Chairman Rosenberg called the meeting to order.

Approval of the minutes. Are there any additions or corrections to the May meeting minutes?

None heard. Motion to accept the minutes by Cory Skidmore, seconded by Teddy Baldwin. None opposed. Minutes approved as presented.

State Medical Director’s Report – Dr. Chizmar

Welcome to everyone

COVID 19 update – Currently 146 people in the hospital, 102 in acute care, 44 ICU

22 folks at alternate care sites

Several variants are out there.

Continue to use masks on all calls with upgraded PPE for suspected PUIs

# of transports are much lower than when at peak

There have been some incidents of vaccinated personnel becoming infected however I remind everyone that the vaccine is very effective against the disease.

Reminder that the time for provisional licenses to commit to full licenses in approaching.

There was 180 days built into the end of the emergency order.

Non-provisional COVID extension will end in October for ALS clinicians and December for BLS.

Please ensure your personnel are meeting the recertification requirements.

Protocols – an update was sent out last week. One page was missing from the pain management protocol that dealt with interfacility transfers.

Patients who have received a parenteral (IV/IO/IM/IN) dose of opioid, benzodiazepine, or ketamine from a sending facility or ALS clinician must be transported by ALS:

• If any of the above medications were given within the past 1 hour, or
• If the patient has an altered mental status without return to their baseline after receiving any of the above medications, or
• If the patient has potential for respiratory compromise (RR<14, oxygen saturation less than 94%, clinician judgment after receiving any of the above medications.

Dorchester free standing ER conversion has been pushed back to the end of September. Some telemetry beds have already been shut down due to lack of staffing.

Preview – From the PRC, there was a request from commercial services for patients with LVADs being discharged to home can be an ALS call. Reviewed favorably by the PRC. This is not LVAD transfers between facilities but LVAD patients being discharged to home.

Questions – None
SOCALR Report – Scott Legore
Inspections – Back on track. No expiration dates will be extended.

QA Review and Data Import – Scott Barquin continues to work with several services on data import issues.
QA Officer course – under revision by MIEMSS. Going to an online modular based format. Target date for release is September. Looking at continuing education for existing QA officers.

Equipment Updates – New equipment checklists to go along with the new protocols have been posted on the website. There is a one year grace period for adding glucometers and albuterol to BLS units.

Emergency Regulation – Sarah Sette
Public Notice has been in place that allows for non-EMS licensed drivers. The EMS Board has approved an emergency regulation that would allow the non-EMS licensed driver waiver along with the waiver for SCT staffing that previously only applied to out of state services. This emergency regulation has to go to APLR for review and approval. Emergency regulations are good for six months but could be extended for another six months.

Question on the nurse/nurse staffing model
Answer from Sarah Sette – This is included in the emergency regulation. Currently the regulations allow for Maryland licensed out of state services to request a waiver to the staffing requirements. The Public Notice allows this waiver request process to extend to all Maryland licensed services and the emergency regulations included this as well.

Licensure and Certification – Terrell Buckson

EMS Portal – allows service director to log into portal to run reports for affiliated personnel, protocol update reports and rosters with expiration dates.
BLS renewal – typically the renewal application opens 90 days in advance of the expiration date. This year we will be opening the cycle on August 1st.
Provisional folks – the application process has been open all year. Expiration date will be February 11th of next year.
Imagetrend has functionality of certification monitor that allows for the bulk update of expiration dates. This system has a flaw that incorrectly show the expiration date to the end user. Currently working with Imagetrend to correct this.

PEMAC – Jill Dannenfelser

Jill is not on the call – Cindy Wright-Johnson provided the report

PEMAC focused on protocols 2022 proposals, specifically extraglottic airways in all sizes.
PEPP course – October 28th

Question on King airway requirement for commercial services.

The proposal allows for other vendors in place of King.

ALS checklist does not require King for commercial services. SOCALR will research.

SEMSAC – Mike Rosellini
All of the items have been already been covered.

MIH Committee – Deb Ailiff
No Report

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Good of the committee – None

Motion and second to adjourn – Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

  Will Rosenberg, Chairman  Butler
  Teddy Baldwin             Lifestar
  Charles Boone             ProCare
  Terrell Buckson           MIEMSS
  Dr. Timothy Chizmar       MIEMSS
  John Damiani              Christiana
  Dr. Ted DelBridge         MIEMSS
  Melissa Dixon             GEM
  Pat Gainer                MIEMSS
  Joseph King               Life Care
  Matt Kravetsky            Stat Med Evac
  Scott Legore              MIEMSS
  Mike Moretti              Life Star
  Mark Murdock              Life Star
  Tom O’Brien               
  James Pixton              AAA
  Danny Platt               Keystone/Life Star
  Susan Rainey              Nemours
  Mike Rosellini            East Coast
  Ashley Sampson            Vesper
  Sarah Setter              MIEMSS
  Cory Skidmore             Hart to Heart
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