

**REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 20, 2017**  
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# Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

*April 20, 2017*

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held April 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Garrett College's Career Technology Training Center located at 116 Industrial Drive, Accident, MD. Members in attendance included: Elizabeth Wooster, Bill Hardy, Dr. Janelle Martin, Dr. Stephanie Sisler, John Frank, Don Dunn, Robert Pattison, Wayne Tiemersma, Doug Beitzel, Cheryl Rexrode, and Dwayne Kitis.

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Tiemersma at 7:00 p.m.

## Approval of January 19, 2017 Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

## ***Welcome Guests***

Guest attending included: Les Hawthorne (MCAC), John Reginaldi (MEMA), Jim Koon (Garrett College/FAAS), and Cheryl Hinebaugh (GRMC)

- Les Hawthorne informed the group that it was determined that there are no identified credible threats for this area; Dr. Alcorta will be pushing reporting of suspicious activities in his reports statewide. He also spoke briefly on Ransomware at hospitals.
- John Reginaldi spoke about establishing an Opioid Interdiction Team (OIC) to coordinate a plan and response action for each county. Seems that throughout the state, agencies are meeting and doing things but not communicating with each other very well. Each county needs to establish an OIC Senior Policy Group to put together a plan.
- Jim Koon updated the group on the situation at Frostburg Area Ambulance Services. The new board of Directors includes Robert Pattison, Dick DeVore, Dotty Turner, Commissioner Mackey, Mayor Flanagan, Bill Hardy, and Jim Koon. The next Board meeting is in May. The County Commissioners have been approached to assume the operations of FAAS. They are still in negotiations and it is going extremely well. The date to change over to the County is July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cheryl Hinebaugh, representing GRMC, reported that the hospital is busy and full; the Base Station Site Survey is set for June 6<sup>th</sup>; and they have been experiencing a few transport problems with Garrett Medical due to staffing problems.

## ***Chairperson's Report***

Wayne updated the committee on meetings held downstate (SEMSAC, Regional Affairs, BLS Committee):

- There are still National Registry testing issues; major concern was about the overall number of EMTs getting through the program; question was raised on whether the State needs to move away from National Registry back to creating our own tests for EMTs. In our area EMT passing rates are above national rates.
- EMEDS – the elite platform has been delayed for now; no date yet for transition.

## ***Committee Reports***

Prehospital Care System – No report; will be meeting soon

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership – No report

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- Doug gave an update on ALS training in the Region and a list of upcoming ALS classes, please see attachment.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Dwayne Kitis

- Will have wrap-up meeting for the Miltenberger seminar next Monday, April 24. We were down a few attendees, but it was well received by all with good comments on the program.
- The Night for Stars program tentative date is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Garrett County Activities***

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No report

Garrett County Emergency Management / Emergency Services Board / EMS – John Frank

- EMS in the county is still in a fragile state with the volunteer community. There is now a staff of 34 providers employed with the County; have full and part-time people. Company 11 at McHenry has been averaging between 70-80 calls a month.
- The Emergency Operations Center Project is physically underway; still in concept design; ground breaking, hopefully, will be in July-August timeframe.
- The LEPC is still very involved with an active shooter program. Priority of threat assessments in the county has changed to – 1) Severe weather; 2) Hazmat; 3) Active assailant/active shooter.
- The County is putting public access bleeding control stations in DSS, the Health Center, Court House, Community Health, School Board, and are also planning to have them in public schools now.
- The County is in process of organizing an Opioid Interdiction Team.

Garrett County Communications – John Frank

- There has been a meeting with Maryland First; Garrett County is currently working on programming a fleet mapping.
- Due to the new communications system in the state, Garrett County has purchased 1 mobile and 1 portable radio for each of the 14 companies; extreme costs associated with these radios, total approximately \$298,000. System is on track to go live in Allegany County in January 2018 and in Garrett County possibly June/July 2018.

