

## July CASAC Meeting

July 21, 2021 – 1300 hours

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 is 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Provisional folks – the application process has been open all year. Expiration date will be February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>

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 DelBridg	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

Heather Stamey	Med Star
Tyler Stroh	Med Care
Austin Sutton	AMR
Brandon Truman	Valley
Cynthia Wright-Johnson	MIEMSS