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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA
February 2, 2023 - 1:00pm
Virtual Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Smothers
 - Call the roll
- II. SEMSAC Chair Report – Mr. Smothers
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- IV. MSPAC Report – Captain DeCoursey
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - COMAR 30.09.12 Neonatal Staffing Proposed Changes – Mr. Legore
 - 2023 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS - Dr. Chizmar



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Via Conference Call Only
Meeting Minutes

SEMSAC Members Present: Eric Smothers, Chairperson; Jennifer Anders, MD, Vice Chairperson; Justin Orendorf; Scott Haas; Kathryn Burroughs; Linda Dousa; Michael Cox; Lisa Tenney; Lisa Lyle; Tim Burns; Kristie Snedeker; Jim Matz; Gordon Wallace; Michael Millin, MD; Alan Butsch; Jeffrey Sagel, DO; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Tim Kerns; Rosemary Kozar, MD; Wayne Tiemersma

SEMSAC Members Absent: Michael Rosellini; Linda Young, MD; Kathleen Grote; Major Tagliaferri; Wayne Dyott; Elliott Haut, MD; Erik Abrahamson

MSPAC: Captain Jim DeCoursey; Captain Jeff Thomas

OAG: Mr. Malizio; Claire Pierson

Other: Pat Gainer

MIEMSS: Ted Delbridge, MD; Tim Chizmar, MD; Todd Abramovitz; Kenny Barajas; Chris Bechtel; Mark Bilger; Lisa Chervon; Michael Cooney; Bryan Ebling; Doug Floccare, MD; Katie Hall; Kelly Hammond; Jeff Huggins; Alex Kelly; Dwayne Kitis; Scott Legore; Randy Linthicum; Michael Parsons; Mustafa Sidik; Patrick Tandy; Bev Witmer; Elizabeth Wooster; Cyndy Wright-Johnson; Barbara Goff

Chairman Smothers called the meeting to order. The roll was called.

Chairman Smothers asked for approval of the November 3, 2022 SEMSAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: A motion was made by Dr. Sagel, seconded by Mr. Haas, and unanimously voted upon to approve the November 3, 2022 SEMSAC minutes as written.

SEMSAC Report

Chairman Smothers said that the MSFA legislative meetings are underway for the 2023 legislative session. He added that with the impending EMSOF insolvency, the MSFA and partners are meeting to strategize on proposals for assuring the EMSOF is funded. He said that it is crucial that all of the incoming lawmakers receive education on the numerous accomplishments made possible by the EMSOF.

MIEMSS Report

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Delbridge said that the number of COVID-19 patient hospitalizations is down which is substantiated by the EMS PUI data. He added that the number of patients with respiratory illnesses has decreased and are back to normal levels.

Critical Care Coordination Center (C-4)

Dr. Delbridge said that with the increase in RSV patients the C-4 has been extremely busy with pediatric cases; 33% of C-4 pediatric requests have been transported to out-of-state facilities.

MIEMSS received additional funding to stand up a pediatric C-4 (C4P) to assist with managing pediatric cases. The C4P pediatricians under Dr. Anders' leadership provided invaluable guidance for managing pediatric patients in the ED during the respiratory illnesses surge. The weekly pediatric bed count calls have been suspended. The daily pediatric query continues.

The C-4 has CDC grant funding through June 2023. MIEMSS is investigating a no cost extension and other avenues for continuing funding to this well received initiative.

EMS Patient Transfer of Care

Dr. Delbridge reported that 532,166 patient transports via EMS occurred in 2022; 3.5% out of state. The 90th percentile EMS to ED transfer of care intervals is over 56 minutes. The busiest hospitals average mean is below the 27 minutes. This crisis in EMS managing patients in the hospitals has caused a few jurisdictions to initiate EMS to ED patient transfer of care policies.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS has reconvened the Collaborative of Hospital Emergency Services (CHES) group to discuss transfer of care times. The CHES formed two workgroups. Workgroup #1 is drafting a policy for statewide adoption that emulates the new EMS policies with a short turnaround to discuss with EMS. Workgroup #2 is working on creating an anthology of best practices based on scientific and proven strategies.

Emergency Department (ED) Patient Boarding

Dr. Delbridge said that boarding patients in the ED continues to be problematic. 25-30% of patients are boarded in the ED after completing their emergency department care. Dr. Delbridge said once again boarding patients in the ED is above the threshold. He presented the current available statistics including the types of patients boarded in the ED. MIEMSS continues to work with hospitals to find solutions.

