REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 21, 2022

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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

July 21, 2022

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on July 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Garrett Community College (CTTC), 116 Industrial Park, Accident, MD. Members attending included: Jeff Hobbs, Kim Gordon, Dr. Janelle Martin, Jonathan Dayton, Shannon Adams, Justin Orendorf, Wayne Tiemersma, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Al Ward, Dwayne Kitis and Alex Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Beitzel at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of April 21, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Dr. Chizmar, Dr. Delbridge and Cyndy Wight Johnson from MIEMSS; Mike Salvage, Allegany County DES; Cpl. Jackie Pickett, MSP Aviation Command; Scott Whetsell; Cheryl Hinebaugh, GRMC.

President's Report - Doug Beitzel; No report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System

The MIEMSS Region I EMS Hall of Fame Ceremony was held today before the Council meeting.

Quality Improvement - No report.

Bylaws/Membership

- A memo has been sent out regarding filling the open position for a representative from Allegany County Emergency Services Board.
- Allegany County Emergency Management/Communications representative slot also needs to be filled.

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College - Doug Beitzel

- An update on ALS training in the Region was provided, please see attachment.
- The ALS Refresher being held in Allegany County that is listed on the attachment is the last scheduled for this recert cycle. Another Refresher may be done in January or February, but is not scheduled as of now.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. - Dwayne Kitis

The Miltenberger Committee will start meeting soon to begin planning for the 2023 seminar.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center - Kim Gordon

- The Medical Center is fully affiliated now with WVU.
- They are gearing up for the Joint Commission on Aug 5.
- Base Station Recertification is August 31.
- They are going to be doing a table top exercise on Active Shooter Drill.
- Active Shooter training was held last week with Garrett County Sherriff's Office with another class tomorrow and 2 more next week.
- In early Spring there will be a full fledge exercise throughout the entire hospital.

Garrett County Emergency Management

Wayne reported that a new Fire Marshal for the county was hired. The County Fire Marshal will be doing inspections and fire safety prevention while the State Fire Marshal will still handle the investigations.

Garrett County Communications – Justin Orendorf

- The 911 center was fully staffed up to a week ago when a position opened up; advertised that position and had a few applicants and will be interviewing soon.
- They are set to cut over to Next Generation 911 on Aug 17.
- The County is trying to get letters of support for Federal funding of the last component of the radio system for the backup center. They found out recently that they did receive almost one million dollars. The money should be received in the next 6-8 months and the project can begin.

• Oakland's Sang Run site has been started for additional 700 coverage in Swallow Falls Park area. MD First hopes to be online in 2023.

Garrett County ESB and EMS - Wayne Tiemersma

- All of the EMS positions are full right now.
- It is a very busy time; Career side is having to cover more voluntary slots.
- The ESB continues to monitor the health of NGRS system will make a recommendation to Commissioners in August.

Garrett County Health Department - Diane Lee

The COVID transmission rate in Garrett County is high now.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications / EMS - Acting Chief Mike Salvage

- The EMS section has some open positions at this time; they received the OK to do some additional hiring. They are short on BLS providers.
- A Chase car that was BLS has moved to fully staffed paramedic unit and will be used as a new supervisor vehicle.
- A meeting was held with MSP Aviation leadership, they will be much more proactive on the launching of aircraft earlier, from Dispatch rather than after EMS arrival on the scene and then having to call for medivac.
- CAD updates are happening on October 1. After the update the County can take part in MIEMSS Ambulance at Hospital Program. They have not been onboard because of technical issues.

Allegany County Emergency Services Board

- Chief Shannon Adams shared that the Board is working on updating some outdated standards and changing some apparatus standards, too.
- The Box Cards will be live first part of October.

Allegany County Health Department - Alison Robinson

- The Health Department is still providing COVID testing 3 days a week and holding a vaccination clinic 1 day a week.
- The ground floor of the HD had a bit of a flood recently; the PPE was stored in this area with some items being
 ruined. There is still a lot more of undamaged PPE that they are looking to offload to anyone who needs it. Please
 call Alison if your company could use some.
- They are also looking to have an Active Shooter course and a Stop the Bleed class soon, probably closer to September.

UPMC Western Maryland – Jeff Hobbs

- COVID cases were on the rise and they had to reactivate half of floor 7 to use for patients again.
- The hospital triage area is under construction now; bulletproof glass is being installed for staff safety.

Allegany College of Maryland - No Report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director - Dr. Janelle Martin

- She was invited to attend the Western Maryland Emergency Managers meeting last month where she received some
 data on transport statistics from January to the end of May for the area which she also shared at the meeting
 tonight.
 - EMS Transports: Garrett County had 1820 with Peds making up about 4%; Allegany County had 6692 with Peds at 3.2%
 - Air Medical Utilization: Garrett County had 23; Allegany County had 4 (since there is a Trauma Center in the County)
 - COVID Transports: Garrett County had 33; Allegany County had 142. Numbers would have been significantly different over the last 2 or 3 weeks.
- COVID is present with multiple variants and multiple treatment options; appears to be less severe but more transmissible. Hospitalizations in the state have been relatively stable with 554 in hospitals as of today.
- Monkey Pox is in 44 states now; Maryland has 49 confirmed cases as of last update. It is rare but can lead to serious issues and affect pediatric patients more significantly. EMS response should be with PDE, mask, gloves, gowns, and eye protection.
- · Polio has also been identified in New York now.

Regional Pediatric Medical Director - No report

Region I Specialty Centers - No report

MFRI - Todd Dyche

A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region; please see attachment.

MDEM - No report

Medevac - Cpl. Jackie Pickett

- They are trying to implement an early activation program for Medivac; if they are not needed it will turn into a training mission.
- MSP Aviation Command has 10 drones now in the state for use on missions where there are used on secondary searches.
- They are working on lowering the minimum flight recommendations for visibility in the area.

CISM - Al Ward

- They had 1 activation since the last Council meeting, which was to West Virginia. They were also on standby in Washington County 3 weeks ago.
- A few more members have been added to the team with a couple more applications pending.
- Their next meeting is Monday night.

AGCVFRA - Jonathan Dayton

- A By-Law was past to meet every other month instead of every month.
- The new website was launched with the same address as it has always been. There is a Fire/EMS database on it which is linked to external sources and an Events Calendar is also on the website now and people can submit items to it.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition

Megan is moving up at the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) and we will be getting a new coordinator at some point. Also, Alex is stepping down as Chairman and Todd Johnson is taking over that position.

Career Fire & EMS - Shannon Adams

- They are busy and working through some staffing issues due to illness and a retirement.
- They are down 2 positions and putting out for hiring.
- Steve Grogg is in the Deputy Chief position and will be in charge of training.
- A few people are finishing Paramedic training with 6 in new fall class.
- New non-EMS recruits will have to do an EMT Class in the Academy soon.

Commercial Ambulance - No Report

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson

- Cyndy provided handouts for the members and highlighted some items at the meeting.
- Right Care When it Counts Award they were thrilled to be in Oakland in June to present an award to a young lady.
 The 2023 awards are open and online; yesterday a challenge was issued for every county to nominate a child for this
 award and then something will be done locally to honor the children. Only one of the nominated children in the
 state will be pulled out for the State Awards.
- She highlighted the online courses from Miltenberger Seminar and Winterfest; 12 hours of content online with both EMS and Nursing credits.

Dr. Delbridge

- COVID people under investigation (PUI) is heating up across the state. Last year this time 9% of people 65 and
 under who had COVID ended up in the hospital for some period of time; right now that number is only around 2%
 or less and 40% of those in the hospital showed up for some other reason, but were also found to had COVID.
- The C4 program is funded through June 30, 2023.
- EMT Stipend for new people the stipend is \$2000 which is spread out over the training process; runs January 2022 through July 2023. There are just under 400 people signed up for the stipend now and the program was allotted enough monies for 500 students. The idea is to help get students going and get them to the end to pass the National Registry test.
- Maryland Department of Health announced more than \$81 million in federal funding to support emergency transport services. MDH will disperse funding through the Emergency Service Transporter Supplemental Payment Program (ESPP), a voluntary program that provides supplemental federal payments to eligible public JEMSOPs (supplements

Medicaid payments). Fourteen of Maryland's Jurisdictions signed up to participate, but some of them are not eligible due to the way EMS system is structured in their county. The goal is to get all of them able to participate.

Dr. Chizmar

- COVID the Viral Pandemic Triage Protocol was never repealed so it is still on the books and available for use.
- Monkey Pox the State Health Department has received some allocations of the newer vaccine and there is some plan for high risk vaccinations.
- July 1 protocols in effect TXA is going very well; droperidol is hard for some jurisdictions to get.
- Rollout began for LMA / King LT / AirQ (supraglottic, extraglottic airways). Several jurisdictions go with supraglottic or extraglottic after tries with others.
- There is a big shortage in Dextrose; should conserve D10 and D50 for those who absolutely have to have it and use lesser measures such as sugared drinks when possible.
- They are working with State police on the issue of Law Enforcement use of force; the law says that they can use force but it needs to be necessary and proportional.
- Certain types of paper are in short supply, so it will be at least 2 weeks until they receive the Pocket Protocols.

Region I Report - Dwayne Kitis

- He will be reaching out to the County to see if they have any input on how the GMRC is doing regarding the Base Station.
- The problem with the EMS Clinician certification cards should be fixed now.
- Ambulance and 1st Response vehicle inspections are scheduled for October 4 & 5 in Region I.

Old Business - (carried over from last meeting)

Possible restarting of Triage Tag functional exercises in the future.

New Business

- National Registry is looking at having a resolution that ALS training sites do not have to be nationally accredited;
 comment period is going on now.
- Dr. Delbridge added that National Registry is having problems in some states getting state programs up to snuff.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Garrett College ALS Training report for Region 1 EMS Advisory Council

July 21, 2022 - 1900 hour

– Garrett College CTTC

<u>2020-2022 cohort</u> – In the final semester, 21 of 23 students passed the course. One failed due to GPA and one did not complete clinicals. 21 students tested the NRP psychomotor exam with 19 passing, two students will retest. To date, 12 students have passed the NRP written with others still to scheduled to test, or retest.

<u>A.A.S. Degree in Paramedic Studies</u> – Any current Paramedic can earn half their degree at Garrett College. The other half can be done online. In county tuition is available for anyone in Maryland as well. Several local paramedics have enrolled in the summer or fall semester. In May 2022, we graduated six students with their AAS degree.

<u>Accreditation</u> – Our 5-year reaccreditation will begin with our self-study due to arrive in November. We will have 6 months to complete, then a site visit team will schedule a 2 day visit to inspect the program. Our annual report was submitted prior to the May 15th deadline and approved.

<u>Clinical / Lab Coordinator</u> — Accreditation has updated and increased items needing to be tracked with cohorts after Jan. 2023. Doug Beitzel (Program Coordinator) has also taken on coordinating additional programs at the college outside the paramedic program. Steve Adams was hired as a clinical / lab coordinator, starting July 1, to prepare and track all skills needed for each student to complete the program.

<u>2022-2024 cohort</u> – Applications were due at the end of May. We received 26 applications, and are currently in the process of interviews and background checks. Several have also applied for the degree and are currently in advising with the college. Acceptance letter will be sent July 29 with the program starting on September 1, 2022.

ALS (MFRI) courses being offered in Region 1

8/27/22 – 8/22/22 Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services

9/24/22 – 9/25/22 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)

Garrett College CTTC

10/10/22 - 10/13/22 - ALS Refresher

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services

10/30/22 - Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services

11/10/22 - 11/11/22 - Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)

Garrett College CTTC

11/12/22 - 11/13/22 - Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)

Allegany County Department of Emergency Services



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EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: July 2022

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMR	100	Orleans	1/9/22	Sun	11	Completed
EMT	ংশ	SGCRS Station 9	1/18/22	W/Sun	6	NREMT Testing
EMR		Kitzmiller	2/17/22	M/Th/Sat	5	Completed
EMT	(#)	Cresaptown	3/12/22	W/Sat	11	Active
EMT Refresher	2	GCCTTC	5/21/22	Sat/Sun	10	Completed
EVO	FIRE-130-S006-2023	Bittinger	8/7/22	Sun	(9)	Open
*Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S013-2023	Garrett EOC	9/10/22	Sat	(2)	Open
*EMT	EMS-106-S006-2023	Cresaptown	9/22/22	Th/Sat	(10)	Open
*EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S007-2023	Cresaptown	9/25/22	Sun	(3)	Open
*EMT Refresher	EMS-203-S006-2023	GCCTTC	10/22/22	Sat/Sun	(4)	Open
*EVO	FIRE-130-S008-2023	LaVale Rescue	10/29/22	Sat	(3)	Open
*Haz Mat Ops	HM-102-S015-2023	Shaft	11/5/22	Sat	(5)	Open
*EMT Skills	EMS-202-S007-2023	Cresaptown	11/28/22	M/W	(3)	Open

Notes:

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^{1.} Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students

^{2. *}red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start



CPS & OP Healthcare Project EMS for Children Program @ MIEMSS

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PEMAC UPDATE –July 6, 2022 The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- The CPS project to distribute car seats to needy families across the state continues with participation among EDs, the MCH departments of several hospitals, and a few Safe Kids-Maryland partners. Holy Cross Germantown's MCH is the newest partner. Several of the busier hospitals have given out a steady supply of car seats (e.g., UM Capital Region, AAMC, Sinai, Shady Grove).
- Conducted a CPS exhibit at ENA By The Bay on May 5th.
- Gave a presentation on CPS at the EMS Care 2022 conference and held an interactive exhibit during the conference.
- Helped at a car seat check at Mt Washington Pediatric Center on 6/3. This was in conjunction with Mile One Auto (who supplied free car seats for needy families) and MD Kids in Safety Seats.
 Helped at a check in Annapolis.
- Conducted 3 trainings for the new pilot project to get All-in-One car seats for EMS supervisors' vehicles for non-emergency transport of children (Ocean City, Allegany Co, Washington Co).
 Scheduled the training for Calvert County Emergency Services for August 12 at 10:30 am.
 Developed laminated guides and two training videos on the use of the Graco Slim Fit car seat.
- Gave a workshop on new technology in CPS at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention. Coordinated an interactive display for families on CPS at the convention.
- Helped teach a Child Passenger Safety Technician certification course in Middletown. Other courses are scheduled. Anyone interested in upcoming courses can go to www.cert.safekids.org to get automated alerts on new classes. Scholarships for the \$95 registration fee are available on a limited basis.
- Posted a number of social media messages on traffic safety themes and supported Click-It-Or-Ticket week with social media.
- Scheduled a new webinar for September 12th at 1pm featuring Dr. Emma Sartin talking about CPS legislation and its effects on MVC injury and deaths as well as a panel discussing Maryland's revised CPS law, effective October 1, 2022. MHSO/MVA is holding a press event about this new change in the CPS law on July 26th at Martin State Airport.
- The temperature display to educate on never leaving your child alone in a car/pediatric vehicular heatstroke is available from MIEMSS to borrow for your agency or community events.

For information, contact Susanne Ogaitis-Jones, MSPH, CHES, CPST/I cps@miemss.org, or sogaitisjones@miemss.org, Phone: 410-706-8647

^{**} Car seat check-up events and virtual assistance are available through Maryland Kids in Safety Seats at https://tinyurl.com/VidAppt20 or www.mdkiss.org.



PEMAC Education Subcommittee Update July 2022



1.BLS Subcommittee:

Ongoing discussion about challenges with student portfolios for the EMT Program. Discussion of extension of provisional certifications and provisional applications.

2.ALS Subcommittee:

Meeting held May 18th. Update shared on the protocol orientation efficacy project and its status with IRB approval. State ALS content remains in development and should be completed shortly. Discussion regarding legislation about police restraint of agitated patients and its conflict with current Maryland Medical Protocol.

3. Continuing Education Updates:

- a) APLS Courses
 - Course no longer being offered.
- b) PEPP Courses
 - PEPP 4th Edition instructor toolkit available as a digital download
 - 2022 PEPP 4th Edition Course Offerings:
 - 1. Winterfest 2022 Held in February at Oxford VFD with 9 attendees.
 - 2. Miltenberger 2022 TBD at a later date
 - 3. Southern Maryland Summer 2022 18 students registered.
 - 4. Central Maryland October 2022 in conjunction with Pediatric EMS Champion Forum
- c) Pediatric TOR training:
 - Webinar posted for the Pediatric EMS Champions on Pediatric Cardiac Science & Pediatric TOR
 - Shorter presentation on Pediatric TOR posted in Sharefile for Champions with case studies
- d) Additional Course Offerings

