REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2018
Agenda

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of January 18, 2018 Minutes
III. Welcome Guests
IV. President's Report
V. Committee Reports
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   b. Quality Improvement
   c. Bylaws/Membership
   d. ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel
   e. Region I Emergency Services Education Council Inc.
VI. Garrett County Activities
   a. Garrett Regional Medical Center – Jeff Hinebaugh
   b. Garrett County Emergency Management / ESB – John Frank
   c. Garrett County Communications – Ken Collins
   d. Garrett County EMS – Wayne Tiemersma
   e. Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee
VII. Allegany County Activities
   a. Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – Dick DeVore
   b. Allegany County Emergency Services Board – Ken May
   c. Allegany County EMS – Robert Pattison
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   e. Western Maryland Health System – Jill Spiker/ William Hardy
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VIII. Regional Reports
   a. Regional Medical Director – Dr. Janelle Martin
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   c. Region I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster
   d. MFRI – Todd Dyche
   e. MEMA – John Reginaldi
   f. Medevac – Alex Kelly
   g. CISM – Al Ward
   h. AGCVFRA – Donna Struntz
   i. Region I & II Health Care Coalition – Katie Salesky
   j. Career Fire & EMS – Donnie Dunn
   k. Commercial Ambulance – Chris Guynn
IX. MIEMSS
   a. Region I Report – Dwayne Kitis
X. Old Business
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XII. Adjournment
Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

April 19, 2018

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held January 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Frostburg Ambulance building located at 86 West Main Street, Frostburg, MD. Members in attendance included: Elizabeth Wooster, Jeff Hinebaugh, Dr. Janelle Martin, Dr. Stephanie Sisler, Robert Pattison, Wayne Tiemersma, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Allan Ward, Cheryl Rexrode, Bill Hardy and Dwayne Kitis.

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

Approval of January 18, 2018 Minutes:
The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Welcome Guests
Guests attending were Vince Pyle, Rick DeVore, Katie Salesky, John Reginaldi, Paul Harman, Cynthia Wright Johnson, and Brian Frearson.

President's Report – Wayne Tiemersma
Wayne updated the group with highlights of recent meetings in the state.
- The SHSGP grants for last year were closed out – please see handout; and discussion was held on divvying up the money for this year's grant.
- Also closed out the first part of the Narcan grant, in which each county was given a set amount they could apply for to receive money back.

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – Dwayne Kitis
Topics of the meeting held on February 13 are listed below:
- Mobile Integrated Health projects were discussed.
- Hall of Fame – selected this year's recipients; ceremonies for inductees will be done at a later time.
- Providers who still have not taken the 2017 Protocols
- Commercial ambulances in the area
- Garrett County issues with transports – please also see attachment from Transport meeting that was held recently.

Additional discussion was held during this Council meeting covering the below items related to the transport problems in Garrett County:
- Garrett Medical Transport can only staff 1 ALS and 1 BLS ambulance.
- GRMC would like to have 2 ambulances out of Morgantown as backup and requests the Council's recommendation for this policy.
- A motion was made to have the Council draft a letter of support; motion was passed unanimously.

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership – Dwayne Kitis
- Timeframe of membership appointments needs to be realigned to follow bylaws rules – 1/3 of membership reappointed at a time.
- Chris Guynn will stay on the committee until we get a replacement to fill the Commercial Ambulance spot.

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
- A handout on attendance at this year's Miltenberger Seminar was presented. It was very well attended.
- At the Seminar's After Action meeting held recently discussion was also had concerning the Night for Stars banquet. It was decided that we would not have a banquet this year as we have in the past, but may do smaller case reviews during the Miltenberger Seminar in the future.
Garrett County Activities
Garrett Regional Medical Center - Jeff Hinebaugh
• The medical center was successful with the Joint Commissions Survey and will be fully accredited again.
• They also participated in the Service/Evacuation Drill with the Health Care Coalition (HCC).

Garrett County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board / EMS – No report

Garrett County Health Department – No report

Allegany County Activities
Allegany County Emergency Management/Communications / Emergency Services Board / EMS – Robert Pattison
• The ESB voted to release allocations to all companies that have turned in their paperwork.

Allegany County Health Department
• Updates were provided; please see attachment.