Garrett County Health Department – No Report

***Allegany County Activities***

Allegany County Emergency Management and Communications – Robert Pattison

- Steve Shipley was hired as the Assistant Chief for Emergency Management under Roger. Roger and Susan are now Deputy Directors under Director Dick DeVore; Roger is Operations and Susan is Administrative.
- New radios are being installed now - doing four departments at a time; Orleans, Tri-Towns and Westernport are using the radios and they are working great.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Robert Pattison

- Funding for spring appropriations are being completed

Allegany County EMS – Robert Pattison

- EMS exploded into expansion recently; there is a driver in Flintstone five days a week now, added a weekend medic to Bowman's Addition, and LaVale now has a full crew with a paramedic on night shift Sunday through Thursday.
- Establishing five regional areas in the county – LaVale, Corriganville, Mt Savage and Ellerslie will be one region; Bowman's Addition, District 16, and Flintstone another; Frostburg, Tri-Towns, and Cresaptown will each be individual regions. They will be meeting with these departments to see what will work with them on coverage.
- County staffing is now at 23. They tentatively plan on bringing on 8 more fulltime and 8 more part-time staff in the near future; will be testing individuals on May 2-3.
- There is a need for a narcotics/drug policy to be established in the area. There is no direction on what to do with expired medications, especially narcotics, after the Hospital stopped accepting them. Wayne Tiemersma stated that Garrett County has a policy but it needs updating. This is a major issue now and we need a uniform policy put in place. Wayne and Bobby will work on this together along with doctors from both Jurisdictions.
- QA identified a trend in which ALS providers are struggling with using Amiodarone – the correct use and dosage of this drug; plans are for possible training to be required for ALS providers.

Allegany County Health Department – See attached report from Alison Robinson

WMHS

- The new Base Station Medical Director is Dr. Andrew Baum.
- On the 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at midnight the IT System will be down and should be back up by 8-9 a.m.; and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> there will be no Wi-Fi available. It is very important that EMS handoffs and short forms be done well during these timeframes since no reports can be accessed via the internet.

Allegany College of Maryland – No Report

***Regional Reports***

Regional Medical Director – No Report

Region I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster

- The Trauma Center re-designation process occurs again in 2018; they will be following the COMAR regulations as they stands now since the new regulations will not be voted on and passed by that timeframe.
- Specialty Care Transports in the Region overall are struggling some; partially due to the fact that Valley’s Educator position is still open. Training this year for nurses and medics will focus mostly on pediatric cases.
- She has applied for ATS Grants for Allegany and Garrett Counties for Bleeding Control Courses; the State is giving out two \$5000 grants.
- A Bleeding Control Class (B-Con) will be held at LaVale next week. Also, need to get this type of class out to the general public.

MFRI

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region. Please see attachment.

Medevac – No Report

CISM – No Report

AGCVFRA – No report

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition

- A new coordinator has been hired for the area. Her name is Katie Salesky.

Career Fire & EMS – Donnie Dunn

- Financial problems occurring from EMS calls. City of Cumberland Fire Department covers 5000 calls a year with 3 ambulances; available funding is not enough to cover the expenses.

Commercial Ambulance – Chris Guynn

- Valley Medical’s Medical Director is now Dr. Bess.

MIEMSS Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis

- Remark was made that our membership roster for the Council is now full – first time in many years; Dwayne thanked everyone for being on the Committee.
- Congratulations to Robert Pattison for being chosen to fill the volunteer EMS representative position with the State EMS Advisory Council.
- State Homeland Security Grants applications are due back into MIEMSS by May 15.
- Region I EMS Hall of Fame (plaque) was established when Dr. May retired. Every year we will be placing individual names on that plaque who have been nominated from the area.
- Per suggestion from Kathy Condor from Allegany College of Maryland, Dwayne put a request in to FSU’s Marketing Management Class for help in recruitment and retention of volunteers, along with training and fund raising in the area. This class specifically targets businesses and 501-C3 tax exempt status organizations, which we are through the Region 1 Emergency Services Education Council. They do business plans for you and help you out with things you need to do. Although that class is not in operation now they hope to have it going again under a new professor soon, and at that time we are in the loop to be contacted.
- Rae Oliveira from MIEMSS Licensure & Certification sent a few notes to him on ALS and BLS renewals and a few jurisdictional items, he will email them out to the members.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

