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Minutes
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 11, 2018

Members Present

Edward Hicks
Trish Watson
Glen Satterfield
David J. Weller
Paul Seamann
Donna Steward
Connie Hall
Jeff Kady
Brenden Brown
Nancy Cartmill
Jim Kranz
Dr. Lisa Hrutkay

OEMS Staff

Melissa Raynes
Vicki Hildreth
Dr. Michael Mills
Danny Anderson
Terri O'Connor

Guest

Cheryl Witt
James V. Hill
Patrick Cornell
Ray Bryant
Dr. Mike Peterson

Guest

Clinton Burley
Dustin Smith
R. Craig Horn
Matthew Largent
Rita White
Tom Fledderus
Debi Beveridge
Jake Carr
Laura Forren
Suzanne Sellers
Shirley Morrison

I. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call

Chairman Weller called the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to order on December 11, 2018 at 2:04 PM at the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority in Charleston, WV. Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed.

II. Approval of September 11, 2018 Minutes

Motion made by Nancy Cartmill to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Donna Steward. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report

Chairman Weller stated that the West Virginia Legislature has been very receptive in asking EMSAC to meet and report on the various EMSAC activities. Chairman Weller also stated that he feels that the relationship between legislature and EMSAC is strengthening in a positive manner. During today's legislative committee meeting we (EMSAC) were asked to present updates on National Registry Implementations, ACT Task Force and Active Threat EMS.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports

Special Interest

Critical Care Transport (CCT) Update – Paul Seamann

Paul Seamann stated the CCT rolled out successfully this fall and continues to move forward. CCT paramedics can now receive physician orders to administer any medication providing they have the proper training.

C2IFT (Class 2 Interfacility Transport) Update – Paul Seamann

Paul Seamann reported this program is still in the pilot stage. The CCT committee is still reviewing the PCR's for this pilot study.

C3IFT (Class 3 Interfacility Transport) Update – Dr. Michael Mills

Dr. Mills stated this has gone back to the MPCC for another approval look. It is now going back to the CCT to integrate a little more CCT and C3 in addition to correcting grammatical errors throughout the original draft document.

Chairman Weller stated that he had a request from the C3IFT committee to run their product back through EMSAC. The scheduled meeting for the 5th was canceled due to unforeseen complications which left EMSAC without a product for today's meeting. To avoid this type of complication in the future I am requesting that the documents be disbursed, reviewed and voted on electronically, so we may move forward.

Motion made by Paul Seamann to distribute the C3IFT documents to the committee electronically and for the committee to hold an electronic vote. Motion seconded by Connie Hall. Motion carried.

Active Threat Update – David J. Weller

Chairman Weller reported that the Tactical EMS program has been a bit of a struggle due to the numerous concepts of this program. Moving forward we are now calling this program Active Threat EMS. This is a layered process with the first layer being the Stop the Bleed campaign which has been rolled out and is working successfully. The second layer will be providing the right education to our first responders who will likely be first on scene in the event of an active threat incident.

The Special Interest committee adopted the FEMA TECC Course. It is a six-module basic program to educate West Virginia providers in active threat response. This is a grant funded program and will be offered free of charge to those who apply and are accepted. There will be an application process to attend this training and all applications will be evaluated by WVOEMS. We are accepting 60 participants that will be divided between law enforcement, fire, threat prep and EMS. Those who complete the initial training will become trainers and will be expected to participate in future program across the state.

This training will be held at the RETI facility in Flatwoods, WV on January 21, 22, and 23, 2019. This class will be provided free of charge and conducted through George Washington University. Those who are selected should plan to be in class at 8AM through the evening hours daily with breaks for lunch and dinner. Those selected will also need to wear clothes that are comfortable and allow you to perform physical activity as well as cold weather gear for exterior scenarios.

The third layer will concentrate on the tactical side. It will be a long-range plan that is much more detailed as it will involve legal opinions, logistics, and possible legislative action to develop the program.

EMSC – Vicki Hildreth

Vicki Hildreth reported that the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) program committee has met twice since coming on board with EMSAC. EMSC has sent out a general mailing and is following up the mailing with telephone calls and emails to all ambulance service providers who have not returned the PECC form. At present, 84% of the forms have been completed and returned to EMSC. EMSC is now moving forward on developing a PECC training rollout to be held in March 2019.

