



## Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

### Region III EMS Advisory Council Meeting

May 24, 2017

#### Minutes

##### In attendance:

Richard Alcorta (MIEMSS EMS State Medical Director), Robert Asamoah (Northwest Hospital), Tim Chizmar (Region III Medical Director), Nancy Cimino (Union Memorial), Susan Cochrane (BWMC), Bill Deloriers (St. Joseph's), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS Region III), Bill Dousa (Harford County), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Mark Dubel (Anne Arundel County), Christian Griffin (Baltimore County), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS Region III), Chad Packard (BWI Airport), Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS EMSC)

##### On Line:

James Brothers (Howard County), Joe Brown (Carroll Hospital), Marissa Chandler (Harbor Hospital), Diana Clapp (Shock Trauma Center), Cindy Cohen (Mercy), Christine Deckard (Harford Memorial Hospital), Sara Delkoon (UMMC Midtown), Anita Hagley (Baltimore City), Christina Hughes, (Franklin Square), Dick Johnson (Consumer Representative), Jon Larsen (Maryland State Police), Jennifer Osik (Upper Chesapeake), Laura Taylor (Johns Hopkins Bayview), Curtis Wiggins (Carroll County)

I. Welcome & Introductions: Vice- Chair Chad Packard welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done in the room and for those who were on the phone.

II. Chair Report – Vice Chair Chad Packard: The minutes from the May 24, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made and the motion passed. There was no correspondence to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 1:00pm in MIEMSS, Room 212.

##### III. **Program Reports**

A. SEMSAC/Legislative Update - Roger Simonds: Not present for the meeting; A bill for EMS to treat animals passed and is now a liability for EMS providers.

B. State EMS Medical Director Report - Dr. Richard Alcorta:

1. Opioid crisis – Clay Stamp has been named Chief of Staff for the Opioid Operation Command Center by the request of the Governor. The EMEDS Steering Committee approved four questions to add to the EMEDS report.
2. There have been concerns from EMS providers for respiratory protection for carfentanyl and acryl-fentanyl. Respiratory protection is not required. It possess a risk but not to EMS providers. Normal universal precautions should be used. EMS providers are asked to stop testing for the drugs. In raid situation, tactical personnel will need a respirator to make sure the environment is safe.
3. Opioid cards will be distributed to jurisdictions for the transport units



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4. MIEMSS is looking to form a tactical EMS group. Those who are interested in joining or forming a group can contact Jeff Huggins or Mike Reynolds.
  5. A 2-day meeting with Image trend was conducted to discuss e-licensure issues and functionality issues. Staff is asked to contact MIEMSS as issues arise. The agency is pleased with the progress that has been made.
  6. MIEMSS along with Maryland Department of Health (formerly Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – DHMH) and Maryland Health Association will meet to look at hospital overcrowding, hospital administration and rising hospital yellow alerts. The group will be looking for resolutions to solve these problems. A report is due to the Legislature in November.
  7. A fact sheet will soon go to EMSOPs to voluntary keep their EMT or EMR national registry.
  8. Education programs – MIEMS will be changing the number of required hours to meet the national registry credential process to make it transparent to providers for their recertification.
  9. Star of life awards were held in Annapolis this morning.
- C. MIEMSS Region III Report - Jeff Huggins
1. The Region III written report was distributed at the meeting and electronically and in meeting. A copy is included in the minutes.
- D. Maryland EMSC Report - Cyndy Wright Johnson:
1. EMS Awards ceremonies were conducted this morning. Recipients of the awards include 4 children and numerous adults. Queen Anne's county received the Directors Award. EMS dispatchers received 2 awards.
  2. PEMAC finished draft for High-Performance CPR and shared draft with the Protocol Review Committee and Dr. Seaman. The group will finalize the draft in June. There will be one protocol for CPR.
  3. EMSC funding is currently pending, will redo pediatric reference card with check list for termination of resuscitation, CPR, airway management in BLS and ALS versions.
  4. EMSC thanks the jurisdictions who have completed their assessments. The jurisdictions who have not completed them have to the end of June.
  5. There have been positive feedback from this year's EMS Care conference. The group is discussing if they should plan courses for the pre-conference next year. Stork Class was cancelled due to low interest, 8 registrants signed up for the PALS course and 7 attended.
  6. There will be upcoming PEPP course and a course regarding children with special care over the next 6 months as well as 2 APLS courses. Dates to be finalized and will be published in June.
  7. A CPEN review course is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Peninsula Regional Medical Center.



