

Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

July 15, 2021

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held virtually on July 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Members on the call included: Elizabeth Wooster, Dr. Janelle Martin, Wayne Tiemersma, Doug Beitzel, Kathy Condor, Rick DeVore, Al Ward, Joseph Braithwaite, Vince Pyle, Jennifer Ritchie, Chris Biggs, Todd Dyche, and Alex Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Wooster at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of January 21, 2021 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Welcome Guests

Dr. Chizmar, Cyndy Wight Johnson, MIEMSS; Megan Galvin, MHA HCC Administrator, and Paul Harman.

President's Report – Elizabeth Wooster

- Thanked everyone for their long commitment during the pandemic up to now.

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – Discussion is needed on increased handling of regional responses for mutual aid to out-of-state areas.

Bylaws/Membership – No report

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- An update on ALS training in the Region was provided, please see attachment.
- The ALS Budget was also presented (handout attached) and a vote was held to approve it; passed unanimously.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Alex Kelly

- The Miltenberger Seminar will be held in person at Rocky Gap next year; planning has begun.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No report

Garrett County Emergency Management / ESB / EMS – Wayne Tiemersma

- All transport units have had Knox MedVaults installed in them.
- There has been a small increase in Covid-19 cases; also, population load is up in the county due to tourist at the lake area with call volumes and severity of calls up, too.
- The county has experienced a large increase in overdoses; MDMA substances are on the rise in the area.

Garrett County Communications

- Table Rock Tower is live now; expected to really improved communications in the southern end of the county. Also, have vehicles with mobile in-vehicle repeaters to help in areas with poor radio communication; parking one of those vehicle in an area will help.

Garrett County Health Department – No report

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications / ESB / EMS – Chris Biggs

- There were interviews this week for 911 applicants with more to be scheduled in future.
- One action item for the ESB was redesigning the ambulance response policy on “responding driver only” in an ambulance.
- EMS is going pretty good. They are seeing a large amount of opioid cases with increase in fentanyl hitting the area; causing larger doses of Narcan used per case.
- August 4-8 is the Apple Valley Bike Rally (East Coast Sturgis) in Little Orleans area; expecting large attendance at the event.

- The County is continually trying to hire new EMS Clinicians; are at 100% BLS staffing, but not for ALS. On the July 28th applicant testing will be held for full-time ALS. Testing is being held continuously for part-time BLS.
- A Stop the Bleed Course has been tentatively schedule with Bishop Walsh School and Braddock Middle School.
- On MFRI front – ALS schedule is pretty full; the ALS Refresher course has been rewritten.
- The County has tried to order a brand new Dodge Ram to replace the Tahoe that Lieutenants are running now, but the process is at a standstill.
- New Ambulance 513 will be placed in service soon; Ambulance 514 has been ordered, but still awaiting it to be processed.
- Ambulance 515 is has been outfitted to be used for the additional bariatric patients that are being seen now; it is currently housed at Frostburg location.
- Rescue Task Force Training, which is on the MFRI website and specific to Maryland, is a one day course that will be pushed out in the Fall. It is different than TECC.

Allegany County Health Department – No report

UPMC Western Maryland – Elizabeth Wooster

- The ED has been pummeled lately; not being able to decompress the ED; overcrowding. The hospital is working on this issue.
- All medical and nursing staff have completed the Base Station Course. The new protocol update is out by the box. Call volume has been high.
- UPMC has made decision to convert the EMS Pixes to “no charge” model; on a one to one basis for the most part. It is not meant to restock ambulances completely. This is very generous of the system and we need to make sure it is kept honest.
- In the fall, Elizabeth will be going back to doing lectures for Clinicians the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Allegany College of Maryland – Kathy Condor

- In partnership with UPMCWM, the college will present “Cracked, Not Broken, The Kevin Hines Story” on October 22.
- Anyone who wants to be involved in the Town Hall on the opioid crisis which is being held near the end of August, please contact Kathy; more information will be coming out when the date is finalized.
- On September 18 a class on Techniques for Delivering Bad News for First Responders will be held.
- They are still waiting to hear on a grant for Mind/Body Skills courses.
- There are BLS classes coming up for anyone who needs them.

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin; nothing to add; deferred to Dr. Chizmar.

