. Don't forget legislative session: HB 78: Ketamine Bill in committee
- xii. There is a State Chapter of NAEMSP with slate of Officers: Matt Levy president, Chizmar, VP
- xiii. Questions:
 - 1. Dr. Baker, Are we going to be asked to approve flights for stroke patients?
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, You should not. The protocol does not include any new consultation requirements beyond the transport times.

VI. MIEMSS Report

- a. MIEMSS, Dr. Delbridge/Andrew Naumann
 - i. Not Present
- b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney
 - i. Dr. Pinet Peralta:
 - 1. Base station site visits due this year. M. Cooney is leading this effort for the region V office and will confirm and schedule these visits.

2. Working with the Metropolitan COG EMS Subcommittee on several fronts including
 - a. Cardiac device consortium purchase
 - b. Solution Development Worksheets for project funding proposals
 - c. Dr. Remick's proposal for a civilian-military partnership on large-scale emergency preparedness for the NCR
 3. Working on a potential QA pilot training for southern MD. Already completed a needs assessment and currently exploring logistics and planning
 4. 2021 Virginia EMS Symposium call for presentations ended March 5th. Event scheduled for 3-7th of November in Norfolk VA.
 5. Regional Burn MCI Taskforce on a burn plan and TTX scheduled for 22 April, 9a-12p. Planning is underway and looking for FD/EM/Hospital/EMS/PH participation.
 6. NAMIWalks 2021 scheduled for 22 May 2021. Virtual event looking for sponsors and participants. NAMI Maryland reaching out to EMS/Crisis teams/MIH
 7. Invitation to all EMS clinicians to the RIG meetings and engage in research. RIG currently working on several projects. Region V office with 2 active protocols (1 with PG) on EMS quality and on behavioral health. DC is collaborating with the NSC on research through the RIG. Opportunities to work on the International Paramedic Registry, education research through Fisdap.
- ii. Michael Cooney:
 1. Point of order, we will hold the ALS grant prioritization discussion until the end of the meeting to respect everyone's time as it typically only concerns the EMSOP leaders. It's work that's normally done by the regional education council but we don't have one.
- c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
 - i. Stars of life and Right Care When it Counts. Have few nominations. Please submit your nomination. Especially the Leon Hayes award. No nominations yet.
 - ii. Continuing Education available: Winter of Winterfest opened Feb 1 and goes through May 1. 12 Hours of EMS CE (4.5 T /4.5 M/ 3Local). All accessible on the MIEMSS online Training Center. EMT Skills 3/26 still has openings in Easton. PEPP 3/26 still has openings in Easton. Contact Talbot EMS to register or links from MIEMSS website or the Winterfest FB page.

- iii. A huge thank you to all EMSOPs across the state. All completed the Federal EMS assessment in time and we now have an EMS Champion for pediatrics for every jurisdiction. Amazing effort by all during the pandemic.
- iv. Hospitals will be asked to participate in the delayed 2021 hospital assessment. 100 question, 20 page comprehensive assessment. Webinars of how to do it will be made available and bi-weekly “office hours” online to answer questions about the federal survey.
- v. Prevention: May 1st is national Heatstroke awareness day. Education efforts underway that’s it’s never acceptable to leave a child in a car.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. UM Prince George’s Hospital Center move from Cheverly to Largo
 - i. Moving June 12th
 1. Friday June 11 at noon, PGHC will be on reroute
 2. Midnight will be on Mini-disaster
 3. New facility will open and accept patients at 8am on the 12th.
 4. Walk-in patients will be accepted until 8am on the 12th.
Afterwards, an ALS unit from PGHC will be on standby for emergent walk-ins.
 - b. MIEMSS ALS Grant prioritization
 - i. Tabled until after the main meeting to respect everyone’s time.

IX. Announcements

- a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
 - i. Chief Davidson: Extremely proud of the Vaccination partnership. Strong leadership from County health officer. 25K shots distributed already.

X. 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 – Dr. Keller-Baker is reporting for all 3 UM Capitol Regional Health Hospitals
- UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- See Above

- UM Prince George's Hospital – See ABOVE
- Doctors Community Hospital – Not Present
- Adventist Fort Washington – Not Present
- MedSTAR Southern MD – Nothing to report
- UM Charles Regional – Shellee Stine: Yonnia Waggoner will be taking over as base station coordinator along with Brandi Shymansky. Dr. Campbell will continue as base station medical director.
- Calvert Health – Not present
- MedSTAR St. Mary's Hospital – Danielle Joy. Nothing to add.
- WOMC Adventist – Not Present
- Holy Cross Hospital –Nothing to report.
- HCH Germantown – Tina Kennedy: Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Dr. Joel Buzy, ET3 program is in play with the telehealth program. Numbers are not high but the successes are high
- Suburban – Thrombectomies: done 9 so far. 8 had complete perfusion with positive outcome
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Becky Vasse: Nothing to report.
- Children's National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz Nothing to report.
- EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson: Nothing to add.
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Nothing to add.
- MSP – Kyle Remick: NCRTEMS system is ongoing. Dual purpose to organize mil resources to provide optimal role for casualty care for injured service members and to ensure that clinical personnel are ready to deploy. Dr. Pinet Peralta has been participating in the calls. Interfacility transport capability being developed to have ground and air capability between military facilities in the NCR which stretches from Aberdeen to Quantico, and Patuxent River. To help transport service members from Civiialn failictis to military care.
- US Park Police – Connor Ryan, Not Present
- MSFA – Nothing to add.
- MFRI – Not Present
- Prince George's County Fire/EMS – Captain. Nicole Duppins. Thanks for Drs. Stone and Chizmar for helping us out. Chief Frankel is retiring 3/20
 - Dr. Stone: Kudos to Captain Duppins and St. Sarah Brewster. It was a pleasure working with them as medical dir. Seconded by Dr. Chizmar: including Captain Jiron
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Chief Ben Kaufman: ET3 program is off to a slow start but offering alternative destination by partnering with Kaiser and Adventist. Dr. Buzy's physician group is available for telemedicine. Looking to increase involvement. EMS supervisor is working 24/7 to direct ambulances to the correct destination and working in cooptation with the EDs who are constantly updating their status. Still off to

a slow start. Likely due to higher acuity of 911 calls during COVID and reduction in low-acuity calls.

- Calvert County EMS – Heather Howes: Still looking for Career EMS division chief. Hiring EMTs and Paramedics. Most clinicians that requested the vaccine have received it.
 - Dr. Stone: congratulations to Dr. Finkelstein to associate medical director position.
 - Dr. Finkelstein, 2nd EMS physician to support career division development and increased workload.
- Charles County EMS – Lori Cherry: In a state of change. Chief filer has left. Acting Chief Steve Finch has stepped in. Promoting and hiring to fill growth needs. Busy spring coming. Chief Finch: Hello everyone. Looking forward to working with you all. Busy time with all the transition and support of vaccination at the stadium.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Chief Davidson: Lots of changes going on. Hiring and integration planning is going on to incorporate career EMS into a volunteer system. Kudos to Chief Stamey on his work to develop a viable long-term plan to do something brand new. Will be looking to hire. Vaccine process is ongoing with largely an all-volunteer staff. David Stamey: Excellent parity and communication between volunteer and career. Current contract staff will be mostly hired by county and hiring will continue for command staff. Volunteer departments will also participate in the corps of Medical Duty Officers. Working through budget process. Recently purchased Lucas devices for all frontline ambulances and chase cars.

XI. Adjournment

Moved: Danielle Joy

Seconded: heather.

Adjourned: 1219