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## Region V EMS Advisory Council General Membership Meeting Agenda

ONLINE ONLY  
09 December 2021  
1100-1300

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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
  - a. 2022 Meeting Schedule
    - i. Keep same or change
- IX. Announcements
  - a. Clinician Kudos / Save of the Quarter
- X. Regional Round Table
- XI. Next meeting: See Above

## Region V EMS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees:

Michael Cooney, Kelly Skelly, James Laska, Mike Menefee, Chief Lori Cherry, Adowah Amisah-Robb (Holy Cross Hospital), Craig Smith, Shawn Miller, Brittany Keys (Adventist Fort Washington), Captain Robbie Jones, Cynthia Wright-Johnson, Karen Vogel, Mike Oxenford, Nancy Wilson (Calvert Health), Dr. Joel Buzy, Heather Howes, Danielle Joy, Chief Alan Butsch, Tessa Livingston, Dr. Roger Stone, Emily Dorosz, David Feist, Courtney Griffin, Karen Vogel, Dr. Tim Chizmar, Nicole Duppins, Dawn Moreland, Rebecca Vasse

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review of Minutes
  - a. Motion to accept: Heather Howes
  - b. Seconded: Kelly Skelly
  - c. Approved
4. Report of Chair
  - a. Nothing to report
5. Medical Director's Report
  - a. Dr. Chizmar, State Medical Director:
    - i. COVID Update:
      1. Numbers have increased markedly
        - a. Adult Hospitalizations (acute care beds) up 70%
        - b. Pediatric hospitalizations not increasing currently, thankfully.
      2. EMS PUI Contacts are going up. Hospitalizations tend to follow 7 days later

3. 4.1M people are vaccinated in Maryland
- ii. Hospital Census:
    1. Hospitals are at a saturation point
      - a. Opening non-traditional spaces
      - b. Dealing with staffing shortages
      - c. Deal with efficiency processes (direct to triage)
  - iii. @HA ambulance Dashboard:
    1. Remind your Clinicians that it's available & to use it to improve efficiency
  - iv. Reminders:
    1. Vaccinations are paramount!
    2. Wear your masks
    3. Monoclonal Antibodies have been approved for administration at home by MIH programs as an optional protocol – contact Dr. Chizmar if your MIH program is interested.
    4. On the horizon: PO medication, Molnupiravir – pending approval.
  - v. Public Notice #1, provisional EMS Clinicians
    1. Feb 11, 2022 is the deadline to complete conversion to full licensures
  - vi. Public notice 4:
    1. Paramedics can vaccinate under 2021 revisions to the law
    2. EMTs & CRTs can vaccinate as lay people.
    3. Working to make it permanent
  - vii. Public Notice 8:
    - a. BLS clinicians who are expiring on 12/30/21 – have had multiple extensions, some are about 18 months past expiration date listed on their card.

- b. BLS clinicians who have 12/31/21 on their original card (it was their original expiration date listed on their current card): they can apply for 6 month extension if desired

viii. Direct to Triage Protocol is up and live in 7 EMS Jurisdictions

1. Collecting data on what's working and not.
2. Please use the appropriate eMEDS field (department taken to) to capture our Direct to Triage patients for tracking and data
3. From Kelly Skelly, Laurel: Direct to Triage requirements must be met, especially vital signs, shortened limb, etc. to qualify to sit in a waiting room. It's a matter of education. EMS Should not bypass triage nurse.
4. Dr. Chizmar: What we're aiming for with the protocol is making the Triage decision vs. deferring a decision. Piling stretchers up in a long hallway defers that decision. Hospitals: Please communicate directly feedback or concerns with DTT to Jurisdictional EMSOP liaisons.
5. Dr. Stone: Communication is important

ix. Quality Improvement

1. MIEMSS QI officer Course: final testing phase, hope to release soon.
  - a. Will be online and accessible.
2. Statewide measures for ACS, Trauma, Stroke, Peds, etc.
  - a. Looking for feedback and support in developing them.
  - b. Measures for
    - i. Trauma -5
    - ii. Stroke -5
    - iii. ACS - 6
    - iv. Hypoglycemia - 1
    - v. Pediatric Measures -2

3. EMS QIC Quarterly meeting – need to establish a regular meeting date
  - x. Naloxone leave-behind – Prince George’s County coming on board; encourage others to do so as well. Overdoses have increased significantly during the pandemic.
  - xi. C4 has handled over 1800 calls in the past year. C4 and Peds C4 continue to help hospitals handle adult critical care and pediatric acute/critical care transfers.
  - xii. Working to put BLS orientation and education on EPI and Albuterol
  - xiii. ALS Clinicians recertifying must complete the 10 hours of ALS State Content ([www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org)). This was developed by educators and the ALS Committee. Relevant and applicable for National Registry recertification (NCCP model that requires state/local content hours).
    1. Content will be refreshed and timely. We are already working on new content for 2023 and 2024 ALS recert cycles.
  - xiv. Conferences: dates announced for Winterfest, Miltenberger, EMS Care.
- b. Dr. Stone, Region V Medical Director
- i. Reimbursement for non-transport work of EMS ET#3 programs nationwide still with slow start or sluggish ability to enroll patients
    1. They have Affinity Group town hall sessions: “Implementation” sessions
    2. Offering Webinar: Aligning Payors (with Medicaid)
    3. Participation agreement amendment: Allows later implementation of 24/7 ATD
  - ii. Supplemental payment for Medicaid patients (ESPP)
    1. My understanding is Counties have been able to apply - ? 1st checks as soon as April
  - iii. CHATs Advisory System – Still pending – Dr. Delbridge just mentioned BOLO in annual base station meeting
  - iv. COVID- 19
    1. Epidemiology changing: Uptick in cases starting to be seen (? 5<sup>TH</sup> Wave)
    2. Hoping/Praying Omicron is LESS virulent even if very transmissible (CDC data limited)