Regional Pediatric Medical Director

- The Miltenberger Seminar Committee has been told that Dr. Sisler plans to do the child victimization course that was scheduled for last year at this year’s seminar. She will be off on Maternity Leave around that time and, if needed, Dr. Jen Anders will be available to fill in for her during that period.

Region I Specialty Centers – Elizabeth Wooster

- Patient numbers are rising now, more people are coming in again.
- 3-D Distortion Googles are here to sign-out for training on distracted driving.
- Heat Index sign for how fast temperature in cars can rise is being housed down in Hagerstown at Meritus; can get it at any time for education.
- Working on Stop the Bleed courses; have been approached by the prison to do some training and establish a train-the-trainer course there.
- The hospital has received the AHA Performance Achievement Award which is for Chest Pain/ MI/ STEMI/ and Primary PCI program; EMS was a big part of this honor and deserves a huge thank you.

MFRI – Todd Dyche

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment. There will be a full slate of classes coming up for next semester.
- The EMT program is coming out of Pilot phase soon.
- The MFRI Center is currently closed for renovations which are estimated to last for 1½ to 2 years. Their new temporary office is near Frostburg State on Technology Drive.
- He thanked Doug Beitzel, Chris Biggs, Cresaptown Fire Department, and Oakland Fire Department for helping to house EMS - BLS kits during the move. Most all BLS related courses will be run at these location for the time being.
- They are finally receiving new BLS equipment such as CPR manikins, AED, etc.

- MFRI is going to tablet testing; goal is to transfer all test to tablets.

MEMA – No report

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- Command has opened back up demos again; will be a large demo that incorporates training and community outreach. If anyone is interested in having one, please get in contact with him.
- On September 26 the Experimental Aircraft Association will hold its annual Wings & Wheels. Trooper 5 will be doing a big demo and will be inviting Fire Departments, EMS, and Law Enforcement to come.
- They are supposed to be getting blood products on the aircrafts by the end of the year.

CISM – Al Ward

- They had one call since the last Council meeting which was related to line of duty death.
- The next team meeting is coming up on Aug 26.
- He will be presenting the course about delivering bad news for 1st responders at ACM on Sept. 18.

AGCVFRA – Jonathan Dayton (sent report)

- We just held our first meeting at District 16; President Christner has made his committee appointments.
- I was elected to fill the vacant Vice President position.
- Last month, the association presented an award to UPMC - Western Maryland, their essential workers, and other First Responders for their hard work during the pandemic. The plaque is displayed in the Emergency Room.
- If anyone ever has anything to report at an association meeting, please send me an email at jonathan.m.dayton@gmail.com we would be happy to share it with our contact list.
- We'll be focusing on recruitment at the upcoming Allegany County Fair.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Megan Galvin

- Advanced Burn Life Support training from Hopkins is planned for our region; no date is scheduled yet, but she will share it widely once set.
- Public Information Officer Training is a grant requirement this year. For those interested please reach out to her.
- Coalition Surge Test – Table talk exercise with a functional component in which we do a simulated evacuation of at least 20% of region's acute care beds; GRMC and Meritus will be participating in the simulated evacuation with the other 2 hospitals being on the receiving end. The exercise will be in quarter 3 next year.
- Everbridge drill will be conducted in the next month or so.
- Have been advertising for Healthcare Chair and Vice Chair; election will be held at next meeting on Aug 4.
- Cyndy Wright Johnson added that Baltimore REG III HC Coalition has already scheduled a November Pediatric Disaster Course (2-days); there will also be a course held in DC in future. Please get in touch with Cyndy if interested in the course in DC.

Career Fire & EMS – Vince Pyle

- Chief Dunn has retired after 41 years of service; the Interim Chief is Shannon Adams, with Interim Fire Marshal being Chris Ratliff and Interim Management Captain is Doug Beitzel.
- Three new hires are going through training now; hope to have them in the fall.
- A new ambulance is on the docket for next year to replace an old one.
- Bowman's Addition ceased their ambulance service; Cumberland will cover that area and Bedford.

Commercial Ambulance – Joseph Braithwaite

- Staffing (recruiting) is biggest thing right now.
- Ken McKenzie is the Operation Manager in Garrett County; JR is the Administrative Manager.