Maryland Emergency Department Advisory System (EDAS)

Dr. Delbridge said that he and Dr. Chizmar have visited hospital EDs across the state. The intention is to visit all Maryland hospitals to tour the ED's, to ascertain bed availability, and to discuss the EDAS with staff.

Dr. Delbridge described advisory levels from 1-4 that will be provided by EDAS.

- (1) ED has a patient census of less than 70% of ED capacity
- (2) ED has a patient census of 70% - 100% of ED capacity
- (3) ED has a patient census of 130% of ED capacity
- (4) ED has a patient census above 130% of ED capacity

Patient census includes patients in the waiting room. Hospitals needs to agree to the capacity of the ED.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is working with CRISP on incorporating @HA (at-Hospital Ambulance dashboard) into EDAS.

Dr. Delbridge discussed the different types of census data needing to be captured within EDAS to achieve the most accurate patient census data. He added that CRISP continues to work on the ADT data feed to assure accuracy.

EMT Psychomotor Skills Exam

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS plans to update the psychomotor skills exams for entry level EMTs to assure scoring is valid and accurate. In addition there will be new scoring for evaluators with exam scores in real time.

MIEMSS' Clinician Services is also planning to standardize testing dates that are amenable to both career and volunteer students and to allow students to schedule testing online. The Office of Clinician Services will reach out to stakeholders for input and piloting the test scheduling for six months to assure there are no adverse effects to students.

Legislative Reports 2023

Dr. Delbridge said that, at this time, MIEMSS is monitoring the following legislative bills:

- HB 266: Public and Nonpublic schools Bronchodilator and Epinephrine Availability and Use
- HB 274 / SB 387: Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times
- HB 288: Food Service Facilities – AED Program
- HB 351: Health Occupations Licensed Direct Midwives –Previous Cesarean Section
- SB 414: Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting within Maryland

EMSOF

Dr. Delbridge said that projections indicate that the EMSOF will be insolvent in 2025 by the start of FY2026. MIEMSS and the EMSOF partners, MSPAC, MFRI, MSFA, and RACSTC are meeting to seek solutions to mitigate the anticipated insolvency. Mr. Smothers said that this is the most important topic of conversation everyone should be having with legislators this year.

MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC written report was distributed.

Captain DeCoursey highlighted items on the written report including personnel activities and recruitments, aircraft maintenance, ongoing initiatives, missions, including IFR and response times, and other notable events. He said that protocols are in place, MOUs have been signed and equipment has been procured for the Whole Blood program.

MSFA

A written report was distributed.

Ms. Dousa said that the MSFA's legislative committee is meeting weekly. Committee members plan to educate the new legislators on the MSFA and EMS system partners. She announced that the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting would be held February 11th & 12th at the Prince Frederick VFD.

SEMSAC Committee Reports

Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)

Chairman Smothers said that the Regional Affairs Committee met this morning. The jurisdictions are prioritizing the unused cardiac arrest grant fund and gave an update on the expenditures under the current grant.

Chairman Smothers said the Regional Affairs Committee will be appointing a new chairperson in the near future.

ALS Committee

Dr. Fillmore said that the ALS Committee did not meet in September; the next meeting will be held in two weeks. He added that the state content courses are available online and include changes in protocols.

Old Business – N/A

New Business

COMAR 30.09.12 Neonatal Staffing proposed changes

A copy of the proposed changes was distributed.

Mr. Legore gave an overview of the proposed staffing changes to COMAR 30.09.12.04 neonatal and specialty care commercial ambulance services regulations that were vetted through the Commercial Ambulance Services Advisory Council.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Ms. Tenney, and unanimously voted upon to approve the regulation changes to COMAR 30.09.12.

MDTA EMSOP

Dr. Chizmar presented the request from MDTA to upgrade from a First Responder to and EMT EMSOP.

ACTION: A motion was made by Dr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Tiemersma, and unanimously voted upon to approve the upgrade from First Responder to an EMT EMSOP.

2023 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS

A copy of the proposed changes to the EMS protocols was distributed.

Dr. Chizmar presented an overview of the proposed changes to the EMS protocols for information and asked that any questions or suggestion be sent to him at tchizmar@miemss.org

Chairman Smothers thanked Mr. Tiemersma for his leadership as SEMSAC chairperson for the last three years.

The next meeting of SEMSAC will be held in person/virtual on March 2, 2023.

SEMSAC adjourned by acclamation