Ms. Hildreth also reported that WVU Hospital has had their ARK site visit and is now recognized as an ARK facility. Additionally, two other hospitals are close to

reverifying and a whole host are working on their ARK designation. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) revised their guidelines for the care of children in the emergency department. In response to these revisions the EMSC doctors will meet again in January 2019 to review the documents and criteria changes anticipating a training rollout in March 2019.

Administration

NEMSIS V3 – Melissa Raynes

Melissa Raynes reported that not quite half of the EMS agencies within the state are transitioning to NEMSIS V3. We just received word today that 65 more agencies are coming on board with emsCharts. OEMS cannot presently do any reports due to the transition period. OEMS remains on track for the January 1, 2019 go live date.

Mission Lifeline Update - David J. Weller

Chairman Weller reported that Cynthia Keely cannot be here today to discuss the AHA Mission Lifeline EMS recognition. There is a new more interactive and efficient way to collect data, receive quality improvement consultative services and apply for EMS recognition through AHA. EMS agencies will now be able to submit the required data for Mission: Lifeline EMS recognition on a quarterly, bi-annual or yearly basis. The 2019 application, selection criteria and application flowchart can be found on the EMSAC website.

Safety

Ambulance Hijacking – Connie Hall

There is no new information, however, this will be an ongoing concern for the safety committee.

Psychological Trauma in First Responders – David J. Weller

Chairman Weller reported that WVU contacted him regarding psychological trauma in first responders. WVU is working on a program which was originally an in-house program but has been extend to OEMS.

Safety on Scene – Connie Hall

Several members of the subcommittee attended the National Conference on EMS Safety.

Policy/Procedure & Protocol – Chairman Weller

Protocol Updates/Proposals

Chairman Weller stated the new protocol submissions were all approved and will become effective January 1, 2019. The National Registry policies were approved and will be come effective January 1, 2019. The C3IFT was just voted on and will be examined in new business. The Education Policy was revised and if approved will be submitted for a new 30-day comment period. Motion made by Dr. Hrutkay to post the Education Policy for a new 30-day comment period. Motion seconded by Donna /steward. Motion carried.

Training

Stroke Assessment Tool – David J. Weller

Chairman Weller asked the council for an update to a meeting conversation regarding a stroke assessment tool. Paul Seamann mentioned the FAST ED stroke assessment tool which was presented to the MPCC on July 20, 2018 by Dr. Amelia Adcock, WVU Stroke Center.

Melissa Raynes stated that OEMS has a Stroke Advisory Council and a State Trauma Advisory Council involved in the development of a state-wide stroke system of care. There are currently six facilities in West Virginia that are now

officially designated stroke centers with WVU as the only Comprehensive Stroke facility within the state. The five West Virginia Primary Stroke centers are Berkeley Medical Center, Camden Clark, CAMC General, Cabell Huntington and St. Mary's Medical Center. There are several smaller facilities that are working towards Acute Stroke Ready designation. The Stroke Advisory Council is very interested in assisting on the EMS side by identifying signs and symptoms of stroke to get those patients to most appropriate facility. If that means bypassing an Acute Stroke Ready facility to get to a Primary or Comprehensive facility that is a change we may see coming down the road. The Stroke Advisory Council is also looking at a statewide assessment tool of which FAST ED is one that they are looking at among others. There is a committee chaired by Dr. Rex Lasure working on stroke assessment. The Stroke Advisory Council is also very interested in Telestroke and recently viewed a presentation on Project ECHO which is a hub-and-spoke knowledge-sharing networks, led by expert teams who use multi-point videoconferencing to conduct virtual clinics with community providers.

