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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
January 19, 2023

Members Present

David J. Weller
Samantha Richards
Brian Potter
Brian Doughty
Paul Seamann
Trish Watson
Marsha Knight
Robert Craig Horn
John Smoot
Samantha Stamper
Connie Hall
Thomas Hayes
Steven Schetrom
Ben Lasure
Chris Lindsay- Absent

Guest

Steve Knuckles
Troy Bain
Forest Weyen
Torie Geis
Jeremy Higginbotham
Shirley Morrison
Chris Lindsey
Steven Ashcraft
Nick Cooper
Ray Bryant

OEMS Staff

Joseph "Jody" Ratliff
Dr. Jonathan Newman
Dr. David Kappel
Julie Burner
Larry "Dewey" Cole
Jason Rucker
Justin Doughty
Andrea Persinger

Guest

Jake Nichlos
John Cox
Kristen Breton
Michael Moody
Michael Shukis
Mike Smith
Monica Mason
P.S. Martin
R. Barry
Kurt Garner
Rita White
Scott Hale
Sean Cantrell

Shawn McKenna
Courtney Turner
Elisabeth Lloyd

I. Welcome, Introductions 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 1:07 pm on January 19, 2023.

Chairman Weller welcomed members and guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

II. Approval of October 20, 2022, EMSAC minutes

Motion made by Brian Doughty to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2022; regular statutory meeting as presented. Motion seconded by John Smoot. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates – Chairman Weller

Chairman Weller shared the Letter from the Governor for new appointees and reappointed.

- Marsha Knight, Lesage, Cabell County, for the term ending June 30, 2025. She represents the Emergency Medical training officers or official representatives, and this is a reappointment. She is from the Fifth Senatorial District.
- Robert Craig Horn, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, for the term ending June 30, 2025. He represents the Emergency Medical Services supervisors and administrators, and this is a reappointment. He is from the Sixteenth Senatorial District.
- Ray Bryant, Logan, Logan County, for the term ending June 30, 2024. He represents the Ambulance Association and succeeds Connie Hall. He is from the Seventh Senatorial District.
- Brandon Martin, Clarksburg, Harrison County, for the term ending June 30, 2024. He represents the Mountain State Emergency Medical Services as an EMT and succeeds Brenden Brown. He is from the Twelfth Senatorial District.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports

1. Special Interest – Paul Seamann

Paul Seamann presented a report on EMSC, active threat and Stop the Bleed. Also had a discussion on absorbing the Safety Committee into the Special Interest Committee. Motion to move the Safety Committee to Special Interest Committee was made but Marsha Knight. Motion to second was made by Brian Doughty. Motion carried.

2. Administration – Trish Watson

A brief report on administration was given by Ms. Watson

3. Safety – Connie Hall

Safety Committee is now under Special Interest Committee

4. Policy/Procedure & Protocol – John Smoot/Chairman Weller

2023 Protocols are complete and ready to roll out. Some people have started doing it with pencil paper quiz. The process of getting the ability to test online is getting set up to be up and running. Other options will be to test at WVPST. Committee also recommends that since we are getting a late start that the implementation date be extended to March 1,

2023. Motion to extend the date to March 1, 2023, made by Brian Potter. Motion to second By Paul Seamann. Motion is carried.

5. Training – Marsha Knight

Since I was just appointed chair this committee, I don't really have anything. Testing Curriculum development, implementation, and stroke training requirements. Educational Institutes updates and WVOEMS Education Policy. Jody Ratliff gave an update that Jason Rucker has completed the Education Policy and he will get that out shortly.

6. Medical Command – Brian Doughty

A presentation was given by Torie Geis and Shirley Morrison on the Legacy vs Siren System. It touched on four opportunities of improvement. Paul Seamann is going to talk to the EMS Coalition, and we will support what the medical command center folks are trying to do. I will get an email out next week to schedule monthly meetings for this committee.

7. Community College Forum

No update.

