



Region III Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

Providing Emergency Medical Care to Metropolitan Baltimore

Region III Jurisdictional Medical Directors Meeting

May 24, 2017

Minutes

In Attendance:

James Brothers (Howard County), Tim Chizmar (Region III Medical Director), Bill Dousa (Harford County), Linda Dousa (Harford County), Charles Dorsey (MIEMSS Region III), Mark Dubel (Anne Arundel County), Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS Region III), Matt Levy (Howard County), Libby Lubberman (Carroll County), Jeff Schaffer (Carroll County)

On Line:

Dr. Nathan Woltman (BWI Airport)

- I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dr. Chizmar welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were done in the room. He thanked Anne Arundel and Cecil counties for their assistance with transporting patients from the bus accident on I-95.
- II. **Chair Report - Tim Chizmar, MD:** The minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting were submitted to everyone electronically and in the meeting for review. The minutes were motioned to be approved as written. There was no correspondence to report. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 10:00am in MIEMSS Conference Room 212.
- III. **Program Reports: State EMS Medical Director Report-Richard Alcorta, MD:**
 - A. Opioid task force: An emergency declaration has been extended to 30 days. The agency is looking at transferring to an ongoing emergency response. They are also looking at best practices for the safety of EMS providers due to multiple law enforcement recently being transported.
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - A. Quality Assurance – There were no issues to report. Protocol updates are online and they are shorter this year. Christina Hughes reported that the warehouse is losing space and needs to decentralize the Health & Medical Task Force cache materials to the area counties. Space has been found in two locations to accommodate the materials.
 - B. Triage Tag Data: Participation continues to increase from the most recent triage tag day initiative. Providers will be able to do a brief refresher on the tags. The triage tag initiative can be used in a drill format, if needed, so providers can be familiar with the process. Jeff Huggins will talk to Joe Brown on how the providers can participate in the initiative to make it more specific to EMS and user friendly.



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V. **New Business:**

- A. Opioid cards will be distributed today in the Region III EMS Advisory Council meeting. Each county will get 10 cards per transport unit. Electronic cards will be available for those who need access. The cards do not replace any policy in writing.
- B. Dr. Chizmar to look at salines lock for protocol.
- C. Howard and Anne Arundel counties are having user friendly issues with the new licensure system. They are not able to view the name after scrolling down the form for approval.
- D. The situational awareness protocol was read at the Protocol Review Committee meeting.

VI. **Jurisdictional Roundtable Reports:**

- A. Annapolis – not present
- B. Anne Arundel – nothing to report
- C. Baltimore City – not present
- D. BWI – Welcomed Dr. Nathan Woltman as their new medical director. He studied clinical practice at Hopkins and was an Army Reserve.
- E. Carroll – Inquired on the amount of fentanyl they can carry on a unit. Units can carry as much as they need.
- F. Harford – There will be many changes for EMS. The Department of Emergency Services for the county is now the EMSOP. The career service is in place. One ambulance will be in effect as of January 2018. The hiring process will begin after July 2017. They are looking to hire 8 personnel.
- G. Howard – Bleeding control kits will soon rollout. Training on them will take place this summer.
- H. Reminder for jurisdictions that the QA semi-annual reports are due to Dr. Chizmar by July 31st.

VII. Meeting adjourned