



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting April 3, 2024 Virtual/Conference Call

Minutes

Attendance

Todd Abramovitz (MIEMSS), Zakk Arciaga (Johns Hospital Adult), Lorrin Barton (Sinai), Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Eric Cohn (Howard County), Elwood Conaway (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Lauren Cox (St. Joseph's), Christine Decard (Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Aberdeen), Jennifer Denault (Johns Hopkins Peds), Donna Disney (Mercy), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Aaron Edwards (Annapolis City), Ethan Freyman (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), James Gannon (Sinai), Ashlyn Gill (Mercy), Rebecca Gilmore (R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma), Sara Gray (Anne Arundel Medical Center), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Dick Johnson (Consumer Member), Danielle Knatz (Baltimore County), Anna Lennox (Good Samaritan), Matt Levy, MD (Harford County/Region III Medical Director), Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS), James Matz (Baltimore City), Amanda McCartney (Johns Hopkins Adult/Johns Hopkins Bayview), Timothy McCullen (Baltimore City), Raymond McRae (?), Jonathan Moles (Lifebridge Health), Michael O'Connell (MIEMSS), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Luis Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III), David Sabat (Chair/Howard County), Linas Saurusaitis (BWI Airport Fire and Rescue), Christopher Shannon (Howard County), Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS Region III), Grace Strumbroski (Mercy), Debra Skutely-Robinson (Johns Hopkins Peds), Douglas Sward, MD (Upper Chesapeake), Shawn Turtle (US Acute Care Solutions), Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

I. **Opening Remarks – David Sabat:** Chairman David Sabat welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from the January 24, 2024 meeting was distributed to everyone to review and approve. Christine Deckard from Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Aberdeen submitted the change under Hospitals. #1 should be Harford Memorial, not Franklin Square. The minutes were motioned to approve by Dr. Matt Levy and Aaron Edwards after correction. Minutes were approved as written.

II. **Chair Report - David Sabat:** There are no correspondences for the meeting. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 1:00pm and will be held virtually.

III. **Program Reports**

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update – Danielle Knatz

1. The next scheduled meeting will take place in May 2nd. There were no meetings in March and April.
2. EMS Board has approved the protocol updates for 2024.

B. State EMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Chizmar

1. Thanks to the First Responders that were involved with the Francis Scott Key Bridge incident and the contributions they have given.



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2. Medical Directors Symposium will be held on April 10th from 8am to 3pm.
3. Protocol Administrator Meg Stein is working with the Regional Coordinators and jurisdictions to identify speakers for the group. There will be 6 updates for the ALS and 4 updates for the BLS. The rollout date will be around May 15th.
4. Esbelal will be the only medication to be added statewide to the formulary. Jurisdictions are asked to stock one bile of Esbelal. It's packaged as 10mg per ml and it cost less than \$5 a bile. These biles are to be stocked for the ALS advance life support response units.
5. Pocket protocols will not be printed out for the new protocol rollout. Pages were too small and pages cannot be added due to binding limitations. Media Services are working on an electronic version of the app to access the protocol on cell phones.
6. Vaccination Bill that extends the capability of EMS clinicians to continue to give flu and covid-19 vaccine to the members of the public. The bill is progressing favorably on both sides. It will extend the project until January 1, 2030.
7. Public access to AEDs bill that would require naloxone to be placed with every public assessed AED in a public building. The bill is moving through both committees favorably.
8. EMSOFs bill has two years until it is no longer solvent. There are three bills that need to increase the funding for EMSOFs. These bills are subjected to the final vote and the Governor's signature.
9. Discussion that began in the last Jurisdictional Advisory Council meeting that there is evidence that video laryngoscopy should be available to all paramedics statewide. Paramedics are not intubation as they normally would, but brings a lack of experience in intubating frequently as a down side. 19 EMSOPs have completed this voluntarily as part of the optional supplemental phase. It has been in place in the last 5 to 7 years. The discussion has been brought to the Council for support or opposition. The earliest it can go into effect would be in 2025.

C. MIEMSS Region III Report – Luis Pinet-Peralta

1. The Region III Report to the Council was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.

D. Maryland EMSC Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson

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E. EMS Preparedness and Ops – Randy Linthicum/Jeff Huggins

1. No report

IV. Committees

A. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes

1. The Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition was distributed electronically and to those in attendance. A copy is attached in the minutes.



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- B. Transportation – Christopher Shannon
 - 1. The committee did not meet in March because of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.
 - C. Region III Medical Directors - Matt Levy
 - 1. Dr. Levy thanked everyone from the Transportation Committee, Council and the Medical Directors for their efforts and collaboration during the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.
 - D. Emergency Education Council of Region III - Jeff Sexton
 - 1. Not present for report
- V. **Old Business**
- A. Goals for 2024
 - 1. The council was asked for comments on the different challenges the region should focus on in 2024. Some of the items include the progress of CHATS replacement. More information will become available in the next meeting in May; Working on better coordination between Region III and Region V. Dr. Chizmar, Luis Pinet-Peralta, Andy Robertson and the Region V EMS Advisory Council Chair have been in contact and will begin efforts to improve coordination efforts that affect both regions; Chief Sabat will continue to work with Christina Hughes to find other opportunities to do more full scale exercises for EMSOPs and hospital organizations; work on reroute policies.
- VI. **New Business**
- A. Chief Sabat held the meeting today instead of last week to give organizations time to determine impacts from the organizations and debrief any information to the group. Dick Johnson shared positive feedback from the Maritime Executive International newsletter from March 27th. The pilot was experienced and followed all procedure related to emergency scenarios as the Baltimore Fire Department Incident Command reacted and dispatched the essential rescue squads in a matter of moments.
 - B. Chief Sabat and Luis Pinet-Peralta are working on and making sure that everyone that is represented at the Council meeting should be in attendance.
- VII. **Regional Roundtable Reports**
- A. EMS Operations
 - 1. BWI Airport Fire and Rescue
 - a) Research project meeting next Friday, April 12th at 10am at BWI Airport
 - B. Hospitals
 - 1. Good Samaritan – Anna Lennox
 - a) Dr. John Latorre was appointed as the new Base Station Medical Director



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- b) Renew Base Station training in May.
- 2. Johns Hopkins Adult/Johns Hopkins Bayview – Amanda McCartney
 - a) Elwood Conaway is the Johns Hopkins Bayview new Truman Program Manager
 - b) Everyone comes in the hospitals will be winded upon entering the registration desk or the vestibule for safety reasons.
 - c) Topics in EMS conference will be held on May 24th via Zoom. Registration link will be out soon,
 - d) Trauma Survival Day on May 15th. More information to come.
 - e) Base Station class will be held on April 16th to the public from 10am to 2pm at Johns Hopkins Bayview.
 - f) Hospitals will have free hospital reports automatically uploaded to patients' charts from Imagetrend, CRISP and EPIC.
- 3. Upper Chesapeake Medical Center – Jennifer Osik
 - a) Base Station class will be held on June 6th from 10am to 2pm. The information is on the MIEMSS website.
 - b) Hosting an EMS Education Evening on May 16th at 7:30pm.
- C. Commercial Ambulances
 - 1. Not present for report
- D. Commercial Ambulance Services
 - 1. Not present for report
- E. MSP
 - 1. Not present for report
- F. Training Instructions/MFRI
 - 1. Not present for report
- G. MDEM
 - 1. Not present for report

VIII. Meeting Adjourned