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## Region V EMS Advisory Council General Membership Meeting Agenda

ONLINE ONLY

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1100-1300

Conference Number: +1 662-441-3146

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Google Meet Link:

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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. EMSCare May 11-15, Ocean City
- IX. Announcements
  - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- X. Regional Round Table
- XI. Next meeting: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11am

## Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

ONLINE ONLY  
20 January 2022  
1100-1300

### Attendees:

Michael Cooney, Captain Robbie Jones, Heather Howes, James, Mark Pettit, Danielle Joy, Craig Smith, Cyndy Wright Johnson, Al Jeffries, Brittany Keys, Andy Robertson, Nancy Wilson, Tim Ryan, Paul Schneiderhan, Mark Bilger, Shawn Davidson, Dr. Timothy Chizmar, Bob McHenry, Dr. Roger Stone, Linda Rivera, Patricia Gabriel, Tessa Livingston, Dr. Doug Mayo, Chief Steve Finch, Carol Ann McHenry, Mike Menefee, Susan Gonzalez, Virginia Schad, David Feist, Chief Ken Miller Dawn Moreland. Tina Kennedy, Mike Oxenford. Courtney Griffin, Emily Dorosz, Kelly Skelly, Dr. Ted Delbridge

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Chief Davidson: thank you for your support during my husband's death.
3. Review of Minutes
  - a. Motion to accept:
  - b. Seconded: Al Jeffries
  - c. Approved
4. Report of Chair
  - a. Nothing to report
5. Medical Director's Report
  - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director:
    - i. Protocol
      1. Midway through filming video update. Hopefully available mid-May
        - a. Will be added to online training center
      2. Expanding acetaminophen for fever and pain management in peds.

3. Revising Cardiac Arrest Protocol regarding Sodium Bicarb and Calcium Chloride
  4. Adding Critically unstable protocol to resuscitate before xport
  5. Formally adding direct to triage protocol.
  6. Adding Troperidol to replace haloperidol
  7. Expanding Extraglottic airways. Please let us know if you elect to change from the king. State will provide didactic training but the EMSOPS must certify their own people
  8. TXA For Hemorrhagic shock
  9. Adding Ventricular assist device protocol for Pts. With VADs that are unstable
  10. Memos and Video updates to follow shortly.
- ii. Several hospitals are receiving weekly transfer of Care time reports.
    1. Some are doing well and others are using it as a tool to improve ambulance wait times
    2. If you'd like to receive them, contact Dr. Chizmar.
  - iii. EMT Stipend program
    1. Up to \$2k for EMT students that pass
    2. One time funding. Good recruitment tool.
  - iv. Collaborative workgroup to develop a working relationship with Police for agitated patients to get patient the right care while minimizing harm to patient.
    1. Hoping to provide some education and broad guardrails for conduct.
- b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
- i. Old Business:
    1. COVID-19: Watching variants in the UK, Japan and China. Recombinant variant. More transmissible. Hoping it's not as severe in causing disease.

2. Ketamine: Maryland is being appropriately aggressive in trying to manage for inappropriate use. Requires good coordination and communications between field clinicians and base station

ii. New Business

1. ACEM 2022 meeting begins on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's coming to Baltimore. There's still registration slots available. Encouraged to sign up.;
2. EMSCare 2022 in Ocean City May 11-15. EMTs can get all their Con-ed credits.
3. Salisbury & Ocean City have just formed new JEMSOPs
4. Funding for COVID Testing is no longer secured by congress. There are still state and health department testing sites where testing can be obtained for no cost to the patient. Commercial testing is no longer covered.

6. MIEMSS Report

a. MIEMSS,

i. Dr. Delbridge:

1. Legislation:

- a. SB287: removed sunset for Paramedics as vaccinators. Extended for 2 years
  - i. EMS Personnel gave over 100K vaccines in the first 5 months of the pandemic.
- b. SB295: Medicaid reimbursement for EMS services
  - i. Medicaid pays \$100 per transport. Now it's increased to \$150 and covers treatment without transport and MIHC/alternate destination.
- c. Bill for confidentiality for peer support activities among Fire & EMS personnel
  - i. MIEMSS and Behavioral Health Administration are tasked with producing a report about optimal process for peer support.

