

Region IV EMS Advisory Council, Inc.

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Scott Wheatley, Chair
Andy Robertson, Vice-Chair
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AGENDA

September 19, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Regional Medical Director's Report
4. Pediatric Medical Director's/EMS-C Report
5. EMS Board Report
6. SEMSAC/Regional Affairs Report
7. MIEMSS Report
8. Agency Reports (Circle "yes" on the roster if you want to make a report)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Adjournment



Next meeting
November 21, 2017
@ 1330 hrs.
605 Port Street
Easton, MD 21601

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Attendees: John Barto, Sean Britton, Bryan Ebling, Laura Klein, Michael Parsons, David Collins, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Michelle Lloyd, Falon Beck, Denise Hill, Rick Koch, Brian LeCates, Dan Ochsenschlager, MD, Steve White, MD, Tom Chiccone, MD, Allan Schaubert, Phil Hurlock, Bobbie Aaron, Sgt, Michael Mann, David Rice, Nicole Leonard, Andy Robertson, Scott Haas, Joseph A. Ciotola, MD, Scott Wheatley, Alana Long, Olivia Dorman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Scott Wheatley. John Barto introduced Ron Lewis, Associate Regional Administrator, who has been with the Region IV Office for 3 weeks. Also introduced were: Sean Britton, Emergency Preparedness Planner for MIEMSS, and Nicole Leonard, Stroke Coordinator for Shore Health Easton.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Brian LeCates to approve the May 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Denise Hill, and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Dr. Chiccone: Protocol Review Committee – Long, drop dead meeting...whatever didn't get thru this time would not make it into the 2018 protocols. Items that passed - legislature passed that all EMS providers, at the wish of the State, will be trained to administer Naloxone. RSI pilot had a change regarding Etomidate....unified to weight based with all of the appropriate indications and warnings. Nasal Intubation - change proposed. Needle decompression thoracostomy update. Ketamine protocol - too many moving parts and did not pass. Kevin Seaman on HPCPR presentation will pass as a bundle. Wilderness protocol passed. Algorithm change on spinal protocol.

Medical Director's meeting was short....EMS Board did not approve a candidate to become Executive Director of the MIEMSS. Now opening it up through a search group to get a more broad-based group of respondents. Coming around again....legislation for AEDS in restaurants and alternative destinations (as in the Montgomery County pilot).

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Dr. Ochsenschlager – Several APPLS courses coming up.

SEMSAC Report: Both JAC and Regional Affairs completed revised policies and procedures and were sent to SEMSAC.

Regional Affairs Report: Scott Haas - Regional Affairs by-law changes were presented. Action item to board - trauma regs and definitions. Agency budgets were presented in closed session, approved, and sent to the Board.

EMS Board Report: Mary Alice Vanhoy – The Board is going to open up the search for the MIEMSS Executive Director through a national search agency.

MIEMSS Report: Ron Lewis - VAIP starting back up again. Reviewed upcoming jurisdictional inspections. If interested in getting an inspection contact Ron at rlewis@miemss.org. Radio issues - Portables were made for street work and not building work, so they may not work if you're at bedside in a building. For problems with radios call 410-706-3668. Batteries - Once they go dead this is a local issue. MIEMSS does not replace batteries. Protocols are out of date in eMEDS®. These changes need to be made manually, so call Jason Cantera. Ambulance Strike Teams - Emails were sent out and we have gotten some feedback. Paperwork is too unwieldy to do at the last minute, so this needs to be done in advance in order to participate.

John Barto - On Oct. 12, at 9:30 am, Ron will host a Strike Team Meeting in the conference room at QA County 911 center. A MIH program called SWIFT (Salisbury Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team) which is a cooperative effort between PRMC, Salisbury EMS and Wicomico Co. Health Dept., should be approved by Dr. Alcorta. This is not a countywide program, however, Salisbury EMS does covers 68% of the county. They used the Queen Anne's County MIH program as a template. Opioid crisis - Every jurisdiction is dealing with this health issue. Wicomico County has a program through the health department called COAT (Community Outreach Addictions Team) and EMS is faxing eMEDS® reports to the health department so crisis teams can get out in a timely fashion.. Match Grant paperwork will be coming out by the end of the week. Need to be back in by October 31, 2017. This will give a company time to write a good justification on why they need this equipment. The results of the selection will be announced at the next Council meeting. A chart showing optional procedures that various jurisdictions have applied for was passed around. John asked that everyone review the chart and make sure that if you are doing an optional procedure, but it isn't marked on the list, please let him know. CISM class on November 3-4-5, 2017, in Salisbury.

Regional Reports: Dave Rice - Kent DES has purchased 4 Lucas devices and keep them on their front line vehicles.

Rick Koch - OC - 3200 calls during 100 days of summer. Had a 41% and 25% walking out of the hospital after EMS used mechanical CPR.

Denise Hill - Tech program being coordinated with OC. John Donohue sent a report. Reviewed the requests for participation.

Mary Alice Vanhoy – There will be a change in venue for Winterfest in 2018 (January 25-26). The conference is moving to Easton High School. If you bring an overdose patient that you administer Narcan, Shore Health will be dispensing Narcan as EMS goes out.

Sgt. Mann, MSP - Reviewed upcoming changes to some of the equipment. They have ordered ventillators for some of the aircraft.

Phil Hurlock – MIEMSS has been asked to submit three reports to legislature: ED overcrowding, MIH programs, and AEDs in restaurants. MSFA held their 125th convention this year. Reviewed awards winners and new officers.

Doug Walters - 27th Annual Trauma Conference in Ocean City this weekend. PRMC will be hosting an ALS refresher.

Scott Wheatley - Haz Mat training at MFRI in Centreville. Contact Scott if interested. Queen Anne's County is searching for help with the 10K Across the Bay. Needs are ALS transport units and a mass casualty bus. Sunday Nov 5, 2017. 4:30 a.m. til about 2 p.m. Medical tents will fall under QA County command structure.

Nicole Leonard – Shore Health Easton has been re-designated for 5 years as Stroke Center. Also, received gold plus and target stroke data plus awards. Two highest awards a facility can receive from AHA. Explained their program and what it takes to meet the requirements for these programs

Old Business: At the last meeting, it was unanimously requested letter to be sent to MIEMSS regarding the e-licensure system. At the next JAC meeting, as a result of discussion at this meeting, an e-Licensure Workgroup was created. A list of corrections was to be created and sent out. However, nothing has been seen. E&C was to give a timeline on when things were to be completed and, as of today, nothing has been seen.

New Business: Dr. Ciotola - 1) Jurisdictions received no notification that Shock Trauma helipad was down. Who's responsibility to notify EMS. The event prevented other helicopters from landing. Dr. Ciotola believes that MIEMSS/ SYSCOM should send out a notice. Sgt. Mann stated that Shock Trauma has a policy in place for an alternate landing zone when the primary is down. 2) Are any other jurisdictions addressing the issues of accepting refusals for opioid overdoses if the patient is awake? He believes that this should come down from MIEMSS AG's. There needs to be a definitive answer. There was discussion regarding their competence to refuse and if you have the right to treat someone who is refusing. Need legal protection for EMS if patient refuses and they leave and then patient relapses. 3) What is the acronym Wicomico/PRMC is using for MIH? SWIFT (Salisbury Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team) Doug stated that this is just a name being used to identify their particular MIH program because of the multiple entities involved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:51p.,m.