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- E. MIEMSS Emergency Operations - Randy Linthicum:
    - 1. Providers should be familiar with the significant events protocol. It helps EMRC to be aware of events and resources. Providers and staff are asked to communicate events ahead of time to prepare for necessary resources.
  - F. MIEMSS Regional Programs - Jon Bratt:
    - 1. Protocol updates are available online. Hospital representatives to see or contact Charles Dorsey for a copy for the base stations.
    - 2. Jeff Huggins is now the Region III Administrator. The Region III Associate Administrator position will be open for two weeks for applications once posted.
- IV. **Committees**
- A. Emergency Education Council - Paul Massarelli:
    - 1. Thanks to all who assisted in EMS Care 2017. The group will review the surveys to prepare for EMS Care 2018.
  - B. Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition - Christina Hughes:
    - 1. The Maryland Region III Health & Medical Coalition report was distributed at the meeting and electronically and in meeting. A copy is included in the minutes.
  - C. Region III Medical Directors - Tim Chizmar, MD:
    - 1. The group discussed issues with drug costs and availability including high costs and low supply.
    - 2. Seven Region III hospitals are up for base station re-credentialing. Jeff Huggins and Dr. Chizmar will be visiting these hospitals in the coming months
- V. **Prevention Activities - Council Membership**  
Baltimore City will host the Prevention Conference\ every 2 years. This year's dates are July 26-29. More details will follow.
- VI. **Old Business** – None to report
- VII. **New Business**  
The group is looking for volunteers to help review and update the council bylaws. Those who volunteered at the meeting: Dick Johnson, Bill Deloriers and Christian Griffin. Others who are interested can contact Chad Packard.
- VIII. **Regional Roundtable Reports**
- A. EMS
    - 1. Annapolis – not present
    - 2. Anne Arundel – nothing to report
    - 3. Baltimore city – nothing to report
    - 4. Baltimore County
      - a) In the process of hiring EMTs and Paramedics



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- b) Thanked hospital partners for EMS week. The week involved various education programs, food, gifts and prizes; a cookout for stations 3 and 15 on May 27<sup>th</sup>
- c) Recognition for community organization was done on Tuesday night
- 5. BWI Airport
  - a) Aviation drill to be held on Tuesday
  - b) EPLEX table top exercise schedule for May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - c) Nathan Woltman is named their new Medical Director
- 6. Carroll – nothing to report
- 7. Harford
  - a) The Director of EMS is now the EMSOP.
  - b) In process of a surge unit for January 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c) Looking to hire people after July
  - d) Standards board to set up process
- 8. Howard
  - a) Resuscitation Academy took place with 80 participants in 5 hospitals
  - b) Recruit class of 37 graduated, will run another class in late fall
- B. Health Depts.
  - 1. None present
- C. Hospitals
  - 1. AAMC - not present
  - 2. BWMC
    - a) Currently updating to computer system
  - 3. Bon Secours – nothing to report
  - 4. Carroll
    - a) Will have their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual cookout tomorrow, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 6pm tomorrow
  - 5. Franklin Square
    - a) Hosting annual EMS event at 5:30pm, lecture on stroke at 6pm. Three crews will be recognized.
  - 6. Good Samaritan – not present
  - 7. GBMC – not present
  - 8. Harbor – nothing to report
  - 9. Harford Memorial
    - a) Will have breakfast in the morning and EMS dinner will be held at both hospitals tomorrow, May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 10. Howard co – not present
  - 11. Johns Hopkins Bayview
    - a) Held EMS education classes last week
  - 12. Johns Hopkins Adult – not present
  - 13. Johns Hopkins Peds – not present
  - 14. Mercy
    - a) Celebrated EMS week with cookies, snacks and gifts
    - b)