V. Special Reports

OEMS Report – Melissa Raynes

The following key elements were reported by Melissa Raynes:

- No staffing changes since last meeting
- 100,000 runs 1st three months of the year based on last data report received in September 2018
- 4,500 to 5,000 trauma runs for the same period -
- Falls and MVA's most prevalent
- 6,000 certified EMS professionals; 4,000 active on runs at any given time
- 201 agencies and a little over 1,600 vehicles
- OEMS is working with a number of partners for the Stop the Bleed Campaign. Vicki Hildreth is the point of contact for EMS providers and Jim Kranz of the WV Hospital Association is the point of contact for hospitals.
- OEMS is working on an AED pilot project with Calhoun county. OEMS is trying to get AED's in all the schools. The program is called the HeartSafe. The HeartSafe Foundation was established to improve Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) survival rates and prevent SCA-related deaths.
- OEMS is seeking FLEX Grant volunteers i.e. governance, human resources, performance improvement and medical direction expertise. If interested, please provide your credentials and contact information as soon as possible. The grant will pay for your travel to help these struggling agencies.
- On December 6, 2018 the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS met and reviewed several initiatives for EMS of which fourth generation agent is a primary concern. Following the incidents in the United Kingdom in 2018 involving a fourth-generation agent, the National Security Council convened a federal interagency working group to identify and develop resources to help the emergency response community prepare for and respond to a fourth-generation agent incident if one ever occurs in the U.S.

Vicki Hildreth reported that the 7th Annual EMSC Pediatric Symposium will be held on February 1, 2019 at the RETI Training Center in Flatwoods, WV.

Medical Command

Chairman Weller stated that there has been a multitude of issues revolving around WVU Medical Command. These issues are being addressed. There will be a meeting at Berkeley Medical Center on December 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM to resolve this issue. If you have questions and or concerns, please email Chairman Weller. Dr. Bess, Dr. Newman and Dr. Lasure will be attending this meeting.

Air Medical

No report

VI. Old Business

1. Nomination and Election of Officers

The following nominations were made during the September 11, 2018 EMSAC meeting:

- Chairman David J. Weller
- Vice-Chairman Leave open pending legislative session
- Secretary (Clerical only) Terri O'Connor

Motion made by Donna Steward to close the nominations for Secretary. Motion seconded by Paul Seamann. Motion carried.

Vote cast by Jeff Kady for Terri O'Connor to remain as Clerical Secretary.

Motion made by Connie Hall to close nominations for Vice-Chairman and leave open pending legislative sessions. Motion seconded by Glen Satterfield. Motion carried.

Motion made by Donna Steward to close the nominations for Chairman. Motion seconded by Glen Satterfield. Motion carried.

Vote cast by Connie Hall for David J. Weller to remain as Chairman.

It is noted that EMSAC remains three members short pending legislative session.

VII. New Business

1. DHHR Commissioner Search

Chairman Weller reported that Clinton Burley has been asked to serve on the search committee for the selection of candidates for the DHHR Commissioner & State Health Officer. Clinton Burley stated that he is honored to be involved in this search committee and is willing to hear any suggestions or concerns.

2. WVOEMS Active Threat Best Practices

Chairman Weller put together an EMS Active Threat Best Practices Guide. This is not a protocol. Chairman Weller made a request for the council to review this document and vote electronically to move forward with the 30-day comment period by December 17, 2018 when the Active Threat committee meets. General discussion followed. Concerns regarding patients with concealed weapons and how to safely secure the weapon were discussed. No action taken.

3. EMSAC Future Goals – Discussion Only

Chairman Weller discussed implementing a strategic 5-year plan for EMSAC. His vision for this plan is to identify specific goals and decide where EMSAC is going to be in 5 years, 10 years etc. Melissa Raynes reported that OEMS and STAC are currently working on their strategic plans as well. Chairman Weller stated that working together will improve internal and external communication in addition to addressing individual initiatives and goals in the strategic plan. No action taken at this time. This topic will be addressed at the March 2019 EMSAC meeting.

4. Quick Response Team (QRT)

Paul Seamann discussed Grant funding for QRT. QRT was organized through Cabell County EMS, the Quick Response Team takes the field as a three-pronged effort by local medical care professionals, mental health specialists and law enforcement to visit every overdose patient in person within 72 hours of their overdose. Presently mental/behavioral health has been the recipient of these grants while EMS is also directly involved without funding. Mr. Seamann request this be part of the Special Interest committee for EMS to be more involved.

5. Continuum Issues

Issues continue to show up in Continuum relating to C3 and EMT to Paramedic. Melissa Raynes will contact EMSpic to resolve this.

VIII. Good of the Order

Glen Satterfield proposed a moment of silence in respect for those EMS professionals that we have lost in 2018.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Kady at 3:16 PM. Motion seconded. Motion carried.