WMHS – Bill Hardy
• WMRMC has a clinical affiliation with UPMC and residents will be coming into the ED in June.
• The Health System is planning on doing 2 construction projects. One being the conversion of some rooms to pediatric observation and the other is an addition on the outside for behavior health units. Construction has not started yet on these projects.

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports
Regional Medical Director – No report

Regional I Specialty Center – Elizabeth Wooster
• The Trauma Center re-designation is set for May 11.
• Dr. Dhungel is the new Chair of Trauma Services.
• Stop the Bleed classes are still going on in both counties
  o Will be going to Allegany Schools during EMS Week
  o Thanked both EMS Chiefs from Allegany and Garrett counties for their collaboration with the hospital.
• Bill Hardy mentioned that the Base Station Protocols are not out yet

MFRI
• A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment.
• Wayne added that ALS refreshers in area are – Garrett County in October and Allegany County in November. These will be the only refreshers held in the Region prior to the March recertification deadline.

MEMA – John Reginaldi
• MEMA received a grant from FEMA to split up between the counties; involves planning, exercise and training on complex, coordinated terrorist attack – a 2-day class is scheduled Oct 30 & 31. Will be inviting Garrett and Allegany first then open up to others.
• Safe Schools Symposium held recently; schools must have an Emergency Preparedness Plan in place now.
• State IMT – divided into 3 regions, Eastern Shore, Central and West.
• There is a possible need for an Active Shooter Policy program at Warrior Run Power Company.

Medevac – Rick DeVore sat in for Alex Kelly
• Service is going well in the area.
• There was an Aerial Rescue Operation Update Seminar held at the hanger recently.

CISM – Al Ward
• No calls since last meeting.
• The Suicide Awareness for Crisis Responders, which was held on March 10, had 45 in attendance with approximately 30 being from the local area.

AGCVFRA
• The Convention will be in Midland on June 2.
• Dick DeVore and Donna Strunutz are both running for positions this year at the state level; the Association is looking at doing fundraisers for them.
• It was voted on to have meeting locations go by alphabetical order now.
• New resource through MSFA called Wills for Heroes – will have lawyers come to help individuals get wills done free of charge.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Katie Salesky
• Coalition Surge Drill was held on April 2 for Garrett, Allegany, Washington and Frederick counties; 154 people were evacuated that day to 8 facilities in Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Dwayne said the Evacuation Exercise went extremely well in Garrett County and praised those involved.
• The Coalition received an additional $90,000 in funds for the Stop the Bleed initiatives.
• Mobile Ambulance Bus (MAB) is done and need to get it out to Jurisdictions for training; Cyndy Wright Johnson suggested that a Pedi-mates be placed on the bus – they roll up and store well and funds are available for them.

Career Fire & EMS – No report

Commercial Ambulance
• Butler, the new commercial ambulance under contract with the hospital, has a supervisor here now – John Neal.

MIEMSS EMSC – Cyndy Wright Johnson (handouts were available)
• Her faculty were very pleased with their experience with the Miltenberger Seminar.
• There is a major change in protocol for High Performance CPR in pediatrics.
• Jen Anders thanks everyone for their input at the Termination of Resusciation meeting done in November.
• Cyndy asked that the Region look back over last 4 months and look ahead to the next 8 months for Right Care when it Counts nominations.

MIEMSS Region I Report – Dwayne Kitsis
• Dwayne thanked Brian (MFRI) for bringing the TCCC course up to the Region during the Miltenberger Seminar.
• Changes in MIEMSS Regional Programs staff – John Bratt, Director of Regional Programs, is leaving and Andrew Naumann will be the interim Director now; also, David Stamey from Region V will be leaving MIEMSS on April 27; Mike Cooney is the Associate Administrator for that Region and will now be the main point of contact there. There is also a new Associate Administrator for Region III – Brittany Spies.
• Terrell Buckson is now the Director of Licensure & Certification for MIEMSS.

Old Business
• The Elite rollout is still set for the first of May for our area; Matt Krause, a provider in both of our counties, helped out by making the system look the same for both counties. Providers can practice on the site until the rollout.
• Documentation for the ED – need to see what the hospitals’ needs are; Short Form is minimal standard; Bill Hardy would like to have a sit-down with ED and Medical Records, too, since both are involved.