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15. Northwest
    - a) A new physician group, Acute Care Solutions, will take over effective July 1<sup>st</sup>
    - b) Celebrated EMS week with Sinai
  16. Shock Trauma
    - a) Equipment is stationed there for pick up
  17. Sinai – not present
  18. St. Agnes – not present
  19. St. Joseph's
    - a) Will have breakfast this morning and dinner tomorrow celebrating EMS Week
  20. Union Memorial
    - a) Dr. Webb to resign in September
  21. UMMC – not present
  22. UMMC Midtown
    - a) Walk-on clinic will be open on May 1st
  23. Upper Chesapeake
    - a) Will have a BBQ cookout tomorrow evening
    - b) Base station class will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found at [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org).
  - D. Commercial Ambulance – not present
  - E. MSP
    1. Lance Wood was named the new Director of Flight Operations effective today
  - F. MCAC – not present
  - G. Training Institutions / MFRI – not present
  - H. MEMA – not present
- IX. Meeting Adjourned



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#### MIEMSS Region III Office Written Report to Council

March 22, 2017

**Triage Tag Days:** Jurisdictions are requested to participate in the quarterly triage tag days to enhance provider familiarity with the tags. Participation continues to increase throughout the region. All region III hospitals should be prepared to receive the tags and may use the EPTS equipment to scan incoming tags if so desired.

**HC Standard Hospital Contact List:** All hospitals are reminded to continue to update their contact numbers in HC Standard. Hospitals can do so by going under their facilities workspace and clicking on the matrix entitled 'Contacts-'Hospital Name'.

**50/50 Matching Grants:** FY2017 applications have been prioritized and reviewed. Award letters have been issued. Once departments or jurisdictions have completed their purchases they should begin the reimbursement process.

**EMS Care 2017:** EMS Care 2017 will take place April 26-30, 2017 at the Clarion Resort in Ocean City, MD. Early bird registration is available through April 7, 2017. Visit the MDEMScare Facebook page or the MIEMSS website for more information

**MIEMSS Emergency Operations:** Region III continues to collaborate with Emergency Operations on the regional Ambulance Strike Team (AST).



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#### **Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition Report to the MIEMSS Region III EMS Advisory Council March 22, 2017**

The 2017 triage tag dates will continue April, July, Oct. 3rd and 7th, or variation within those timeframes. The January compilation revealed the same trends as before. Lack of age, weight, chief complaint, medic unit, arrival time, as well as the backs of tags being left blank.

WebFUSION has gone away as most of the Region moves to the State WebEOC system. There is a similar board available to use for health and medical coalition purposes.

Allocation of Scarce Resources framework development work continues. This year's project work is moving forward with an expert panel group that has met several times. Stakeholder meetings will take place this spring and summer.

A subcommittee continues to meet to work on specific items identified as next steps for Coalition development. The final proposal and logistics for support are being finalized.

DHMH informed the Coalition that regional Coalition Ebola HPP funding will be kept by DHMH to facilitate training and exercises. An exercise subgroup was formed and contractor selected to work on the exercises. We await further information on training sessions as requested by the Coalition.

Our application for HPP BP5 has been approved. We continue work on a water filtration system, incident rehab pod, resource management plan update, evacuation implementation plan, website sustainment, active assailant kits, and recovery plan.

Working on a training opportunity at the CDP in Alabama for November 13-17<sup>th</sup>. Registration should be opened soon.

The Coalition has developed a website. It is almost complete.

The next Region III Health & Medical Coalition meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017.

The Region continues to work with a subgroup on establishing active shooter kits for partner agencies.

The Coalition awaits feedback from the DHMH Comm Group to move forward with a radio purchase for partners in the Region.

Researching current costs and quantities needed for prophylactic antibiotics.





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#### **Maryland Region III Health and Medical Coalition Report to the MIEMSS Region III EMS Advisory Council March 22, 2017 (Continued)**

Await feedback from MIEMSS on the future of patient tracking. Initial discussions with CRISP partners have occurred.

Coalition members will be participating in the UASI 2 day JCTAWS (Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series) on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at MITAGS.

Howie Gwon, Coalition Vice Chair, is retiring from Hopkins on 3/31. We thank him for his many years of service to our Coalition.

The Coalition is working on a plan to relocate the UASI Alternate Care Site cache as the USAR warehouse will no longer be available.

The Coalition has begun discussions with MSP to ensure that consistent processes are in place regarding healthcare worker expectations for road travel during emergencies.

The HPP BP 1 pre-application meeting will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at MITAGS.