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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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- I. Attendance/Roll Call
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Review of Minutes
- IV. Report of Chairman
- V. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director (Deferred until Dr. Chizmar Arrives)
 - b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
- VI. MIEMSS Report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Announcements
 - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- X. Regional Round Table

Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

Jason Shorter, Mark Bilger, Erin Parks, Dr. Luis Pinet Peralta, Paul Baker, Timothy Chizmar, Mimi Martin, Cynthia Wright Johnston, Jim Richardson, Mark Pettit, Bob McHenry, Marshall Bowen. Heather Howes. Chief Davidson Christina Woodward. Dr. Karen Keller Baker, Tessa Smith, Dr. Joel Buzy, David Feist, David Stamey, Nicole Norris, Dr. Karen O'Connell, Danielle Joy, Dr. Dan Geary, Dr. Jason Finklestein. Andrew Naumann, Chief Ben Kaufman, Chief Michael Lambert, Emily Dorosz, Chief John Filer, Dr. Paul Baker, Shellee Stine, Dr. Rebecca Foster, Becky Vasse, Dawn Moreland, Justin Webster, Craig Smith, David Siviter

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of Minutes
 - a. Moved to approve: Mark Pettit
 - b. Seconded: Tessa Smith.
 - c. Approved
- III. Report of Chairman
 - a. Nothing new to report.
- IV. Medical Director's Report
 - a. Dr. Timothy Chizmar, State Medical Director
 - i. EMS is transporting about 130 PUIS per day, Statewide. Overall transport volume up to 1,300 per day, almost at pre-pandemic levels.
 - ii. COVID-19 hospitalizations remain below 400
 - iii. MIEMSS is advocating a strong push for all clinicians to get the flu vaccine.
 1. Both viruses circulating this winter.
 2. A vaccine does exist for the flu. Please encourage all personnel to receive this.
 3. MIEMSS is working on legislative or executive action to allow paramedics to administer vaccinations beyond just other public safety personnel.
 - b. Protocol Review Committee

- i. Ketamine is a very useful medication and is largely being used appropriately in MD despite news reports of its inappropriate use elsewhere.
 - 1. The committee is working on more permanent changes to the Ketamine protocol to ensure we are using it with the utmost caution with appropriate monitoring
 - 2. Administration is an independent medical decision, not by order of Law Enforcement. There is no evidence that that has happened in Maryland.
- ii. Online revisions and enhancements to the protocols will be issued as they come out versus waiting for the next protocol update cycle.
 - 1. Next is for the field administration of BiPAP
 - 2. Updated .PDFs will be posted online with key changes highlighted.
- iii. Base Station Course Online:
 - 1. MIEMSS is in the final stages to put the base station quiz in the online learning portal.
 - 2. Instructors will be able to deliver the course remotely and the students log on to MIEMSS training center to take the quiz & generate a certificate.
 - 3. We appreciate your patience. The current training portal is for EMS Clinicians (based on license #). We are working to expand it to non-EMS personnel (those without a Maryland EMS clinician license number)
- iv. COVID-19 Testing for EMS Clinicians and TOR:
 - 1. Lab in Greenbelt is very responsive and we get good results.
 - 2. It's largely for Fire & EMS personnel and TOR testing
- v. Hopkins & Department of Health are trying to enroll EMS Clinicians for evaluation of the presence of COVID-19 antibodies. Still not sure if it confers any long-term immunity. More research is clearly needed. Please encourage your personnel to participate
- vi. UMD COVID-19 vaccine trial (Phase III) is ongoing with not problems so far.
- vii. MIEMSS does not have flu vaccine available to distribute to EMS jurisdictions. Please continue to work with your local health departments.
- viii. EMT Refresher: Don't have plans to extend the deadline any further but programs are in place with MFRI to conduct the courses safely.

- ix. ALS State Content renewal is still up on the MIEMSS training website but we will not be auditing it. We will start evaluating for completion in March 2022.
- x. Questions:
 - 1. Emily Dorosz, Will the online quiz for Pediatric Base Station be on line? Yes. But still encourage the interactive online training vs. recorded lecture.
 - 2. Who is receiving COVID Post-arrest Results? Jurisdictional Medical director via a secure web portal. Dr. Delbridge is copied as a backstop.

V. MIEMSS Report

a. Dr. Delbridge:

i. Upcoming and Current Legislative Work:

- 1. During the last legislative session there was an initiative by the legislature to mandate additional psychiatric education for law enforcement and EMS personnel. We expect that issue may re-surface in the next session.
- 2. Changes in AED Legislation and access (increase access)
- 3. Paramedics issuing vaccines to people other than other EMS personnel.
- 4. Regulatory changes for Commercial EMS that does not have transport ambulances.

ii. CHATS & @HA:

- 1. Working up the @HA application for smartphones. EMS Clinicians can use the app to see how many ambulances are at a facility, the units that have been there the longest and most recent to arrive. It will show all units from all participating EMSOPs. Need CAD data to be in digestible form for our system. Some EMSOPs are still working on compatibility of CAD feeds.
- 2. CHATS: Got together with Hospital ED personnel last fall: they found that CHATS to be mostly unhelpful.
 - a. Still going to go away. We're limping along and the company is no longer supporting it.
 - b. Survey last winter/fall:
 - i. Nobody Likes it
 - ii. Alternatives presented.
 - iii. Information is Subjective: not everyone can adequately assess their business

