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## Minutes

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 21, 2017

#### Members Present

Edward Hicks  
Connie Hall  
Jeff Kady  
Marsha Knight  
Jim Kranz  
Lisa Hrutkay  
A. Gordon Merry  
Stephen McIntire  
David Jamie Weller  
William Weese  
Paul Seamann  
Donna Steward

#### Members Absent

Richard Rock  
Glen Satterfield  
Nancy Cartmill

#### OEMS Staff Present

Dr. Michael Mills  
Danny Anderson  
Sherry Rockwell  
Bob Dozier  
Jimmy Sadler  
John Thomas  
Tim Priddy  
Terri O'Connor

#### Guests

Chris Burge  
Becky Oakley  
Tim Curry  
Teresa Dickens  
Patrick Cornell  
Clinton Burley  
Elizabeth Hammons  
Rich Meadows  
Justin Spence  
Jerry Long  
Matthew Largent  
Ray Steward  
Karen Jones  
James V. Hill  
Janie Ward  
Chad Winebrener  
Jim Donathan  
Randy Spies  
Chris Burge  
Edna Williamson

#### Guests

Shirley Morrison  
Edna Williamson  
Mike Conners  
Tom Fledderus  
Shirley Kimball  
Karen Scheuch  
Tim Curry  
Dave Shedd  
Trish Watson  
Mike Jenkin  
Justin Ratcliff  
Steven McDonald  
Kurt Gainer  
James Taylor  
Ed Hannon  
Mike Thomas  
Cynthia Keely  
David Cutright

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

Chairman Jamie Weller called the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC) to order on March 21, 2017 at 1:05 PM at the Medical Coordination Center in Flatwoods, WV.

Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed.

**II. Approval of December 20, 2016 Minutes**

Connie Hall made motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2016 regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

**III. EMSAC Secretary Appointment**

Chairman Weller made motion to appoint Terri O'Connor as clerical secretary of EMSAC. Motion seconded and carried

**IV. Chairman Report**

Chairman Weller reported that there have been multiple meetings with legislature regarding the future direction of EMSAC primarily focusing on accountability and improved communication with small departments.

Chairman Weller stated that EMSAC has gone to a committee format to increase efficiency and productivity. All EMS business including educational topics will be conducted at the quarterly EMSAC meetings. OEMS staff will also be present at these meetings. Name tags have been provided to the council members for the convenience of those who are new in attendance.

Chairman Weller addressed the importance of improved communication with the WV EMS Coalition focusing on common goals and a united front within the EMS community.

EMSAC reappointments will be staggered from one to three years to avoid losing all committee members at one time.

EMSAC now has a website: [www.wvemsac.org/](http://www.wvemsac.org/) Comments and suggestions are welcome.

**V. EMSAC Subcommittee Reports**

**Training**

Marsha Knight reported that the compromised EMT Recertification exam has been pulled from the educational institutes. Johnna Hess, Test Proctor for OEMS will be administering all EMT exams by appointment until further notice. A new test is in development.

The training subcommittee proposed a standardized refresher course that can be taken at various locations. Following a detailed discussion, a

subcommittee was appointed to review EMT recertification/National Registry certification and make a recommendation to be presented at the next MPCC meeting. The EMS Officer Training program has also been referred to subcommittee for review and recommendation as to the content of this program.

### **Administration**

Connie Hall reported that the Administrative subcommittee will revisit the triage tags currently used in WV to determine their efficiency.

Chairman Weller distributed the draft infection control plan for presentation, review and comment. This draft will be posted on the EMSAC website for examination and review.

### **Policy/Procedure & Protocol**

Paul Seaman reported on frequent utilization of service and how this can be tied into community paramedic pilot programs. General discussion followed regarding the various procedural and protocol topics to be addressed by this subcommittee noting final determinations will be presented to future MPCC meetings for approval.

The CCT program is going through a major rewrite. Mr. Seaman made motion to add a Special Interest subcommittee to address such topics as Community Paramedic and CCT. This subcommittee will meet quarterly prior to the EMSAC meeting. Motion seconded and carried. Committee members will be Paul Seaman, Marsha Knight, Lisa Hrutkay and Connie Hall.

Mr. Seaman also addressed addendums to Protocol 9105 – Field Aeromedical regarding utilizing hospital based landing pads by EMS personnel. Additional review of this protocol will be necessary to examine the current draft revisions, liability issues, frequency of use and MOU contracts.

### **Safety**

Connie Hall reported that the safety subcommittee will be reporting on pediatric safety during the next meeting.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine Initiatives**

Dr. Mills reported that this has been an ongoing process for over a year. A 137-page beginning protocol has been developed and reviewed on multiple occasions by various members of the medical community and regional medical directors. This product has been developed knowing that it will require many changes and additions as it matures into the final product. The MOU and program application has been developed and will be presented to MPCC for review and comment. Funding and medical direction is currently being worked on by individual agencies. Once all modules are finalized there will be a state wide roll out.

## **VII. New Business**

### **Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA)**

Chairman Weller stated that “Replica” will be presented to WV Legislature for approval. REPLICA is not a form of EMS licensure reciprocity. REPLICA extends a privilege for EMS personnel from member states to practice on a short-term, intermittent basis under approved circumstances. Additional information can be viewed at [www.nasemso.org/](http://www.nasemso.org/).

### **EMSAC Promotion**

Chairman Weller stated that in response to the numerous questions regarding EMSAC and its purpose he has devised an informational guide that includes EMSAC Structure, Bylaws and EMS legislative rule.

## **VIII. Special Reports**

### **OEMS**

Dr. Mills reported that OEMS is still operating under severe budget restrictions and a state hiring freeze. OEMS is averaging approximately 20 investigations per month of which 75% are completed within 30 days. Medical issues are referred to the regional medical directors for performance review and administrative action as necessary.

To date OEMS has completed 338,490 runs for this fiscal year. Last years' total was 553,000 of which 60% was BLS and 40% was ALS. Naloxone administrations continue to rise. In 2012 1,837, 2013 1,935, 2014 2,165, 2015 3,351, 2016 4,202 and year to date for 2017 over 6,000 doses have been administered. OEMS has 1,167 registered vehicles and 199 licensed agencies.

### **Air Medical**

It was reported that a new base is opening in Moundsville, WV this summer.

### **AHA**

Cynthia Keely stated that the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition Award applications are due by the end of this month. All agencies are encouraged to apply.

## **IX. Immediate Concerns**

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### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM