

Region IV EMS Advisory Council

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AGENDA November 16, 2021

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



Next meeting
January 18, 2022
@ 1330 hrs.
Location: TBD

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 16, 2021
Minutes

Attendees: Bryan Ebling, Michael Parsons, Rich Koch, Dr. Chiccone, Cyndy Wright Johnson, Dr. Ochsenschlager, Mary Alice Vanhoy, Scott Haas, Dr. Chizmar, Dr. Delbridge, Andy Budzialek, Dr. Castiglione, David Rice, Wayne Darrell, Scott Wheatley, Andy Fulton, Dr. Jon Krohmer, Brian LeCates, Wylie Gray, Dozia Rahilly, Chris Truitt, Shari Donaway, Chris Schaffer, Melissa Bragg, Falon Beck, Rebecca King, Nicole Leonard, Dr. White.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Rich Koch

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Scott Wheatley to approve the September 21, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Andy Budzialek and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report:

Dr. Chiccone: Recap of the most recent Protocol Review Committee and Alert Status update

- We have a vacancy on the committee for an alternate ALS Clinician Representative. Interested parties can submit a letter of recommendation to Chris Hyzer at chyzer@miemss.org.
- The Ventricular Assist Device Protocol moved forward and will be presented by Dr. Chizmar at the next board meeting.
- The next topic of discussion was about the drug Droperidol. The short version would be to think Haldol out and Droperidol in. This was voted to move forward pending a PEMAC review.
- A protocol tidying was done for shock and cardiac arrest with regards to pregnant patients. This was more so a housekeeping issue.
- Changes regarding when Sodium Bicarbonate is administered will align the protocols more closely with the AHA guidelines.
- A slight change will move forward with the PEA and Asystole protocols.
- There was a discussion regarding Supraglottic airway devices. To be more practical, the committee is attempting to keep a smaller menu of devices that might be considered. The list is not meant to be static and devices may come and go.
- A discussion was had regarding the consideration of the change in transport time that would be allowable for strokes with a LAMS score of 4 or greater.
- The Alert status has been found to be a bit more complex than we thought. It will not be an easy implementation taking into consideration the potential affects it may cause on the neighboring counties. It has not been abandoned; it is just a tad more complex.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report:

Cyndy Wright-Johnson: I just put together an email that will be going out shortly; here are a few highlights you will be receiving.

- Our bi-monthly updates for EMSC
- The bike helmet grant update
- The child passenger safety grant update
- The injury prevention conferences
- The upcoming EMS and ENA conferences
- The safe kids dates for 2022
- We will be offering PEPP hybrid course at Winterfest in February and March in Rocky Gap
- We had a successful PEPP course that Rich Koch helped us teach back in October. We had 23 students complete the course.
- We have a moulage course scheduled for January 21, 2022 for our EMS champions.
- I am still looking for the remaining hospitals to send me their Nurse and Physician Pediatric Champion. We will be contacting them in the month of December to do a brief orientation.
- For EMS, our federal survey, which we have now done for the last 3 years, will be done in 2022 and the questions are the same.
- I would like some feedback from the group to see if it was helpful to have MIEMSS pull the number of providers by jurisdiction at each scope of practice, the total number of calls and total number of pediatric calls. Last year we pulled that data and sent it to any Jurisdiction at their request. If that is something you would like to have done again, let us know and we will get that out to you.
- Just a reminder, the Smart Sheet forms are live for the EMS Star of Life and the EMSC Right Care When it Counts awards.

EMS Board Report:

Mary Alice Vanhoy - We looked at the Monoclonal antibody administration protocol, which looked very good. All of our partners gave their reports and it was a very quick meeting.

SEMSAC Report / Regional Affairs Report:

Scott Haas:

- Hopfully everyone received the details of the November 4th meeting that was sent out. The Regional Affairs Committee did an update regarding the Region IV 50/50 grants. They did not vote on the 50/50 grants, so, I am assuming they are accepting the

recommendations made by the Regional Affairs Committee. Normally it is voted on, so I am assuming it will move forward from that meeting.

- After looking at the spreadsheets for all of the Jurisdictions, I was impressed with the creative way Region IV came up with to spread the money throughout their requesting counties. Everyone did an excellent job this year!
- MIEMSS used to provide us copies of everyone's presentations from the SEMSAC meeting. We have not received any presentation copies from the last two meetings. Would it be possible to start receiving them again? Dr. Delbridge responded, yes. It may have just been an oversight.

MIEMSS Report:

Dr. Delbridge:

- Jim Brown will be retiring from MIEMSS at the end of November. He will be greatly missed.
- We still aspire on creating a better Alert System that will best serve our patients, EMS, and hospitals.
- We are noticing an increase of patient boarding at our hospitals which than creates an issue transitioning patient care from the EMS Clinicians to the hospital staff. We really want to know more about the border people to see if there is some action that can be taken. Perhaps something can be done just a little bit different to lend some support to the system.
- We are going to have several personal changes over the next couple of months. Monty Magee, one of our Assistant Attorney Generals retired in October and we have since welcomed Adam Malizio as our newest Assistant Attorney General. Carole Mays will be retiring at the end of December. Starting tomorrow we are welcoming Bev Witmer, she is going to be the Director of EMS Clinician Services formally known as Licensure and Certification.