# Garrett College – ALS Training report for Region 1 EMS Advisory Meeting

April 20, 2017 - 1900 hours  
Garrett College Career Technology Training Center

## **2016-2018 Paramedic class**

The current cohort continues, consisting of 25 students, that are currently in the second semester of the program. The first year program started with 26 students in Sept 2016, and will end on June 29, 2017. NREMT practical testing is scheduled for July 8, 2017. Students will be able to test at the EMTI'99 level at that point. Once they complete the NREMT I'99 written and practical testing, they will be eligible to sit for the Maryland Protocol exam and earn certification in Maryland as a CRTI.

The second year will begin on Sept. 26, 2017 and run on Tuesday and Thursday nights through May 31, 2018 with National Registered Paramedic (NRP) testing in early June 2018. Once they earn their NRP, they will be eligible to sit for the Maryland Paramedic Protocol exam and earn certification as a Maryland Paramedic.

Current CRTIs are eligible to enroll in the second year as a bridge to paramedic. Applications are opening May 1<sup>st</sup> and are due June 2, 2017. Application may be obtained by contacting Doug Beitzel @ [doug.beitzel@garrettcollege.edu](mailto:doug.beitzel@garrettcollege.edu) or 301-387-3772.

## **Accreditation**

Our re-accreditation process is complete after finishing a Self-Study submitted in March 2016 and a site visit in December 2016. A team from CoAEMSP (Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions) was on campus for two days. At that time, we were given tentative results of zero citations. On March 31, 2017 we received the official Findings Letter indicating No Violates and No Progress Reports Due. We are very proud of this accomplishment. Our accreditation will be good for a period of five years.

## **Degree programs**

Currently, paramedic students are able to enroll in the paramedic program as a credit student and received 30 credits. This was started at the time of our initial accreditation. During our reaccreditation, the findings letter referenced this was a direct result of our self-study and the recommendation of the original site visiting team. During our current self-study, we identified our desire to develop a full AA degree. After achieving a perfect accreditation report we feel the timing is right to actively pursue the degree concept. We are currently looking at several options from a pure Associates of Paramedic to possible combination programs involving obtaining paramedic license and emergency management or various combinations. As we progress with this project we will keep the EMS Council involved and will be seeking input from the Council members as well as the program advisory board.

## **ALS Program Medical Director change**

Dr. William May has been the Medical Director for the paramedic program at Garrett College for 17 years. He and his wife are moving to Georgia. We have selected Dr. Janelle Martin to be our new Medical Director, and she began her duties on March 13, 2017. Dr. Martin attended University of Maryland School of Medicine and did her residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia. She is the current Medical Director for LifeNet 8-1, Hagerstown, the Jurisdictional Medical Director for Washington County and the Trauma

Program Medical Director for Fulton County Medical Center, McConnellsburg, PA. She leads multiple international medical teams and travels to Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Moldova, Nepal, El Salvador, Haiti and Ukraine. Since then she has also accepted the position of the Regional 1 Medical Director as well. Welcome Janelle!

**Regional 1 ALS Skills Evaluation**

Region 1 ALS skills evaluations were completed by March 31, 2017. A report is currently being prepared and will be returned to the committee for review.