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson

- Cyndy emailed handouts to the members.
- Thanked Allegany and Garrett counties for participating in the National EMS Survey.
- Doug Beitzel and Sue Clark-Cecil are the Pediatric Champions for the Region I area.
- Child Passenger Safety Grant has been renewed for next year.
- The Bike Safety Grant, overseen by Diane Lee, provided bike helmets to Garrett County Health Department, Cumberland Fire Department, and UPMCW at the last minute to spend grant funds. Cyndy thanked these groups for accepting the helmets.
- Star of Life and Right Care When it Counts nominations are going out now and will be due back by April 2, 2022.
- The State Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee will hopefully have a new protocol for extraglottic airways for ALS Clinicians.

Dr. Chizmar

- If there are questions on the 10 hours of State requirements for ALS continuing education, please email him or Melissa Meyers.
- Most Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic are set to be retired on August 15. Wayne added – if you have been giving vaccinations, as of Aug 15 only paramedics will be allowed to give the shots, but the Health Dept. can still supervise EMT's and CRT's if they choose to do so at HD clinics, etc.
- We've seen both statewide and nationally a large increase in opioid usage and fatalities.
- Protocol Review Committee is contemplating several proposals which are all in their nascency at this time.

Region I Report – Alex Kelly

- Protocols went into effect 14 days ago.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Mutual aid responses have been a problem for a long time with Pennsylvania for Allegany DES and Cumberland City Fire Department. PA EMS does not have enough providers and depends on Allegany companies to help them out. This takes our ambulances out of the Region sometimes for 2-3 hours to get patients to a hospital and then to clear back to home station again.
- Garrett County also has issues with PA and WV and is contemplating a policy on releasing only (1) resource for mutual aid out-of-state at a given time.
- Chris, Vince, and Wayne will work together to pull numbers from our jurisdiction to show how many hours our manpower has been directed to help other areas out-of-state. This information will then be brought back to the Council for recommendation on a plan.
- On another issue, it was also suggested that we try to get the statistics on how many tractor-trailer wrecks and fires (brake fires) we deal with here. May need help with getting the needed data and making a case with the State on measures to help mitigate the number of occurrences in this area.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



**Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council meeting**

July 15, 2021 - 1900 hours – online

Cohort Report and status.

2020-2022 cohort – 30 students began a new cohort in the fall of 2020. Garrett College adjusted to COVID restrictions held many lectures online (synchronous and asynchronous), meeting for labs in small numbers. We completed the classroom part of semester II on May 27th with 27 students. Since we were unable to start clinicals on time due to COVID, many hours were pushed back into the second year. To help with this, clinicals are open to the students over the summer. Many students are taking advantage of catching up on clinicals during the summer break.

Lead Instructor – Josh Hook began teaching the second semester (Jan 2021). We have received good comments about having one lead instructor. Many students like the continuity of teaching and feedback. Josh has been adjusting the schedule and topics as we go, improving the program. He has been a great addition.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation will be coming up. With some delays with COVID, we should be receiving our self-study in November 2021 with 6 months to complete. This will bring a site visit to the area sometime in the spring or summer of 2022.

Budget – Please see the attached FY22 ALS budget for approval by the council.

MFRI ALS courses –MFRI's ALS course for region 1 are open and students are able to register on MFRI's website by selecting the schedule under the Western Maryland Regional Office. A list of courses on listed on the reverse side.

Dates	Days	Course	Location	Number
Western Maryland				
9/18-19 and 10/2-3	Sat-Sun	ALS Refresher	Allegany DES	EMS-307-S001-2022
11/20-21	Sat-Sun	Advanced Cardiac Life Support 2020	Cresaptown VFD	EMS-325-S004-2022
12/11-12	Sat-Sun	Pediatric Advanced Life Support 2020	Cresaptown VFD	EMS-334-S003-2022
10/23-24 and 11/6-7	Sat-Sun	ALS Refresher	Garrett College - Accident	EMS-307-S005-2022
11/13-14	Sat-Sun	Prehospital Trauma Life Support	Garrett College - Accident	EMS-319-S003-2022
1/9	Sun	Geriatric Education for EMS	Garrett College - Accident	EMS-316-S002-2022
1/22	Sat	Maryland Rescue Task Force for EMS	Allegany DES	EMS-335-S006-2022
2/26-27	Sat-Sun	Emergency Pediatric Care	Allegany DES	EMS-333-S002-2022
3/19-20	Sat-Sun	Prehospital Trauma Life Support	Allegany DES	EMS-319-S004-2022
3/26-27	Sat-Sun	Advanced Medical Life Support	Garrett College - Accident	EMS-313-S006-2022
4/9	Sat	Maryland Rescue Task Force for EMS	Garrett College - Accident	EMS-335-S009-2022

