



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

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Region III Jurisdictional Medical Directors

January 23, 2019

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
 - A. Personnel Changes
- II. Chair Report
 - A. Review of minutes
 - B. Correspondence
 - C. Next Meeting – March 27, 2019 at 10:00am – Room 212
- III. Program Reports
 - A. State EMS Medical Director Report Tim Chizmar, MD
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Quality Assurance
 - B. Triage Tag Data
- V. New Business
- VI. Jurisdictional Medical Director Roundtable Reports
 - A. Annapolis
 - B. Anne Arundel
 - C. Baltimore City
 - D. Baltimore County
 - E. BWI
 - F. Carroll
 - G. Harford
 - H. Howard
- VII. Adjourn

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Minutes

Attendance – In Person

Tim Chizmar, MD (MIEMSS State Medical Director), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS), Jennifer Guyther, MD (Region III Associate Medical Director/Baltimore City), Matthew Levy, MD (Region III Medical Director/Howard County), Richard Lichenstein, MD (MIEMSS EMSC), Mark Reynolds (MIEMSS), Jon Wendell, MD (Anne Arundel County), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

Attendance – On Line

Asa Margolis (Howard County), Roger Stone, MD (Carroll County)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dr. Levy welcomed everyone to the meeting for those in the room and online.
 - A. Personnel Changes – Dr. Levy was introduced as the new Region III Medical Director and Dr. Jennifer Guyther was introduced as the Associate Medical Director for Region III.
- II. Chair Report
 - A. Review of minutes – The minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting were submitted to everyone electronically and in the meeting for review. The minutes were
 - B. motioned to approve as written by Dr. Wendell and Dr. Lichenstein. There was no correspondence to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10:00am in MIEMSS Conference Room 212.
- III. Program Reports
 - A. State EMS Medical Director Report - Tim Chizmar, MD
 - i. MIEMSS is reporting opioid data to the ODMAP, which is run by Washington Baltimore HIDTA. Overdose data is based on whether or not Naloxone was given. Law enforcement is able to access the information. Steve Schuh will be named the new Executive Director for the Operational Opioid Command Center. Naloxone grants for treat/no-transport inquiries should have the jurisdictions' HJO direct questions to Charles Dorsey.
 - ii. MIEMSS, MFRI and MSFA have been meeting jointly on National Registry. Frederick County put forth an EMT program trying to model instruction based on how students are performing. They are also integrating computer based testing with each class. Performing rates are between 82% to 100%. Current Rate is 79% for EMT national registry. The model will be used and piloted in four different jurisdictions.



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- iii. VAIP Committee have begun to meet again. The jurisdictions that are inspecting through the VAIP process are Baltimore City, Baltimore, Caroline, Montgomery and Prince George's County. The goal is to come up with a standard list of medicines to use for inspections
- iv. EMS Medical Directors Symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th in Sykesville. Chris Hyzer has sent out the save the date reminder.
- v. EMS plan is coming up for revision. Jurisdictions should be aware.
- vi. Ron Schaefer will be in contact with jurisdictions for the upcoming reverifications.
- vii. New hires: Mustafa Sidik is the new EMS Infectious Disease Coordinator to work with Michael O'Connell on grants and training. Brian Selvage is new ALS Coordinator with Licensure and Certification. Dr. Delbridge will begin on February 13th as the new MIEMSS Executive Director.
- viii. A draft quality improvement plan will be discussed in the March 2019 meeting.
- ix. EMEDs CRISP integration is moving down the pilot counties this year. Regional Administrators will have jurisdictions sign MOUs and submit to Charles Dorsey. Details to come out soon.
- x. Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Workgroup will have a seminar on Friday, February 22nd in Annapolis

IV. Old Business

A. Quality Assurance

- i. Semi-annual QA reports are due on January 31, 2019
- ii. The group sent to a motion for MIEMSS to assist in looking at and evaluate solutions and opportunities for monitoring data for real time visualization to allow us to improve CQI (Continuing quality improvement) process and quickly identify trends. Motion has been carried.

B. Triage Tag Data

- i. Interfaced with Region III Health and Medical Task Force that would need to be addressed. The question is there value in completing a triage tag on a MCI and whether it helps if they are being used. At the moment the initiative will continue quarterly.

V. New Business

A. Triage Tags: Health and Medical Task Force to look at regional plan for a specific threat we face: a catastrophic IT/communications failure as well as look a different sources for using the tags to track patients

B. Dr. Levy to work with Charles Dorsey on a survey through Survey Monkey to the medical directors about their key priorities for 2019 relating to Region III. Alerts, diversions and emergency department overcrowding and regional projects will be some of the areas that will be focused on.

C. Dr. Levy discussed taking a look at how the EMS System handles provider exposure to pathogens and how to develop best practice guidelines. This was discussed during



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- the Base Station Coordinators meeting last October. Dr. Chizmar will have Mustafa Sidik to meet with Dr. Levy to talk about the subject
- D. Dr. Lichenstein inquired about issues with special health care needs requiring medications or emergencies with pediatric patients. There are special needs forms that can give direction. Cyndy Wright-Johnson suggests that we stay with that original paper form.
 - E. MIEMSS will host two APLS Course on Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, December 13th. Information will go out to Region III EMS Advisory Council as well as the Medical Directors group. Once course will be held on location, if requested.
 - F. Region III Transportation Committee will meet from 9am to 10am, prior to the Medical Directors meeting and will join the medical directors meetings beginning with the March meeting.
- VI. Jurisdictional Medical Director Roundtable Reports
- A. Annapolis – not present
 - B. Anne Arundel
 - i. approved Assistant Medical Director Dr. Sam Galvagno from Shock Trauma
 - ii. Received a new ultrasound device to be used to teach EMS Supervisors and will buy additional
 - iii. Transitioning to epidrops from epipens and epipen juniors
 - iv. There has been no movement on the stroke pilot
 - v. Newly appointed Fire Chief Trish Wolford to begin next week
 - C. Baltimore City
 - i. All pilot programs are doing well
 - ii. Over 500 calls on Narcan for the first 6 months
 - D. Baltimore County
 - i. Chief Kyrle Preis to retire; Assistant Chief Jennifer Auber-Utz will become Acting Chief
 - ii. Working with CCBC Essex on EMS lecture series that have begun on the YouTube Channel. They are open to the region and take place every other Thursday.
 - E. BWI – nothing to report
 - F. Carroll
 - i. Conducting QA testing for primary ALS and secondary ALS providers
 - ii. Working on drug pharmaceutical machine
 - iii. Call for training classes for providers
 - G. Harford
 - i. County looking to Hiring 2nd batch of paramedics
 - ii. Continuing search for new Medical Director; Dr. Chizmar will be acting for now
 - H. Howard
 - i. Rolling out ultrasound program
 - ii. Over half of the high schools have been visited for the Stop the Bleed program
 - iii. New fire station opening in July



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- iv. New recruit class of 42 to start in February
- v. Christine Uhlhorn was named new Fire Chief

VII. Meeting adjourned