- d. SB515: Did not pass.
  - i. Recognizing training of park personnel to be an EMR.
  - ii. Need to be part of an EMSOP. Park service may become an EMSOP.
- e. State EMSAC has a group examining what an EMSOP or JEMSOP really is and providing some clarity on the issue.
  - i. Layout responsibilities and authorities of JEMSOP Vs. EMSOP
- f. 13 JEMSOPS participated in the supplemental reimbursement program and CMS to offset difference between Medicaid and actual cost. Split 50/50 between Federal government and the EMSOP.
  - i. Is a lot of money in some cases. Infuses about \$81M into the EMS Systems in the state.
- g. Personnel Changes at MIEMSS:
  - i. Anna Aycock will retire at the end of the FY. Actively looking to fill the vacancy.
  - ii. Seeking a Perinatal expert to fill a vacancy on our team
  - iii. MEMRAD is becoming obsolete & we will have a replacement rolled out by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - 1. Will keep CHATS limping along for a bit longer.
    - 2. Working on EDAS, which will focus on ED Census vs. Capacity & will be available for field clinicians to make live transport decisions.
  - iv. Questions?

ii. Randy Linthicum:

b. Region V, Michael Cooney

c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson

- i. Flyer sent out.
- ii. All of the pediatric champions will be at EMS Care. Looking forward to being back together.
- iii. Thank you to those that finished their Pediatric assessment. They are pre-registered for the session. Will be offered again for 2023. Champions get hotel covered for Thursday night.
- iv. Dr. Karen O'Connell: 3 dates in July to run a PEPP Hybrid Course on a Sunday in Southern Maryland. Non on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
  1. Previous course in Easton was very successful.
  2. Pre-course online learning is essential to hit the in-person class running with skill stations and role-play. Great learning and training.
- v. EMS Awards will be coming out in May. Finalizing the awards now.
  1. We will come to the recipients again.
- vi. NHTSA Safe kids program kicks off in May.
- vii. Winterfest & Miltonberger were combined on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All of the courses are available in our online training center through December.
  1. Nurses now can get Coned credits for the courses now.
  2. There is a process for non-registered nurses to get a login to use the online training to get coned.

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. EMSCare 2022 Ocean City, May 11-15

9. Announcements

- a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter

- i. Susan Gonzales: EMS Brought in a “sick Person” call (bls) and correctly recognized it as a stroke. Decided to transport vs. wait for an als unit. Good outcome.

## 10. Regional Round Table

- Prince George’s Health Department – Nothing to Report.
- 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- Closing COVID Admissions floor including psych covid admission. Going into hibernation.
- UM Cap Region Health – Please pickup backboards. We don’t have cages.
- 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 –. Shady Grove has started a major construction project that will last 2+ years and impact our emergency services. We will striving to minimize impact and work with MCFRS as we proceed.
- Suburban – Nothing to report.
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Menefee Nothing to report.
- Children’s National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz:
  - Working on a pediatric Prehospital Education Symposium back. Hoping for in-person. Open for topic suggestions.
  - Experienced a substantial telephone outage yesterday. Alternate numbers were set up & EMS Radios were working. If you experience any issues, please let me know for the AAR. Cause was external with the phone carrier.
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not Present .
- MSP Aviation – Not Present
- US Park Police – Nothing to report.
- MSFA – EMSC will be at convention with educational opportunities.
- MFRI –Not present

- Prince George's County Fire/EMS – Nothing to report. EMS Board has approved the pedi-dose protocol where PGFD and Children's will participate in a trial of dosing Midazolam based on age vs. Weight.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Ben Kaufmann: New QA captain Tony Scott & Nick Wagner. New Pediatric champion, too. Fed money is being put to good use from the ESPP funds.
  - MCFRS gets calls from GW stating that they are L&D Re-route. MCFRS never transports patients there.
  - Chizmar: Maryland doesn't do L&D re-route
- Calvert County EMS – Al Jeffries. New Medical Director: Dr. Jason Finklestein as interim medical director while looking for a replacement. Hoping to get online by June/July.
- Charles County EMS – Nothing to report.
- St Mary's County EMS- New EMS Division Chief George Edelen. Recently retired from NDW as their EMS Chief and very happy about it. Pettit: Funding came in to put Lucas devices on all units. Looking for a medical director.
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I. Adjournment

Moved: Pettit

Seconded: Jeffries.

Adjourned: 1203