Dr. Chizmar:

- We had a conversation with Dr. Rosenbaum and several of the Directors in Delaware regarding how the hospitals there could communicate their level of distress. Bryan and I will be in contact with the EMRC folks to set up some kind of notification system between Delaware, EMRC and Region IV Counties.

Bryan Ebling:

- The C4 center has expanded to pediatric referrals. It has been a slow start, but they have had a few referrals in October and November.
- Covid 19 test kits are available. If you need additional tests kits, fill out the Smart Sheet form.
- We did the CHEMPAK restock at Trooper 4 and Trooper 6 on September 29th

- Mike Parsons is leading the effort of updating the VAIP. MIEMSS will be making some minor updates and that meeting is set to take place around December 1st.
- The @ha application is still being promoted and we are trying to get as many counties on board as possible. We know that there are some CAD issues. If you are a county that is working through that process and need assistance please reach out to the Region IV office and we will do our best to assist you through that process.
- ALS and BLS folks please make sure your affiliations are correct and correctly filed with MIEMSS and the EMSOP.
- Please be aware that the extension date for Clinicians to get their certification completed is fast approaching.
- There has been some movement on the Direct to Triage protocol. If you are interested in participating, please file an Optional Protocol Request form with the office of the Medical Director. Also, make sure you are speaking with the hospitals that you are planning to work with.
- Leave behind Narcan; we are still trying to get 100% cooperation within the State.
- Cecil County is the most recent MIH team on the shore.
- The QA/QI class is being revamped, it is still under construction but we are expecting some movement by the first of the year.
- The Base Station Coordinators meeting is set for December 3rd for 8:30am. – 12:30pm. We will be completing five (5) base station site visits this year.
- The Cardiac Device Grant process went very well extremely well this year. I feel that most everyone received what they needed. Sherry Alban will be sending emails out in the next day or two, so keep an eye out for that email. You will have 30 days to get the requested information back to Sherry. If you do not, those funds will be reallocated and there will be no extensions given.
- We had 10 LP15 requests; we were able to fund 8. We had 36 AED requests and we were able to fund 27. Out of the 8 counties that applied, 7 were awarded funds. We were awarded \$95,570.00 in grant funds this year; however, we were able to secure a total grant amount of \$112,640.00 from unutilized funds.

Agency / Regional Reports:

Cecil County:

Andy Budzialek – One update, we received a large federal grant to help support our MIH initiative. I do have a question, was the EMT Vaccinator lifted with the executive order? Dr. Chizmar responded yes it was lifted and we are back to Paramedics only.

Caroline County:

Andy Fulton:

- The Alternate Destination Protocol program is still ongoing here. It is going slow; however, we will be touching base with the urgent care practitioners so we can better formulate a plan to increase our productivity with that group.

- We are moving forward with the leave behind Narcan program.

Queen Anne's County:

Scott Wheatley:

- We will be electing into the Direct to Triage protocol when the patient meets the proper parameters. If our Clinicians are not thoroughly certain that the patient meets the parameters, our EMS Officers are going to encourage them to call and make sure that the parameters are correct so that our turnaround times are more beneficial.
- Thank you for all of the support we received with the Across the Bay 10K. It was a success; we only had minor injuries occur. We appreciate all of the jurisdictions that stepped up to help us with this event.

Talbot County:

Wiley Gray: Winterfest Updates

- The skills class at Winterfest will be held virtually on Thursday, February 10th from 6:00pm – 10:00pm and in-person at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, February 18th at 8:00am. The hybrid PEPP class will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 8:00am. at the Oxford Fire Company. Saturday, February 19th and Sunday, February 20th, we will be in-person at Easton High School.
- We are still in the process of hiring an EMS Division Chief. The applications have been closed and are working on the interview process.
- Since the last meeting, we have hired 1 Paramedic and 2 EMTs. We do have an additional Paramedic position that just opened up this week.

Dorchester:

Dozia Rahilly:

- We plan to do the Narcan leave behind program and I will be sending in the paperwork for that shortly.
- In discussions with Dr. White, we are considering the Direct to Triage protocol. We are still discussing if it would be a beneficial option.

Dr. White:

- The Freestanding Medical Center is up and running as of October 29, 2021. Things are going well. It is a very nice facility and you are welcome to stop in to see it.

Wicomico:

Chis Truitt:

- We are discussing the Direct to Triage protocol
- MIH is still running strong here

Chester River:

Rebecca King - We are working on the Direct to Triage protocol and have implemented that with staff.

Shore Health:

Mary Alice Vanhoy – Dr. Atha will be meeting with the Jurisdictional Officials so that we can plan a systematic approach regarding Direct to Triage and how to best implement it at each facility.

Nicole Leonard – We have a new Medical Director at the UM SRH Primary Stroke Center at Easton, Dr. Rena Sukhdeo-Singh. She will be presenting at one of the classes for Mary Alice Vanhoy's refresher.

Old Business:

Dr. Chizmar:

- If you are a Jurisdiction that has decided to go live with the Direct to Triage protocol, please let us know who your point person will be. In addition, you will need to check the box with having a meeting with the hospital.
- OSHA ETS is on hold and still in the court system.

New Business:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm. Motion made by Mary Alice Vanhoy, Seconded by Shari Donaway.