3. Alternative Transport Destinations: Around state, all EMSOPs I heard limited success

- v. Protocol Committee Nov Meeting closes out the protocol year: Changes beyond this report to discuss, but approximately 11 changes
- vi. *NAEMSP* 2022 in January – MD speakers will again be represented, like 2021
- vii. Statewide 911 Communications – RQI-T for EMD & RQI for ground – 911 Board enthusiastic about the programs
- viii. CMS demonstration cancelled: NOFO for ECNS programs – Alternative 911 dispositions

**b. New Business**

- c. New legislative Session to begin in January as always (defer to or soliloquy with Dr Chizmar)
  - i. Vaccination Bill: has a sunset. Bill may be presented to make it permanent
  - ii. ESPP bill: Don't expect it to take off. Millions of dollars of reimbursement to EMSOPs.
- d. Base station renewal season has begun – HCSS as an example – We will be as prompt as we can
  - a. If anyone needs a in house instructor, contact Mike Cooney about opportunities for classes and I will help AMAP if monitoring needed for a 1<sup>st</sup> taught class
  - b. Classes can be virtual now
- e. Direct to triage now growing in State: Baltimore City & County recently (defer to EMSOP reports)
  - a. My belief is physiology allows more DTT than is being utilized (fear of EMS patients acuity – Actually they are not undifferentiated like in the WR)

c.

6. MIEMSS Report

- a. MIEMSS,
- b. Region V, Dr. Pinet Peralta/Michael Cooney
  - i. Dr. Pinet Peralta:
  - ii. Michael Cooney
    - 1. Congratulations to Adventist Fort Washington on achieving Base Station Status.

c. EMSC, Cynthia Wright-Johnson

- i. PEPP Courses are scheduled for Winterfest and Miltenberger conferences and we will be adding a summer course for Southern Maryland and fall for Central Maryland. The Pediatric EMS Champions will have these dates in January.
- ii. ENA by the Bay will be May 5, 2022 in Baltimore City @ the Marriott Inner Harbor. We are waiting to schedule a CPEN review course later next year.
- iii. For those interested in CPS courses – Maryland course dates will posted on the National CPS Board website. MIEMSS CPS Project has scholarships available for those interested in taking this standard national course on child passenger safety.

7. Old Business

- a. None

8. New Business

a. 2022 Meeting Schedule

- i. Change to Jan, April, July, October to be in alignment with FY Grant deadlines
  1. 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday of January will conflict with NAESP. (stone)
  2. Make January's Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Craig Smith).
  3. 2022 schedule: (Moved by Craig Smith, Seconded by Kelly Skelly, Approved by voice vote)
    - a. 1/20/2022
    - b. 4/14/2022
    - c. 7/14/2022
    - d. 10/13/2022

9. Announcements

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

## 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 – Not Present
- UM Bowie Medical Center – Not present
- UM Laurel Regional Medical Center- Nothing to report
- UM Cap Region Health – Nothing to report.
- Doctors Community Hospital – Not Present
- 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 –Karen Vogel: Nothing to report.
- Shady Grove Adventist – Dr. Joel Buzy. Expansion in may 2022 to rebuild new tower, ED & ICU. Will be taking out the helipad. Will have butler available for xport.
- Suburban – Patricia Gabriel nothing to report
- MedSTAR Montgomery – Menefee Nothing to report. .
- Children's National Medical Center – Emily Dorosz, nothing to report.
- EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson:
  - Happy Holidays
- Shock Trauma – Not present.
- Malcolm Grow/JBA – Not present.
- Walter Reed – Not Present .
- MSP Aviation – Not Present
- US Park Police – James Laska Nothing to report.
- MSFA – Not present
- MFRI –Not present
- Prince George's County Fire/EMS – Shawn miller. Nothing to report.
- Montgomery County Fire/Rescue – Dr. Stone: Tim Burns is now Battalion Chief and moving to Operations. Adding more QA officers to share the load.
- Calvert County EMS – Heather Howes: Chief Miller is the new Career EMS Chief. Safe & Happy Holidays.
- Charles County EMS – Chief Cherry, Nothing to report.



- St Mary's County EMS- Sympathies to Chief Davidson on the loss of his husband and to St. Mary's County EMS, Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad on the loss of their Chief, Michael Cahall

I. Adjournment

Moved: Heather Howe4s.

Seconded: Danielle Joy.

Adjourned: 1212.