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## Region V EMS Advisory Council General Membership Meeting Agenda

ONLINE ONLY  
09 September 2021  
1100-1300

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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/Andrew Naumann
  - b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney
  - c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Announcements
  - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- X. Regional Round Table
- XI. Next meeting: Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees:

Michael Cooney, Mark Bilger, Luis Pinet Peralta, Sgt. James Laska, Craig Smith, Robb Hawthorne, Adowah Amisshah-Robb, Mike Oxenford, Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Nicole Norris-Liriano, Sarah Goddard, Kiersten Shea, Dr. Karen Keller Baker, David Feist, Dr. Tuanah Vu, Captain Robbie Jones, Chief Shawn Davidson, Chief Alan Butsch, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Brittany Keys, Chief Terrell Buckson, Pat Gainer, Nicole Duppins, Kyle Remick, Tessa Livingston, Shakeira, Karen O'Connell, Emily Dorosz, Dawn Moreland, Robert McHenry

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review of Minutes
  - a. Motion to accept: Sgt. Laska
  - b. Seconded by Craig Smith.
  - c. Approved.
4. Report of Chair
  - a. Nothing to report
5. Medical Director's Report
  - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director
    - i. Base Stations:
      1. Answering EMRC Radio: Please answer with the name of your hospital and ask if the calling clinician needs a physician or not. Determine early in the call if it is a consult or notification only.
      2. Blood borne exposures: EMS depends upon the hospitals to conduct testing of the "source patients." It is required by federal and state law. Of course, attempts should be made to obtain consent for blood testing. However, in the absence of consent

and when blood has been drawn for other lab tests, it can be used to test for exposure to bloodborne pathogens (HIV, hepatitis).

- a. The EMS clinician should also be promptly tested after an exposure, to establish a baseline. Some larger jurisdictions can do this testing on their own (via occupational health office), but smaller departments may depend on hospitals for testing of the EMS clinician as well.
- ii. Thank you everyone for the vaccination effort. We may be called on to administer boosters and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses of vaccine, as they become approved and available.
    1. About 60% of the total population (total population, including children <12 y/o who do not yet have ability to receive a vaccine) have been fully vaccinated in MD. Importantly, well over 90% of folks 65 and older have been vaccinated.
    2. Paramedic as vaccinators, for flu and COVID-19 vaccines, is here to stay. This capability has been preserved via a law that was passed earlier this year.
      - a. EMTs & CRTs can no longer administer vaccines while acting as EMS clinicians. However, there is a pathway for them to vaccinate as a lay people via MDH order and under health department (not EMS) supervision.
  - iii. August 15<sup>th</sup> has come and gone. We can't make any more new provisional clinicians. The currently approved provisional clinicians have 180 days from Aug 15<sup>th</sup> to get the training, apply and become fully licensed (Feb 11, 2022), and we encourage all of them to do so.
    1. An application is necessary for this process (<http://www.miemss.org/home/ems-providers>); it is not an automatic process when the continuing education has been completed – they must apply for conversion to full licensure.
  - iv. ALS Committee has been meeting and producing state ALS continuing education content for next recert cycle (2022-2024).
    1. Please also remind ALS clinicians to complete the existing required state content (10 hrs, completely online) on [www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org) by NLT 3/31/2022. This requirement

is not additional CE; it helps them meet CE requirements from the National Registry (national; state/local; individual requirements).

- v. Protocol Change (7/1/21): Nebulized albuterol & glucometers were approved for implementation at the BLS level statewide. The one-year phase-in period is now underway. Needs to be completed by 7/1/22.
- vi. Congratulations to one of our own - Terrell Buckson is now Assistant Chief for EMS at Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.
- vii. Supplemental funding for Medicaid transports. 14 EMSOPs statewide will participate, including at least 2 EMSOPS in Region V. Other EMSOPs are reorganizing and may be included in subsequent rounds of the program.
  - 1. The program allows for additional funding based on the costs associated with providing EMS care for Medicaid patients.
- viii. Region V and Maryland continue to struggle with hospital crowding, as do many other states. Dr. Chizmar is willing to provide weekly transfer of care/offload time reports to any hospitals that would like it.
- ix. Reports to legislature via Ketamine. We've worked hard to preserve ketamine for cases of severe agitation, as appropriate, under a tight protocol. MIEMSS is required to submit an annual report on ketamine usage every December. EMSOP medical directors are reviewing cases and staying on top of usage. We need to continue to ensure that EMS clinicians are using the medication for appropriate indications and at the correct doses per protocol.