**Upcoming ALS classes:**

**Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)**

Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - September 16 & 17, 2017

**ALS Refresher**

Garrett College CTTC - October 7, 8, 21 & 22, 2017

**ALS Refresher**

Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - November 4, 5, 18 & 19, 2017

**Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)**

Garrett College CTTC - December 2&3, 2017

**Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)**

Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - January 20 & 21, 2017

**Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)**

Garrett College CTTC - February 17 & 18, 2018

**Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)**

Garrett College CTTC - March 24 & 25, 2018

# Update from Alison N. Robinson, Allegany County Health Department

## ACHD

- Radiation Symposium - All LHD were required to attend this symposium yesterday, even those like Garrett and Allegany that aren't within a 50 mile radius of any nuclear power plants. So what we found out was that while Garrett and Allegany are the only jurisdictions that do not have to participate in an up and coming exercise or plan for an actual radiation exposure (thus far) we do however, have to create a Community Reception Center (CRC) Plan. This is essentially a plan that decons the public in order for them to be sheltered at the CRCs location. All of Regions I and II expressed the same concerns regarding this plan - its needs to be regional due to funding and personnel constraints and it needs to be configured in such a way that we can provide information to the public to decon on their own vs coming to a CRC. That is what I know for now....more information to come on that.
- Planning:
  - **Recovery Planning** - It has been a big push to the locals to create some sort of recovery plan in the event of a large scale event. That is something that most jurisdictions, including Allegany County are lacking, we don't have much in the way of a recovery plan. That is a work in progress
  - **Zika Plan** - ACHD has been working in conjunction with local partners to put together a local Zika Plan based on the State Zika plan. This plan is in the final stages of the draft.
- Exercising:
  - **LBSS Drill** - ACHD in conjunction with other partners conducted a Local Bulk Shipment Site (LBSS) TTX. Which from my knowledge has not been done for quite some time. This is the step that occurs before the Point of Dispensing (POD). The LBSS is where the medications go from the State/Feds, get broken down and shipped out to the open/closed PODs throughout Allegany County.

So we worked with ACES, MSP, and Sheriff's Office/Detention Center in order to conduct such a drill. The drill was a success, in that it raised more questions that we had answers to. But it was a good start b/c it pointed out that we were lacking in some vital areas. So we will continue to have such conversations with our partners and how to best meet the needs of our community should a large scale event occur that would warrant mass medicating.

## HCC – Healthcare Coalition Council

- New Coordinator Update: OP&R has hired a new Coordinator; her name is Katie Salesky and will start officially May 8th. She will be stationed at the Allegany County Health Dept. contact her at [Katherine.salesky@maryland.gov](mailto:Katherine.salesky@maryland.gov)
- New HCC Offices: The previous chairman of the council, Rick Himes, sent an email out several weeks ago announcing his resignation. In the event of that occurring the bylaws state the vice chair Alison Robinson will step up as the Chairman. During the last HCC meeting, after some begging, Dave Chisholm stepped up as vice chair.
- BP4/5 Projects: a big project for BP5 will be the conversion of a school bus into a mobile ambulance. The HCC has acquired a bus from BOE and they are in the process of purchasing a conversation kit that will suit the needs of the regions the best. It will be housed and maintained in Washington County but will be available for all Regions I and II.



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

Report Date: April 20, 2017

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	Friendsville	9/26/16	M/Th/Sa	6	Completed
EMR	-	Grantsville	1/3/17	Tu/Th	6	Active
EMT	-	WMRTC	1/17/17	Tu/Sa	22	Active
EMR Refresher	-	Orleans	3/17/17	F/Sa/Su	10	Completed
EMT Refresher	-	Eastern Garrett	3/18/17	Sa/Su	15	Completed
EMT Refresher	-	WMRTC	4/22/17	Sa/Su	(0)	Canceled
EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S049-2017	Garrett College CTTC	5/6/17	Sa/Su	(17)	Open / Active
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S084-2017</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>5/15/17</i>	<i>M/W/Sat</i>	<i>(4)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT</i>	<i>EMS-106-S085-2017</i>	<i>Kitzmilller</i>	<i>5/24/17</i>	<i>W/Sat</i>	<i>(10)</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>*EMT Skills</i>	<i>EMS-202-S027-2017</i>	<i>WMRTC</i>	<i>6/11/17</i>	<i>Sa/Su</i>	<i>(3)</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. Preregister online at <http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online> for the following training opportunities:
  - EMT Refresher (12 hour) – May 1
2. All registrations for MFRI classes are now done online!