



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**  
 Bureau for Public Health  
 Office of Emergency Medical Services

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**Minutes**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**June 12, 2018**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Brenden Brown  
 Trish Watson

**OEMS Staff**

Melissa Raynes  
 Dr. Michael Mills  
 Sherry Rockwell  
 John Thomas  
 Danny Anderson  
 Jimmy Sadler  
 Bob Dozier  
 Vicki Hildreth

**Guest**

Janie Ward  
 Kevin Duckwall  
 Diana Mitchell  
 James Taylor  
 Laura Forren  
 Mike Conners  
 Sheila Marsh  
 Alex Xel  
 Susie Norris

**Guest**

Kurt Gainer  
 Charles King Jr.  
 R. Craig Horn  
 Matthew Largent  
 Rita White  
 John Dearnell  
 Dr. Rex Lasure  
 Marsha Knight  
 Randy Spies  
 Lee Jones  
 Shirley Morrison  
 Joshua Gillespie  
 Doug McDonald  
 Jacob Carr  
 Cynthia Keeley  
 Gloria Burr  
 Dr. Amelia Adcock  
 Dr. Mike Peterson

**I. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call**

Chairman Jamie Weller called the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to order on June 12, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Medical Coordination Center in Flatwoods, WV. Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed.

**II. Approval of June 12, 2018 Minutes**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

**III. EMSAC Committee Reports**

**Special Interest**

**Community Paramedic Update – Paul Seamann**

The Pilot EMS Agency Community Paramedic Programs continue to expand. Following 9 months of CP data KCEAA and Jan-Care both report reductions in readmissions. The next CP Agency Representatives/WVOEMS meeting will be June 18, 2018 at KCEAA.

**Critical Care Transport (CCT) Update – Paul Seamann**

The Statewide CCT Medication Formulary has been approved by MPCC. The CCT Guidelines are awaiting final MPCC approval. The next meeting will be on June 22, 2018 at KCEAA.

**C2IFT (Class 2 Interfacility Transport) Update – Paul Seamann**

The C2IFT meetings are held in conjunction with the Statewide CCT meetings. Additional data is required prior to consideration of statewide roll-out; therefore, the C2IFT agency pilot projects are being expanded. KCEAA and Jan-Care Ambulance will join Princeton Rescue Squad and Webster Springs in these pilot projects.

**C3IFT (Class 3 Interfacility Transport) Update – Paul Seamann**

A series of C3IFT meetings were held to complete a revision of the current C3IFT protocols and education components. The C3IFT protocols were approved by EMSAC on March 13, 2018 and Public Comment was returned May 5, 2018 with a revised draft ready for submittal to MPCC.

**WV Tactical EMS Update – Paul Seamann**

West Virginia is currently implementing a Stop the Bleed campaign. A link was provided to attendees to complete and receive “Train the Trainer” certificates to teach these classes. We are working to distribute Stop the Bleed kits throughout the state.

A subcommittee was formed to review the next steps in formalizing training and recognition of SRT-SWAT paramedics to comply with WVOEMS requirements focusing on EMS agency response and duties during critical incidents.

**EMSC – Sherry Rockwell**

EMSC recommends that each agency have a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC). We are soliciting volunteers to serve on a subcommittee for PECC. The subcommittee will assist with establishing the rules and responsibilities for PECC representatives. The goal is for 30% of the agencies to have a PECC by 2020. We are currently at 15% in the state right now.

**Administration**

**National Registry – David J. Weller**

We continue to move forward with the implementation of National Registry. The projected rollout is scheduled for January 1, 2019.

**SIREN – David J. Weller**

There have been concerns regarding SIREN that are up for discussion. Information to follow soon.

**NEMSIS – David J. Weller**

Bob Dozier reported that we are still on schedule for July. Additional information will be provided at the meeting scheduled for this week.

**Provider Recognition Awards – Melissa Raynes**

Agency of the Year – Boone County Ambulance Authority  
Administrator of the Year – John Hitchens  
Instructor of the Year – Connie Priddy  
EMT of the Year – George Rash  
Training Institute of the Year – HealthNet  
Paramedic of the Year – Richard D. Smith

**EMS Red Light Permits – David J. Weller**

There was a concern brought up during the committee meeting regarding the EMS red light permits. OEMS is working on a policy for this issue to be reinstated soon. Additional information to follow.

### **Loop Closure Process for Medical Command QA – David J. Weller**

This was turned over to the Regional Medical Review Committee. They are actively working on Medical Command issues and will be addressing these concerns soon. Additional information follow.

### **Safety**

Connie Hall reported that a new safety subcommittee has been formed to examine issues regarding first responder physiological trauma. Paul Seamann will chair this subcommittee with the first order of business being resilience and mental health challenges facing first responders.

### **Policy/Procedure & Protocol – Chairman Weller**

#### **Protocol Updates/Proposals**

- No new protocol submission for this portion of the meeting.
- There will be a protocol submission coming forward for the Bronchospasm protocol.
- A link will be added to the 30-day comment page on the EMSAC page.
- There is now a cap on the initial dosage of ketamine.

#### **National Registry Policies**

Previously, the EMSAC members received a copy of these policies via email. The policies have been approved by National Registry and have been reviewed by the Office of Emergency Medical Services. The only thing that would change within these policies is the attachment of the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) standards which have been adopted and are now in effect. They utilize the required state mandates which is your Hazmat, MCI, CPR and protocol refresher. The education components are finished and will be submitted to John Thomas for review. The Legal department is reviewing the correlation issues between the 4-year state certification and the 2-year NREMT certification.

