



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
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Bureau for Public Health
Office of Emergency Medical Services**

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**Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)
July 20, 2023**

Members Present

David J. Weller
John Smoot
Samantha Richards- virtual
Brian Potter
Trish Watson
Robert C. Horn
Samantha Stamper- virtual
Thomas Hayes- absent
Steven Schetrom- absent
Ben Lasure-virtual
Ray Bryant
Brandon Martin
Monica Mason
Marsha Knight
Chad Lindsay- absent

Guest Present

Tracey Gray
Laura Forren
Kevin Duckwall
Mike Thomas
Brenda Price
Courtney Turner
Mark Brooks
Sean Cantrell
Forest Weyen
Diana Linville
Kurt Gunner
Chris Lynch
JT Taylor
Grant Dalton
Zulia Zeto

OEMS Staff

Joseph "Jody" Ratliff
Dr. P.S Martin
Jason Rucker
Larry "Dewey" Cole
Andrea Persinger
Julie Burner
Robin Jones
Erin Timbrook

Amanda Simmonds
Joseph Strait
Chad Winebrenner
Brantley Whitaker
Paul Seamann
Steve Ashcraft
Torie Geis
Shirley Morrison
Nick Cooper

Guest Present Virtually

Chris Lusk
Tanner Smida
Jeff White
Michael Moody
Scott Hale
Leisha Cassell
Steve Nuckles
Collin Graham
Elisabeth Lloyd
James Scheidler
Jeremy Laird
Kelly Crosier
Lacie Pierson
Lorri White
Phillip Bolt
Chris Rodger
Ed Bay
Shockem91
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I. Welcome, Introduction and Roll Call (Please turn cell phones to silent or vibrate)

Chairman Weller called to order the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council at 1:00 pm on July 20, 2023. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

II. Approval of April 20, 2023, EMSAC minutes

A correction in the attendance was made to add Marsha Knight to the minutes.

Motion made by Ray Bryant to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by John Smoot.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller

- Chairman Weller announced that this meeting will break at 1:05 pm for Executive Session for the members to discuss personnel.

- **Chairman Weller asks for a motion to break for Executive Session, motion is granted. The council breaks into Executive Session for 5 minutes. A motion is made by Marsha Knight to go back to regular session. Motion is seconded by John Smoot. Motion is approved.**

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –

1. Special Interest – Monica Mason

- Update on CCT.
- The EMSC Coordinator Erin Timbrook gave an update on EMSC.
- Survey went out 137 agencies, 120 responses.
- Active Threat
- Stop the Bleed

2. Administration – Trish Watson

- Recruitment/Retention.
- SB737
- EMS Mental Health, 988 in use.
- WVOEMS relations are going well.
- Financial stability and EMS Requirements/Regulations/Licensure.
- 2-year certification
- Removal of SETS
- Board of Pharmacy doing agency inspections.

3. Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – John Smoot

- A presentation was given by the Medical Command directors, Torie Geis and Shirley Morrison on Protocol re-formatting.
- Patient refusal process – Motion was made to move this to Medical Command by Brian Potter. Motion was seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.

4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight

- OEMS online testing update – Jason Rucker
- EMS in High Schools, create a sub-committee for that.
- Mobile Simulator – Nick Cooper
In 2023 the Mobile Simulator has been to a total of 170 events, around 4,150 have participated in the Mobile Simulator.
- EMS Education Policies/Procedures

5. Medical Command – Shirley Morrison

- Siren Legacy system
- PI program – Tori Geis
- Protocol re-formatting already covered.

6. Community College – No report.

V. Special Reports

1. OEMS Report - Director Joseph “Jody” Ratliff

- We are currently working on getting the Investigator II and the Investigation Secretary positions filled. As well as the Program Manager position within the next 60 days.
- **Special Guest** – Olivia Tennant, who is an EMT student at Monongalia County Tech Center, she recently won the SkillsUSA Emergency Medical Technician National Contest. She will represent the state and MTEC at the National competition this year. She gave a update on her competition and her interest in EMS and getting other High School students involved.
- **Jason Rucker** – Gave an update on the Education Policy, the new EMR application and online testing.
- **Julie Burner** -Still trying to fill the Nurse III position and updated on “Get with the guidelines”.
- **Larry “Dewey” Cole** – Update on OEMS Licensure.