## 6. MIEMSS Report

- a. MIEMSS,
- b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney
  - i. Dr. Pinet Peralta:
    - 1. Base Stations: We have resignation process is slowly ramping up. We still have Holy cross, white oak, children's Calvert . Waiting for applications from others. We can't move the process without the applications.

2. VAIP requests are starting to come in. Pleased to see the interest and incoming applications. Please let us know if you want to take advantage of this
3. Working with COG for a regional Trauma plan. Will be reaching out to you all to assist on this. There may be ASPR funding for this effort. Good opportunity to update our trauma plans at the jurisdictional level
4. Trauma Workgroup: has been delayed but will continue to work moving forward.
5. Today will complete the recording of the videos for the Quality Assurance officer course via the LMS. Coming Soon!
6. Offload Times: Monitoring and collecting
7. RIG: is ongoing,. All are welcome to participate and listen. It's a great collaboration

ii. Michael Cooney

1. New question in hospital survey.

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Announcements

- a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter

- i. Chef Davidson: Hiker collapse in Cardiac Arrest. Bystander gave EMD guided CPR> Crew arrived and transported ROSC in ambulance. Patient went home last weekend.

10. Regional Round Table

- Prince George's Health Department – No update.
- Montgomery County Health Department – Not present.
- Charles County Health Department – Not present.
- Calvert County Health Department – Not Present
- St Mary's Health Department – Starting Drive-through vaccination clinics tomorrow.

- UM Bowie Medical Center – Dr. Keller-Baker Still having issues with notifications and recordings.
- UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- See Above
- UM Cap Region Health – See ABOVE
- Doctors Community Hospital – Not Present
- Adventist Fort Washington – Dr. Vu, Nothing to report.
- MedSTAR Southern MD – Not Present
- UM Charles Regional – Not Present
- Calvert Health – Not present
- MedSTAR St. Mary’s Hospital – Not Present
- WOMC Adventist – Nicole Norris-Liriano: Nothing To Report
- Holy Cross Hospital –Not Present
- HCH Germantown –Tina Kennedy Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Mike Oxenford, Nothing to report
- Suburban – Patricia Gabriel nothing to report
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Mr. Hawthorne nothing to report.
- Children’s National Medical Center – Dr. Karen O’Connell. Parking garage is overhauled. Front entrance is closed. All traffic going via emergency alleyway used by ambulances. Unknown for how long it go on.
- EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson:
  - EMSC September update is on its way out. Check it for important dates in October for classes and the fact that they are moving to live virtual versus in person. Registration is open to surrounding states.
    - PEPP Hybrid course on October 8<sup>th</sup> will be in person in Elkridge. Look for information in email.
  - Working on a Pediatric C4 More information coming
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Kyle Remick: Helping Paul Roszko.
- MSP Aviation – Not Present
- US Park Police – James Laska Nothing to report
- MSFA – Not present
- MFRI –Not present
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS – Chief Buckson: Greetings: Wants to align PGFD EMS goal with the statewide ems plan and vision 2020
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Chief Butsch: Image Trend DataMart irregularity: A formal notice has gone out. Dr. Chizmar: Data that went to MoCo and HoCo was for the while state, not jjust their jurisdiction. It did stay secure and we don’t’ think it’s a violation of patient privacy. Notice went out to all the EMSOPs . Chief Butsch: We copy all our data to a secure server in our building if you have concern, contact me and we’ll discuss. Confident in our local precautions to preserve the privacy & Security data

- SEMSAC: Melissa Myers, trauma Manager at Suburban is retiring. Sorry to see her go. Wish her the best.
  - Calvert County EMS – Alfred Jeffries: Currently Hiring for 14 additional FTEs. More money for additional FTEs as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Kenny Miller is our new EMS chief. Will be sending his information.
  - Charles County EMS – Nothing to report
  - St Mary’s County EMS- Chief Davidson: EMS division Chief Kiersten Shea (Acting) doing good work.
- I. Adjournment
- Moved: Craig Smith.
  - Seconded: Laska
  - Adjourned: 1147am.