

REGION IV EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 21, 2017

Minutes

Attendees: John Barto, Robert Price, Barbara Steiner, Denise Hill, Falon Beck, RN, Andy Aswegan, MD, Paul Massarelli, Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN, Bill Hildebrand, Phil Hurlock, Alana Long, RN, Olivia Dorman, Sgt. Mike Mann, Joseph Ciotola, MD, Scott Haas, David J. Collins, Ryan Todd, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Daniel Ochsenschlager, Judy Micheliche, Brian LeCates, Kevin Pearl, MD, Andy Robertson, Anna Sierra, Rick Koch, Doug Walters, RN

The meeting was called to order at 13:33 by Andy Robertson.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Ciotola to approve the January 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Anna Sierra and passed.

Regional Medical Director's Report: Mary Alice Vanhoy – Region IV Alert Policy was sent to Baltimore, came back with comments. Dr. Chiccone, Mary Alice Vanhoy and John Barto were asked to review it again. They are going to tweek it a little more and send it back to include the recommendations from the Council as well as from Baltimore. John Barto stated that we were asked by Dr. Walt Atha to look at the UMMS Shore Regional Facilities with regard to the high alert utilization. Then develop a training packet for senior leadership and ED staff. They will send it out one more time for feedback and then will ask Dr. Chiccone to forward the final recommendations to Dr. Alcorta. The entire Council will have the opportunity see a cleaned up Draft of the Region IV Alert Policy before submission to Dr. Alcorta. Scott Haas asked why the State doesn't develop a policy instead of each region doing so? John did not have an answer to this. That was the idea with the State's Diversion Committee, however, there has been no movement on this. Mary Alice asked Scott Haas to take this back to SEMSAC.

Pediatric Medical Director's/EMSC Report: Cyndy Wright-Johnson- Gave a review of upcoming seminars/conferences for EMS. EMS Care is coming in a month. Partnership for a Safer Maryland under new leadership has re-formed. National Safe Kids Worldwide will be hosted in Baltimore in July 2017. PEMAC is really focused on high performance CPR for children under 8 (merging that with adult HP-CPR). Protocol committee met last week and had major changes suggested for termination of resuscitation for over 18 y.o. These changes will be integrated into the existing document instead of as a separate protocol. Cuffed ET tubes for children (under 18) for specific situations - hoping to have this to protocol committee by May 2017. Dr. Floccare is leading an alternative airway committee. Performance measures survey will be coming out in near future from Utah. Family Readiness Project - Will be out at EMS Care and MSFA Convention . For more information go to: www.miemss.org and look under departments...click on EMS for Children.

SEMSAC Report: Scott Haas - MIH Packet – Strongly recommends that everyone review this document. Supposed to go in front of SEMSAC for a vote next month. He is happy with the way it is written as of now. Freestanding Medical Facilities - Fast track document for stroke ready centers and another one to change priority level of what can be transported there. Nothing has come before SEMSAC for a while. If something comes up for a vote prior to a meeting he will push out info and ask for input.

Regional Affairs Report: No report.

EMS Board Report: No report.

MIEMSS Report: John Barto - CISM training scheduled for Ocean City was cancelled due to low registration. Planning to reschedule and use either PRMC or Wor-Wic as location. Looking at May-June timeframe. Concerns have been raised about MIEMSS Licensure and Certification. Current model has taken away some abilities that the HJO and administrators previously had. If anyone has any problems or concerns, please direct those to Rae Oliveira, Mark New or Terrell Buckson and copy John Barto so he can track your issues. A lot of discussion on the problems with the new system. The new protocol update is not ready yet. It's under an hour long.

Agency Reports: Dr. White - Opioid epidemic - discussed ongoing concerns. Looking into future - several hospitals in the state are converting from full hospital to freestanding. There is currently a bill looking at mandating AED placement in restaurants.

Mary Alice Vanhoy - Will be moving training center from hospital to a building near Chick-fil-a.

Doug Walters - EMSC course at PRMC.

Old Business: Anna Sierra - Rural Health Working Group - Discussed the reports and purpose of this group. The reports she has asked for are in eMEDS®.

Phil Hurlock - Changes in personnel at MIEMSS....John Donohue retired from MIEMSS and is now Deputy Director of Emergency Services in Cecil County. John New retired, but has come back part-time. A bill has been passed to allow EMS to provide care to animals.

New Business: Ryan Todd - Working diligently collecting data for opioid epidemic. One of the things he submitted to Clay Stamp, head of the governors opioid task force, was to create a CARES tab in image trend to collect some of this data. (EMS and Law enforcement, etc.) The added tab in PCR should hopefully reduce duplication of data collection at various agencies. Anna Sierra mentioned she was on conference call two weeks ago where concerns for the validity of data collection was brought up. She does feel it would be useful if MIEMSS could provide the data on a statewide basis rather than asking each jurisdiction providing it. Discussion regarding some of the concerns regarding the OD mapping. Service defined questions are being input by jurisdictions, however, there is concern that these questions can never be deleted. It was suggested that MIEMSS should put specific questions in that are uniform throughout the state.

Phil Hurlock – Executive Ccommittee of MSFA passed a resolution to create a national emergency task force to take all appropriate action to achieve reversal of current national registry EMT policy and return it to the State. Dr. Alcorta sent out a survey to find out how EMR's are being used in the various jurisdictions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 14:33.