



Commercial Ambulance Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

MIEMSS Room 212

Representatives Present:

CASAC Chair: *Will Rosenberg – Butler Medical Transport*

SOCALR: *Lisa Chervon - Director, Marty Johnson - Licensing Specialist, Deb Shaw - Administrative Officer and Scott Barquin - SOCALR Inspector*

Attendees: *Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS Medical Director), Sarah Sette (MIEMSS AAG), Terrell Buckson (MIEMSS Director of L&C), Mike McCabe (PHI), Kinsey Chance (Procare), Venetia Roberts (Lifestar), Jonathan Siegel (AMR), Jill Dannenfelser, RN (MD Express Care), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC), Donny DeGraves (Chesapeake Medical Transport), Devin Meyers (Hart to Heart), John Gosford (AMR), James Harsh (County Medical – Phone), Bob Harsh (County Medical – Phone), John Damiani (Christiana Care LifeNet – Phone), Michael Reynolds (MIEMSS) and Justin Kinsey (ProCare – Phone)*

Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Will Rosenberg at 13:10 hours and introductions were made. A motion was made to accept the minutes as they stand and the motion was seconded and accepted by the group from the November 2018 CASAC meeting.

State EMS Medical Director's Report:

Dr. Tim Chizmar mentioned the progress made at this morning's SCT Subcommittee Meeting regarding the development of an SCT Short Form.

Dr. Chizmar announced that the new MIEMSS Executive Director, Dr. Theodore Delbridge, will be starting on February 13th, 2019 and should be in attendance at the next CASAC meeting in March.

The next Protocol Review Committee meeting will take place on Weds, January 29th.

Dr. Chizmar polled the group as to what services are participating in the Duodote OSP and advised that there will be an upcoming survey as to quantities and expirations dates on hand. An order that has been backordered for several years has been received.



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Planning is underway for the scheduled move of Washington Adventist Hospital on August 27th, 2019. It is anticipated that the entire move will take place in one day.

Dr. Matt Levy has been appointed as the new Region III Medical Director, and Dr. Jen Guyther is the new Associate Region III Medical Director.

The pilot originally conducted in Frederick County to train people for the NREMT exam has expanded and will now be piloted by MFRI in four different areas of the state. MFRI is also considering having their regional testing centers expand their capabilities to be able to administer bulk testing for the exam.

SOCALR Report – Marty Johnson, Licensing Specialist: *Accounts Receivable/Invoicing/Equipment Lists*

Marty reviewed the new invoicing and payment policies that have been implemented since the transition to QuickBooks. We expect that this will streamline the invoicing and payment process and Marty stressed the importance of all Commercial Ambulance Services waiting to pay any fees until they have received an invoice from SOCALR. We are also moving towards being able to take payments directly at the SOCALR office instead of doing so via Licensure and Certification.

Will gave an update on the progress made regarding the SCT equipment list as this morning's subcommittee meeting. There are some items that need to be clarified by PEMAC however several items have been removed from the list. The list will be published when finalized.

Marty reviewed the changes made to the ALS and BLS equipment list highlighting the addition of the available OSP's at the top of each list. Changes to medications, doses, and the number of general supply items required were also reviewed.

Lisa Chervon briefly reviewed all COMAR 30.09 regulation change requests that were received and discussed at the November meeting.

AAG Sarah Sette reviewed the process for regulation changes and provided a rough timeline for the process.

MIEMSS Licensure and Certification Report – Terrell Buckson, Director

Reminder to all that the ALS renewal applications will be open to everyone effective February 1st, 2019 and BLS renewal applications will be available as of April 1st, 2019.

Terrell also mentioned that if any commercial service would like to make an appointment with a member of his team to review and answer any questions you may have regarding the licensure system, they are available and willing to come to you to provide you with the information, review any policies and answer any questions you may have.



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Licensure Service Directors have the ability to remove providers from their service, however, they do not have the ability to add providers to their company, citing the need to be able to properly vet any potentially new employees.

Terrell also shared that Brian Selvage is the new ALS Coordinator at MIEMSS and will be the lead on National Registry Exams and anything relating to ALS.

MIEMSS EMSC Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson

All handouts are available on line. The Winterfest Conference may have general registrations for Saturday and Sunday still open. EMS Care is coming up in April in Ocean City. High Performance CPR classes for pediatric patients are available and being conducted statewide. April 5th, all Star of Life and Right Care When it Counts award nominations are due. Applications are on-line and fillable. There will be a hybrid PEARS course available at MIEMSS on March 15th, 2019.

Committee Report – SCT Subcommittee – Will Rosenberg

Will stated that the committee met this morning and discussed a draft of an SCT form that is based upon a form that is currently used by STAT. The form will be distributed for review, however is still in draft form.

Committee Report – PEMAC Report – Jill Dannenfelser, RN

Discussion of changes for next year's protocols (2020) have begun, with an emphasis on children with special health care needs and spinal cord injuries.

Laurel now has a freestanding facility, which may result in increased interfacility transports.

There are scholarship opportunities for child passenger safety seat technicians.

Committee Report – SEMSAC – Justin Kinsey

Will mentioned that three names were submitted to SEMSAC as candidates for a CASAC representative, with Jay Fowler as the recommended candidate. After a vote by SEMSAC, Justin Kinsey was appointed to SEMSAC is now serving as the CASAC Representative. CASAC would like to thank Jay Fowler for his service on the Committee.

Committee Report – Ambulance Safety – Cory Skidmore

Cory was unable to attend, however, he did advise that there was nothing new to report for this meeting.



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Committee Report – Legislative Subcommittee Report – Justin Kinsey

There have been some meetings regarding Senate Bill 682 over the past several months. This requires MIEMSS to put together a workgroup to review funding sources for MIH for catch-n-release, and for transport to Urgent Care Centers versus ER's. There has been some pushback from the insurance industry. Justin recommended that we start looking at scopes of practice to be developed so we, as commercial services, are not overlooked because EMS doesn't usually consider commercial services when they are looking to update protocols.

Committee Report – MIH Committee – Deb Ailiff

Deb was unable to attend and there was nothing new to report.

Old Business – Open to the Floor

Nothing was discussed.

New Business – Will Rosenberg – and Open to the Floor

Pediatric Champions: Cyndy Wright-Johnson reported that by 2022 all EMS Agencies have an identified Pediatric Champion. Unfortunately, the Federal System has defined an agency as a ground transport for 911 response.

For the Good of the Committee – Open to the Floor

Nothing was discussed.

Adjournment – Will Rosenberg, CASAC Chairman

CASAC meeting was adjourned at 14:40 hours. The next CASAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at 13:00 hours in Room 212 at MEIMSS.