New Business
• Bill Hardy reported on the Allegany County Child Fatality Review Committee – the county has had 3 teen suicide deaths so far this year; a subgroup has been formed to look into ways we might be missing out as far as prevention and early assessment. Stats on the 2017 ED Visits showed there were 24 suicide or attempted suicide visits with half of those being under 18. Diane Lee mentioned that the Behavioral Health Agency, which is part of the Health Department, at least twice a year does training on Mental Health First Aid which would be an additional resource.
• Allegany County is one of 5 pilot Jurisdictions for the leave behind Narcan program.
• Some discussion on the Helicopter issue in Mineral County.

Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
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Region III to split $4.38
A Garrett County commercial ambulance transport meeting was called to order at 12 noon by the MIEMSS Region I Administrator, Dwayne Kitis, on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Garrett Regional Medical Center (GRMC) board room. There were six people present, GRMC Vice President Kendra Thayer, GRMC ED Nurse Manager Jeff Hinebaugh, Garrett County EMS Chief Wayne Tiemersma, Garrett Medical Transport (GMT) Corporate Advisor James Mou, GMT Company Chief Shaina Saturday, Dwayne Kitis, and GMT Owner Gary Willmon joined by phone.

Dwayne asked for the immediate issues and weaknesses that each agency feels the need to address referencing commercial ambulance transports in and around Garrett County.

Garrett Regional Medical Center:
- Ensuring prompt transfer of acute care patients from GRMC to an appropriate facility for higher level of care.
- GRMC has seen an increase in average time it takes from call to commercial unit (or EMS unit) to patient pick up.

Garrett County EMS:
- Using their public safety ambulances to assist with three hospital to hospital transfers within two days.

Garrett Medical Transport:
- Has seen 20-25% increase in calls with less average reimbursement due to insurance coverage.
- GMT operates with very little profit margin due to area, number of calls, and population coverage, including declining reimbursement rate to cost ratio.
- Has two units currently, the one ALS ambulance was down due to maintenance issues which caused the burden on local EMS the one weekend.
- State certified ALS unit cannot be used if only BLS providers are available for a BLS level transport.
- Staffing resources are depleting due to public safety and neighboring companies staffing paid providers; everybody is pulling from the same area/regional ALS providers.
- Psych patients must be transported in Maryland and the nearest psych facility is many hours away, which takes a commercial unit out of service for that length of time.
- When the GMT commercial licensed ALS unit goes down for mechanical or safety problems there are no ALS commercial units in the area.

Discussions continued on strengths and opportunities to address the issues.
- The group was apprised of the strategic planning meetings held between GRMC and GMT administrations to address the transfer of patients out of GRMC to other facilities. This is not a short term fix and will require time to address. There are many things on the table and all are intricate issues with their own set of questions and concerns.
- There is a standard policy that goes into utilizing a public safety unit for interfacility transfers, this is not taken lightly, and an administrator of the hospital must authorize the use.
- Commercial companies and MIEMSS should look into the reimbursement rates and schedules for transports; are the decreasing rates able to sustain the industry while costs associated are increasing.
• MIEMSS should look into the insurance regulations for psychological patients. Areas that are not close to Maryland psych facilities should be allowed to transport to other facilities closer to that region.

• When an ALS unit is taken out of service due to mechanical or safety reasons MIEMSS should allow a BLS unit to temporarily be upgraded with the inspected equipment off of the licensed ALS unit. This should be able to be done with a phone call and scanning/faxing a Temp license.

• If GMT's BLS units are out on transports and a patient is waiting at the hospital and there are no other companies able to transport the BLS patient, the ALS unit should be allowed to transport that patient even if the only staff that can be found is BLS.

• An out of state company should be granted an exemption or waiver to take so many adult patients out of GRMC to alleviate some of the backlog. This should be on the same terms as the pediatric waiver, only a specific number of times a year and only if all Maryland companies in Garrett and Allegany Counties are unable to transport.

Dwayne commended GRMC and GMT for working together to try and improve the transfers of patients. While the patient is in the care of GRMC the hospital is responsible for ensuring the patient is provided the best possible care, and if that means getting the patient to another facility, it is in all of our best interests to work together to ensure that transfer is timely and in the appropriate manner. Wayne Tiemersma will relay the issue to the Region I EMS Council and get their recommendations in regard to the interfacility transfers. Another meeting will be scheduled within the month.