2. OEMS State Medical Director Report – Dr. P.S. Martin

- This is the first time I have been in this position in front of you all, but I have been involved with EMSAC for 7 years and everyone has done an amazing job. I would like to help you and work with the group to take it to the next level. To free up your hands and allow you to do the job, so you can do without the mother may I constantly calling to confirm or check with me. I ask everyone to check out EBG Resources online and watch the first webinar. We have found implantations scientist who have helped us look at how best to roll out information to our providers. Thanks for all you do.

3. Air Medical Report – No report

VI. Old Business

1. Physio Control Documentation –

Jody Ratliff- I followed up and they are aware of the problem and a letter was received and it says it is fine.

2. **SETS Removal** – covered in committee.
3. **9208 Patient Refusal Guidelines Modification** – Still in committee.
4. **Consideration of GVOKE Glucagon Option** – A decision was made to leave in committee until we get education and data. Motion made by Marsha Knight to leave in committee. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.
5. **RSI Protocol submission** – Motion made to move to MPCC by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by Brandon Martin.
6. **9206 BLS Pre-established Treatment Modification** – Motion to approve was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Ray Bryant.
7. **Tactical Paramedic requirements vs Active Threat EMS requirements** - It was discussed what program add to the requirements since there was only one. A motion was made to add TECC program as an option, motion was made by Brian Potter. Motion was seconded by Brandon Martin. Motion approved.
8. **QA-QI Process Update** – complete
9. **4202 Protocol – Addition of Heparin** – Motion to move to MPCC made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by Monica Mason.
10. **New Protocol Format Update**- covered in committee.
11. **Instructor/Education Policy** – covered in committee.
12. **MCP Training Program** – currently underway.

VII. New Business

1. **Executive Session - Covered** under Chairman Reports.
2. **Consideration/Update on Sports Venue protocol** -Dr. Kyle and Jonathan Carolla presented a video presentation.
3. **Consideration of Special Interest Committee and Medical Command**
Committee Chair positions- Chairman Weller first welcomed new EMSAC member Nick Cooper.
Special Interest Committee – Motion to appoint Monica Mason as Chair was made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by Trish Watson. Motion is carried. Monica Mason will be Chair of Special Interest Committee.
Medical Command Committee – Motion to appoint Ray Bryant as Chair was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Brian Potter. Motion is carried. Ray Bryant will be Chair of the Medical Command Committee.
4. **Consideration of ALS Pre-Hospital Blood Administration Pilot Proposal** – Motion to move this to MPCC was made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by Trish Watson. Motion is carried.
5. **Results of BETA testing of the WVOEMS testing system** - covered in committees.
6. **Overdoes reporting requirements/ Fines** – OEMS Director Ratliff gave an update and let everyone know that he has been in contact with the office that controls that, and no fines would be given. It is not an issue.
7. **Consideration of 4603 and 4403 Seizure protocol modifications** – Motion to move this to MPCC was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is carried.

8. **Tourniquet Protocol modification** – A motion was made to send this to the protocol committee to work on modifying and simplifying by John Smoot. The motion was seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is carried.
9. **Consideration of changing 55 y/o requirements to 65 y/o for ½ dose medication administration where indicated throughout the protocols** – A motion to approve was made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion is approved.
10. **Wilderness EMT** – No action for EMSAC to take.
11. **AEMT Head Injuries** – A motion to send this to MPCC for modification was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is carried.
12. **WVOEMS Equipment List** – EMSAC will look at this in the future.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting October 19, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.

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Sincerely,

Signature
Title

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