4. Video/Web Training

Completed Webinars available on MIEMSS LMS

- a) Neonatal Resuscitation Webra Price-Douglas, PhD, CRNP Available on LMS
- b) Pediatric Tracheostomy Care Available on LMS
- c) Pediatric Burn Injuries Available on LMS
- d) Pediatric Stroke by Ryan Felling, MD, PhD Available on LMS
- e) Pediatric High Performance CPR Available on LMS
- f) Your Next Patient Has Autism Are you Prepared? Available on LMS

Webinars in process/planning

- a) OB & Newborn Emergencies Current workshop to be modified for LMS
 - OB Emergencies LMS to be presented by Jen Fahey, CNM, MPH
- b) Pediatric Vascular Access current workshop has 4 lectures, planning to convert core Hydration Assessment lecture by Jessica Strohm-Farber DNP, CPNP-AC



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems



Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: July 2022

What's NEW:



EMSC Updates:

- EIIC EDI Webinar: Becoming an Upstander: Action Tools to Create a Safe, Empowering Environment" Monday, July 11, from 4:30-5:30 pm ET. Register @https://uhhospitals.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_edlsrfEKTJGyojLBPN4irA
- 2023 National EMS for Children EMS Survey is anticipated to launch early in January 2023, same survey questions, Pediatric EMS Champions are target to respond.
- 3. **C4 Pediatrics** launched on October 1, 2021 to provide 24/7 consultation and assistance with transferring pediatric patients to both acute inpatient beds and critical care beds.

SAFE K:DS

Safe Kids

Buckle Up (CPS): Planning for September CPS Week & New CPS Law in Maryland Bike Safety Project: Grant funded for Year 6 with helmet distribution & social media Safe Kids Maryland: Steps to Safety @ MSFA Convention in June & Sept.7, 2022 meeting

Advocacy:

- Right Care When It Counts & Star of Life: 2022 Awards were presented in May & June across Maryland. Nominations are being accepted for 2023 awards online: http://www.miemss.org/home/documents
- **#MDPANDAFAN (EMSC Family Advisory Network Council)**: FAN council has distributed the educational project to increase awareness of SUID risks and steps to create a Safe Sleep Environment.
- ➤ Risk Watch Injury Prevention —EMSC, Safe Kids MD and Risk Watch teams participated in the 2022 MSFA Convention "Steps to Safety". Inventory of teaching tools is underway to plan for new resources for communities in 2022-2023.
- > CPS Resources and Training: are available for EMS, ED and Nursery/ NICU. Contact cps@miemss.org. CPS Webinars are planned for early fall watch for flyers & details soon.
- Outdoor Temperature Displays –The displays are kept in MIEMSS, Cecil County DES, Prince George's County Fire & EMS, and Meritus Medical Center/ Safe Kids Washington County. Email cps@miemss.org for more information and check out the You Tube short training on how to utilize the displays.
- **Bike Safety/ Helmets** grant from MHSO continues to work with Safe Kids Coalitions & Partners providing educational materials and bike helmets (all ages). Email bikesafety@miemss.org for more information.

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

- **2023** EMS Conferences dates and topics are under discussion. EMSC will offer PEPP 4 hybrid courses in Southern Maryland, Western Maryland and Central Maryland this summer & fall.
- 2022 Winterfest & Miltenberger conferences combined resources to create online CME through the MIEMSS Online Training Center that remain available for both EMS & RN credits until December 30, 2022. https://www.emsonlinetraining.org/
- ENA CPEN review courses for 2022 & 2023 will be in person base upon feedback.

Pediatric EMS Champions: Full 2022 schedule of meetings has been distributed. Champion Workshop in Ocean City May 12 & 13 2022 focused on skills & scenario building. Email pepp@miemss.org for more information about Champions.

EMSC National Assessments (Surveys): NPRP (Hospital) Assessment 2021 was open from May – July with 100% of Maryland EDs participating. Maryland EMSC is gathering the names for the Pediatric ED Champions, nurse and physician, and will schedule orientation meeting and educational forums.

For more information please call the Maryland EMS for Children office at 410-706-1758 Website: www.miemss.org look under departments, Click on EMS for Children