

May 2021 CASAC Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Rosenberg

Approval of the minutes:

The amended minutes have been sent out to the group.

Are there any additional corrections? No comments

Motion to approve minutes as amended by Cory Skidmore. Seconded by Jimmy Pixton.

Motion carried.

State Medical Director's report – Dr. Chizmar:

- Happy EMS Week from everyone at MIEMSS. Thanks for everything you have done and will do as we continue to respond to the pandemic together.
- Protocol Update – 99% done. Plan to launch online training next week. Relatively brief and to the point. Thanks to everyone for their patience.
- New revised protocols – currently under external review looking for inconsistencies. Looking to launch next week electronically with the protocol update course. We realize it is a little later than previous years. I appreciate everyone's patience and believe you will be happy with the product and new format.
- Note about masks – pushed out a memo yesterday about masks. While the governor has lifted the mask mandate with one notable exception – healthcare environment. 911 and commercial ambulance services should still wear masks while providing healthcare.
- Commercial gatherings – best advice that I can give. If all vaccinated, then you can drop the masks. If you have a mixed group, wear a mask to protect the unvaccinated. We are not looking to police this but there has been questions about MIEMSS position.
- Public Notice #9 – This notice allows for non-EMS licensed drivers through a waiver process. 5 services currently taking advantage of this. We are working out the kinks. Hopefully it will have a positive impact on your service and statewide.

No questions for Dr. Chizmar.

SOCALR Report:

Scott Legore – I would like to introduce Marty Johnson whose has been hired back as the EMS Manager for SOCALR. He has hit the ground running and is currently coordinating all renewals and new unit inspection.

Marty Johnson – It is good to be back.

Inspections – Going back to the way it was done in the past. We will give 45 to 60 days' notice prior to expire date. Things are looking good.

QA Review (Scott Legore) – Scott Barquin continues to work with several services on data import issues. If he hasn't reached out to you, then your data import is probably working well. For those he has contacted, we appreciate your assistance in resolving the import issues.

Equipment Update:

PPE (Randy Linthicum) – The State still has a large amount of PPE on hand including MIEMSS and Department of Health encourage everyone to request PPE to stock up while there is still a surplus. Next week we will put out instructions and a Smart Sheet on how to request items. We encourage everyone to put in requests.

Scott Legore – Changes to the required equipment checklists will be implemented with new protocols. For BLS units, glucometer and albuterol will be required equipment. For ALS units, 2nd NDT needle has been added. The new checklists are done, just waiting for the new protocols to be released before posting on the website.

Question – What quantity of albuterol will be required? 1 dose (2.5 mg) or 1 MDI

Non-EMS licensed driver (Scott Legore) – On May 3rd, Public Notice #9 was issued which allows for non-EMS licensed drivers for commercial BLS units through a waiver process. Since release 5 services have requested and all been approved for waivers. Yesterday, information was sent out about an expedited temporary PSC license process. Some folks submitted applications through this process yesterday afternoon and received their temporary licenses this morning. The temporary license applications should be processed within 72 hours – applications are submitted to SOCALR and then we upload it directly to the PSC server.

Budget (Jeannie Abramson)

Will Rosenberg – I will set the stage. There was a request by several members of this group to do research on what the budget for SOCALR was and current balance of the fund. Jeannie has been so nice to do all of the leg work.

Jeannie Abramson – (Screen shared with budget spreadsheet)

What is presented is the SOCALR budget for FY 2021. The budget for FY 2021 is just over \$500,000. Also asked for expenditures – what we do at MIEMSS is charge everything to EMSOF throughout the year except for some direct expenditures such as office supplies and training, and then at the end of the year we move things over to SOCALR, based on % of usage such as building usage (square feet and # of people in unit). This is not calculated until the end of the year.

As mentioned, the budget for this year is a little over ½ million dollars – what I have also done – revenue fluctuates each year so I have averaged the last 4 years - \$445,000 per year. About \$50,000 less than budgeted. This year SOCALR is replacing a vehicle. Vehicle replacement is on a cycle.

Balance in SOCALR fund at end of last FY was just over \$1 million dollars.

I will give everyone time to look at the spreadsheet and if there are any questions I can answer those. No questions asked.

Any questions for the SOCALR staff – none

Licensure

Terrell is under the weather today. He has nothing to pass along to the group.

PEMAC (Jill Dannenfels)

Has some stuff from Cindi – Wants to wish Happy EMS Week and EMS C Day 2021. Thanks to everyone for their hard work for the past 15 months.

This morning MIEMSS presented Johns Hopkins transport team with the Star of Life award for Outstanding Program of the Year, jointly with Pediatric Transport Team and Lifestar Response.

The focus of the last meeting was supporting the 48 hospitals and national pediatric assessment (ongoing). A lot of talk about protocol revisions and drafting revisions for extra glottis airway protocols to include pediatric sizes as well as adult sizes. The other protocol was adding Tylenol for pain control and there was discussion of including thermometers as BLS equipment in order to properly give to children.

PEPP 4th edition courses to be offered over the summer and through the fall after feedback from the March pilot courses.

Discussion: At the meeting it was discussed, thermometers will not be added to commercial services BLS checklist and they would not qualify for the Tylenol protocol. More discussion on this item at PEMAC. This is also for the 2022 protocol revision.

Ask for feedback from commercial services – none.

SEMSAC – Mark Rosellini

No report

MIH Committee (Deb Ailiff)

No update on MIH

Old Business – none

New Business

Question on when will protocol update be released? Hope to have it out early next week with a July 1st implementation.

Good of Committee

Will Rosenberg – Reminder that the extension of expiration dates end June 30th

Scott Legore – This is the last CASAC meeting for Deb Simmont as she will be leaving MIEMSS and moving to South Carolina. Her last day at MIEMSS will be July 2nd.

Will Rosenberg – Thank you to Dr. Delbridge and MIEMSS staff for crafting Public Notice #9, I know it was a heated topic for several meetings. It is a step in the right direction. I encourage all services to take advantage of this notice.

Motion to adjourn – motion approved.