It is noted these policies reflect the information received from NREMT even though it differs from the NREMT website. Chairman Weller stated that he would contact Donnie Woodward, Jr., Chief Information Officer of the NREMT for clarification at which time he would send EMSAC new documents to be voted on prior to the MPCC meeting July 20, 2018.

### **Training**

#### **Friday Night Medical Time Out Training Seminar – David J. Weller**

Dr. Jim Kyle, Region 1 Medical Director presented the changes and updates for the Friday Night Medical Time Out Training Seminar focusing on cervical spine control. Handouts are available through the Kyle Group – Website address: [www.kyle-group.com](http://www.kyle-group.com)

The training and handouts are free.

#### **West Virginia Public Service Training (PST) Update – Edward Hicks**

Last year legislature passed a bill dissolving RESA and allowing for the formation of Educational Services Cooperatives (ESC). There are three ESC's:

- Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative (EPIC) covers WVPST Martinsburg.
- Southern Educational Services Cooperative covers WVPST Beckley.
- Mountain State Educational Services Cooperative taking over RESA 3 headquarters in Dunbar covers Wheeling, Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Charleston.

**Fast-ED App – Chairman Weller  
(An application that will help medical workers to evaluate the stroke patient condition during an emergency)**

Cynthia Keeley did a presentation on the Fast-ED App. This will be turned over to the MPCC for review and consideration in addition to a possible pilot study.

**IV. Special Reports**

**OEMS – Melissa Raynes**

Melissa Raynes reported the following OEMS informational updates:

- OMES received 503 online complaints with 84% of those being closed within the same month.
- OEMS is working with the Hospital Association and The Center for Threat Preparedness on a state wide Stop the Bleed campaign.
- OEMS has 6,200 certified EMS providers with approximately 3,700 active on runs at any time.
- OEMS average response time remains the same.
- Year to date OEMS has made almost 490,000 runs for fiscal year 2018.
- OEMS has 200 licensed agencies and 1,241 permitted vehicles.
- We have had 2,400 Naloxone administrations year to date. If we continue as we are currently we will see a decline from 2017. 2017 was over 7700.
- Non-certifying distribution of EMS personnel by age:
  - Single highest age group that is not certifying is 25 to 29 years old.
  - 2014 indicated a spike in non-recertifying individuals with 1,100 not recertifying. That number has leveled out from 2015 to 2017 and is down to an average of 700 non-recertifying individuals.
- In 2015, we had a spike in non-certified individuals participating on runs. With due diligence that was mostly resolved. We now show an increase in non-certified individuals practicing EMS (30 plus drivers in approximately 20 plus agencies).
- The EMSC program secured a grant to obtain 57 child safety restraints which were distributed to six agencies based on pediatric call volume. We have identified future grant funding to obtain more child restraints for other agencies.
- We are seeing an increase in hospital interest with the Always Ready for Kids (ARK) program. Several onsite visits are scheduled for the remainder of 2018 and 2019.
- The EMSC Behavioral training has been completed.
- The next EMSC project will be Human Trafficking.
- The Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) training rollout was a success with over 100 individuals participating throughout the state.
- The EMSC is also expanding the Stay Alive-Just Drive campaign.
- The OEMS satellite office in Morgantown, WV is now closed. The Trauma staff will continue via telework.
- Senate Bill 272 was passed during the last legislative session. One of the projects in that bill was the purchase and distribution of Naloxone to first responders. A million dollars was identified by legislature to purchase and distribute naloxone. 8,000 doses of naloxone will be distributed to 8 high risk counties in West Virginia. These counties were identified based on algorithm that included overdose deaths, naloxone administration and population. 7,800 doses will be distributed to the State Police, 8,200 to the State Fire Marshall office with the remaining 10,000 to be distributed via 200 dose allotments based on application. The legislature deadline is June 15, 2018 with all distribution to be completed by June 30, 2018.
- OEMS has been charged with doing a study of response times throughout the state.

**Medical Command**

No report

**Air Medical**

No report

Brief discussion on QA process.

**American Heart Association**

Cynthia Keeley presented an outline of the 2019 Mission Lifeline award criteria.

Brief discussion followed regarding various program participation and partners currently underway and planned for the near future.

**V. Old Business**

Nothing to report

**VI. New Business**

Nothing to report

**VII. Good of the Order**

Chairman Weller reported that The Teleflex Procedural Cadaver Lab is set for September 10, 2018. Participants will enhance their understanding using multiple learning modalities including didactic and hands-on practice on cadaveric specimens and simulations aids.

Case study and patient care scenarios are designed to provide attendees with an opportunity to apply the program content to simulated clinical practice. The content is designed to provide attendees with the information necessary to make well informed decisions regarding optimal patient care.

- Products used in this lab will include:
- The Arrow® EZ-IO® Intraosseous Vascular Access System
- Rusch® Airtraq™
- SP Video Laryngoscopy System
- LMA Supreme® Airway & Laryngoscopy Products

This lab is free, only open to ALS providers and only to 80 participants – first come first serve basis. There will be no salesman or sales pitch associated with this lab.

**Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion carried.