The meeting adjourned at 13:15 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Dwayne Millis
Region I EMS Administrator
Cohort Report and status

2016-2018 cohort – 26 students started the cohort. 22 remained at the end of the first year (Semesters I&II, Maryland CRTI). 19 students continued to the second year (Semesters III&IV) and 5 CRTI bridge students were added.

The second year was started with 24 students. During the third semester, 2 students withdrew. The third semester ended with 22 students who all continued into the 4th semester. 2 students withdrew during the 4th semester so currently enrollment is 20 providers.

May 10th – Night OPS (overnight practical event)
May 18th – Class trip to Baltimore. (MIEMSS, SYSCOM, Shock Trauma and cadaver lab at Maryland Anatomy Board)
May 31st - Last day of class
June 9th - NRP psychomotor testing

2016-2018 certification report – 22 students completed the first year.
NR I'99 - 15 have completed the NR I'99 psychomotor, 12 have completed the NR I'99 written test.
Maryland CRTI – 4 students first year students have completed testing and functioning Maryland CRTIs. Of the current cohort of 20 students, 9 are operating in the field already as ALS providers.

2018-2020 cohort - A new cohort will begin in September 2018. Applications are now available and due May 31, 2018. Please email: doug.beitzel@garrettcollege.edu or call 301-387-3772 for an application or if questions.

Degree program
Garrett College continues the process of working towards a full paramedic degree program through the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC).

Upcoming Region 1 ALS classes:

July 19 & 20, 2018
Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) – Allegany County

July 21 & 22, 2018
Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) – Allegany County
(Continued on back)
Sept. 4, 2018
**Paramedic course** - Garrett College
Applications due May 31, 2018

Sept. 29 & 30, 2018
**Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)** - Garrett County

Oct. 6, 7, 20 & 21, 2018
**NCCR ALS Refresher** - Garrett County

Nov. 3, 4, 17 & 18, 2018.
**NCCR ALS Refresher** - Allegany County

Dec. 1, 2018
**Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)** – Allegany County

Jan 5 & 6, 2019
**Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)** - Allegany County

Jan. 12 & 13, 2019
**Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)** – Garrett County

Feb. 9 & 10, 2019
**Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)** – Allegany County

March 2 & 3, 2019
**Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)** - Allegany County

March 16 & 17, 2019
**Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)** – Garrett County
2018 Miltenberger Seminar at Rocky Gap Resort

Attendance

204 people signed in to classes over the two-day seminar (Total of 9 people withdrew; 9 people were no shows for the event)

Friday – 96 people took classes; (6 no shows)
Friday Evening – 54 people in attendance; (10 no shows)
Saturday – 180 people took classes; (9 no shows)

Attendance Breakdown

Allegany County – 57
24 Nurses
28 Prehospital providers (19 BLS and 9 ALS)
5 did not list a certification
11 of the above were also Firefighters
3 were also EMDs

Garrett County – 14
5 were Nurses
8 were Prehospital Providers (2 BLS and 6 ALS)
1 did not list a certification
1 of the above was also an EMD

Not Region I – 128
County not listed – 5

(Note -- Region I and Surrounding Area (Mineral, Bedford, and Somerset Counties) – 88)

Combined Attendee Certifications
Pre-hospital ALS – 71
BLS – 64
FF – 36
EMD – 20
Nurse – 50
No Certification listed – 16
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- Naloxone Leave Behind Program. Semi launched, thus far. Erin Haas, MPH, organizing said program from state level, is working on an EMS oriented training which will be sensitive to the workplace and needs specific to EMS.

- PHEP Grant changes, budget period 2019 is bringing some changes. Mainly more exercises and incorporation of Maryland Response volunteers. So we will be pulling in local agencies and doing more training/exercises in the coming budget years.

- Open POD Exercise at FSU. Will occur late July. ACHD is working in collaboration with FSU to conduct an Open POD exercise to test not only throughput but also sit setup/activation. As FSU’s POD has never been activated nor as such an exercise ever been performed there.

- Website Overhaul - ongoing. ACHD has decided to go with the State’s template and it has proven to be a challenge, just getting the site changed over. I don’t see the new website being live until mid-Summer, at the earliest.
EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County (note: may not reflect entire schedule)

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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](http://www.mfri.org/cgi-bin/schedule.cgi?S=Online) for the following training opportunities:
   - EMT Refresher (12 hour) – May 1

2. Fall classes will be posted online by May 1