GARRETT COLLEGE
EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER FY'22
BUDGET REQUEST

REVENUE

1. MIEMSS FUNDING

PARAMEDIC	\$20,000.00	
PALS	\$1,500.00	
MISCELLANEOUS CE	\$6,500.00	
TOTAL MIEMSS	<u>\$28,000.00</u>	\$28,000.00

2. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

<u>\$17,500.00</u>	\$17,500.00
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3. STUDENT TUITION & FEES

PARAMEDIC (\$1,050 x27)	\$28,350.00	
PALS (\$180 x20)	\$3,600.00	
TOTAL TUITION/FEES	<u>\$31,950.00</u>	\$31,950.00

TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$77,450.00</u>	<u>\$77,450.00</u>
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EXPENSES

1. PAYMENT FOR INSTRUCTION (Includes fringe @ 8.5%)

PARAMEDIC	\$36,600.00	
PALS	\$2,700.00	
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	<u>\$39,300.00</u>	\$39,300.00

2. PAYMENT FOR PRACTICAL EVALUATIONS (Includes fringe @ 8.5%)

NATIONAL REGISTRY	\$3,500.00	
TOTAL PRACTICAL EVALUATIONS	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	\$3,500.00

3. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM DIRECTOR	\$10,750.00	
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$8,000.00	
PROGRAM LEAD INSTRUCTOR	\$4,700.00	
TOTAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$23,450.00</u>	\$23,450.00

4. SUPPLIES/TEXTS/CERTIFICATION FEES

SUPPLIES	\$1,675.00	
FISDAP STUDENT ACCOUNTS (\$125 X27)	\$3,375.00	
PALS TEXTS (\$70 x 20)	\$1,400.00	
PALS CERTIFICATION FEES (\$20 X 20)	\$400.00	
CADAVERS	\$2,000.00	
Accreditation - CoAEMSP	\$1,700.00	
Accreditation - CAAHEP	\$650.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$11,200.00</u>	\$10,635.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$77,450.00</u>	<u>\$77,450.00</u>
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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: July, 2021

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Bittinger	9/9/20	MW/Sat	10	Completed
EMT	-	WMRTC	9/9/20	MW/Sat	14	Completed
EMT	-	Corriganville	1/28/21	Th/Sun	13	Testing
EMT Refresher	-	Kitzmilller	2/6/21	Sat/Sun	18	Completed
EMS Officer I	-	Southern Garrett	3/1/21	M/W	(2)	Canceled
EMR	-	Midland	3/9/21	T/Th	(8)	Canceled
EMT Refresher	-	WMRTC	4/24/21	Sat/Sun	25	Completed
EVO	-	Rawlings	4/25/21	Sun	22	Completed
EMT Skills	-	WMRTC	5/15/21	Sat/Sun	22	Completed
EMT	EMS-106-S001-2022	Cresaptown	8/17/21	T/Sat	(19)	Open / Active
<i>*EMS Officer I</i>	<i>MGMT-203-S001-2022</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>9/13/21</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S002-2022</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>9/1/21</i>	<i>M/W/Sat</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Skills</i>	<i>EMS-202-S002-2022</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>9/21/21</i>	<i>T/Th</i>	<i>(4)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMR</i>	<i>EMS-105-S001-2022</i>	<i>Rawlings</i>	<i>10/24/21</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>(1)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S005-2022</i>	<i>GCCTTC</i>	<i>10/30/21</i>	<i>Sun/Sat</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Refresher</i>	<i>EMS-203-S006-2022</i>	<i>Cresaptown</i>	<i>11/1/21</i>	<i>M/W</i>	<i>(0)</i>	<i>Open</i>

Notes:

1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
2. *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start

Additional Information

1. WMRTC is now operating from our new temporary office near Frostburg State University, on Technology Drive. The WMRTC will not be available for classes so all EMS courses will run from other appropriate facilities.