- c. Looking for Objective measures based on CRISP Submitted ADT Feeds. This can be used to look at ED Saturation when compared to ED capacity.
 - d. Thought we'd be further down the line by now. The software company doesn't support our old system anymore and the new system is expensive and not useful.
 - e. MIEMSS is working through the legal aspects of using the ADT feeds to CRISP for this process.
 - f. The system will work automatically based on patient registrations. ED staff will not have to enter the information.
- b. Andrew Naumann:
 - i. CRISP Exposure notifications: will now only show the positive encounters. Filtered out the negative.
 - ii. We appreciate and continue to be impressed by the continued work by all the EMSOPs, Hospital partners, health Departments and more during this pandemic.
- c. Dr. Luis Pinet Peralta
 - i. 2021 Cardiac Devices Grant applications are out. They are Due Sept 29th.
 - ii. COVID Testing for TOR: reach out to us if you need more tests. We stand ready to deliver as needed.
 - iii. If you haven't requested protocol books. Please reach out to Michelle Bell mbell@miemss.org or 410-706-3666
 - iv. We are working with NCR partners for the presidential inauguration planning.
 - v. Thanks to the Hospitals on reporting daily COVID data. There's a lot on your plate for sure and you've all been accommodating and diligent in reporting. We appreciate your effort and are very grateful.
 - vi. MIEMSS staff is working with Region V Healthcare Coalition's Emergency Planning Committee to develop useful and actionable surge and resource plans.
 - vii. Reminder: We have a research interest groups meetings. Encourage anyone interested to participate and learn about ongoing stuff and plans.
- d. Michael Cooney:
 - i. Ambulance Strike Teams: We will be reaching out the EMSOPs in Region V to develop a regional Ambulance Strike Team. Fielding one is likely too much of a resource and personnel burden for a single EMSOP and some of you, such as Montgomery County Fire and Rescue, already field a

deployable Urban Search and Rescue team. We hope that each EMSOP can lend their strengths to field a Region V strike team to answer the call when needed.

- VI. Old Business
 - a. None
- VII. New Business
 - a. None
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
 - i. St. Mary's: During the tropical Storm Isaias, Several bridges were washed out. A critically ill patient was trapped behind floodwaters & EMS crews could not reach him. A Public Works employee used his large truck to cross the flooded stream and extract the patient to a transport Unit. The patient was very ill and in need of immediate hospitalization. He ended up in intensive care and would have had a much worse outcome had that employee not stepped up. St. Mary's County EMS is working on local commendations for non EMS personnel who "step in" when needed.
- IX. Regional Round Table
 - Prince George's Health Department – Tessa Smith: 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 – Dr. Keller-Baker is reporting for all 3 UM Capitol Regional Health Hospitals
 - UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- Kelly Skelly is the new Base Station Coordinator
 - UM Prince George's Hospital – Nothing to add.
 - Doctors Community Hospital – Not Present
 - Adventist Fort Washington - Not present.
 - MedSTAR Southern MD – Rebecca Foster: Leaving as Base Station Medical Director. Dr. Jason Finklestein will take her place.
 - UM Charles Regional – Shellee Stine: Nothing to report. .
 - Calvert Health – Erin Parks. Nothing to Report.
 - MedSTAR St. Mary's Hospital – Danielle Joy. Nothing to add.
 - WOMC Adventist – Nicole Norris, Nothing to add.
 - Holy Cross Hospital – Dr. Paul Baker: Nothing to report.

- HCH Germantown – Dr. Paul Baker: Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Nothing to report.
- Suburban – Not Present.
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Becky Vasse: September 1: Dr. Jeffrey Uribe will become base station Medical Director on October 1st.
- Children’s National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz Nothing to report.
- EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson: Updates will be emailed out to the group and Pediatric champions & Base Station Coordinator. PMAC: Working on protocol updates. November PMAC Meeting will be virtual. Annual Research update will go to webinar to allow for handouts & polling safely. Dr. Anders if finalizing the scope of presentations. Working on How to conduct PEP courses safely.
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not present.
- MSP – Not present.
- US Park Police – Not Present
- MSFA – Not Present.
- MFRI – Jason Shorter: For the refresher courses: if you sign up for the course & Complete all 12 hours, MFRI Will forward your certificate to MIEMSS. If you take the course without registering, you will be responsible for submitting your completion certificate to MIEMSS yourself. Several 12 and 24- hour refresher courses have been scheduled and are filling up. MFRI has opted for a new vendor for its online continuing education classes. Classes will now be offered in 12 one-hour blocks, giving students two options. To learn more about the EMS 204 & EMS 208 class modification, visit <http://www.mfri.org/new-online-continuing-education-class/>
- Prince George’s County Fire/EMS – Chief. Michael Lambert Nothing to add.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Chief Ben Kaufman Nothing to add.
- Calvert County EMS – Chief Barry Contee: Career EMS: Calvert County EMS have hired 11 employees with 4 more in the process. Several offers are out which brings them closer to their goal of 23 employees. Want to thank Chief Filer and Charles County DES for the assistance in conducting CPAT evaluation for the candidates.
- Charles County EMS – Chief Filer. Academy Class of 12 starting on Monday. First COVID Class.
- St Mary’s County EMS- Chief Stamey: Nothing to add: Chief Davidson: Due to the work by Chief Stamey, St. Mary’s is approved to do academy-style BLS & ALS refresher courses.

X. Adjournment

Moved: Heather Howes.
 Seconded: Chief Lambert
 Adjourned at 1158