V. Special Reports

1. OEMS Report – Director Joseph “Jody” Ratliff

- We are working on getting the online 2023 Protocol Test available.
- We have been working to get a Pilot Program for Treatment in Place. That would treat seizures, diabetes and COPD in place, and we would be able to bill for that. I would like to start working in the protocols for that now.
- Chairman Weller discussed that Mr. Ratliff has submitted a proposal that went to the insurance companies, and it has three laid out. I would like to send this to the Protocol Committee and get this into protocol format, keep in mind it would be a Pilot Program. Motion made to send to the Protocol Committee was made by Brian Doughty. Motion seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion carried.
- Another big-ticket item we have been working on is Mental Health, we had a great response from the State Communication meeting and have several people wanting to be a part of this.

2. OEMS Medical Director Report – Dr. Jonathan Newman

Over the last year with EMSAC's help the protocols have been updated more in line with West Virginia rules and more organized. Hope to do the same next year.

3. Air Medical Report – No report.

VI. Old Business (Some topics may be addressed during committee reports)

1. EMSAC 5- 10-year plan – update/report – Torie Geis

The 5–10-year plan is still being worked on, we have them, but we have not had the time to meet as a group.

2. SETS Removal

Chairman Weller advised the idea is that after this recertification period the SETS requirement would go away. The way OEMS is going to track that process is you will check a box and one out of so many people will be audited just like National Registry does, and then you will have to submit everything required.

3. Legislative proposal for EMSAC restructure update – Chairman Weller

We voted to put in a committee to address the restructuring. We voted to propose a Bill and that's where we ran into some issues. At the time we had no county commissioner representation. Now that we do it has been discussed to take it back not the original committee. Motion to table the Bill made by Brian Potter. Motion seconded by Steven Schetrom. Motion

carried.

4. **Education Policy Update –**
Addressed in committee.

VII. **New Business (Some topics may be addressed during committee reports)**

Chairman Weller asks permission to move up #4 due to scheduling issue.

- **Presentation on ZIMHI product – Kristen Breton & Jake Nichols**

An in-depth presentation was given on the ZIMHI product, which is a 5mg Naloxone injection. Jake Nichols the director of US World Meds also spoke, and demo kits were provided, and a demonstration was shown. A motion to send to the MPCC was made by Brian Potter. Motion was seconded by Paul Seamann. Motion carried.

1. **New Appointees Introduction**

Chairman Weller welcomed Thomas Hayes and Steven Schetrom to EMSAC and they both gave a brief introduction, Chairman Weller also welcomed Andrea Persinger, She will be secretary for EMSAC and she gave a brief introduction.

2. **Consideration of AEMT and Paramedic Skill Sheets**

Motion to approve the AEMT and Paramedic Skill Sheets made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion approved.

3. **Consideration of the Berkeley County EAA Ventilator Pilot Project**

Motion to send the Berkeley County EAA Ventilator Pilot Project to MPCC was made by Craig Horn. Motion seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion carried.

4. **Presentation on the ZIMHI product –**

Presented at the beginning of New Business.

5. **2023 Protocol Release**

Addressed in committee.

6. **EMSAC Member Matrix Updates**

We will look at this the next EMSAC meeting since we will have new appointments.

7. **Consideration of rotating meeting in conjunction with the EMS Coalition**

Discussed having more conversation with the EMS Coalition to see if we can make this happen. Motion to approve made by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by Brian Doughty. Motion is approved.

8. **EMSAC elections**

- **Appointment of Vice Chair - Nominations**

Motion is made to open the nominations for Vice Chair by Brian Potter. Motion seconded by Brian Doughty. Vice Chair is open.

Nomination for Marsha Knight it made by Brian Doughty.

Nomination is accepted by Marsha Knight.

Motion to approve is made by Paul Seamann. Motion seconded by John Smoot. Motion approved.

- **Appointment of Chair – Nominations**

Motion is made to open nominations for Chair by Craig Horn.

Motion seconded by Brian Doughty. Chair is open.

Nomination for Jamie Weller made by Craig Horn.

Motion seconded by Brian Doughty.

Motion to close nominations made by Paul Seamann.
Motion seconded by John Smoot.
Nominations closed.

- **Appointment of Vice Chair –**

Motion to open the vote for Vice Chair made by Paul Seamann.
Motion seconded by Brian Doughty.

Motion to vote for Marsha Knight made by John Smoot.
Seconded by Carig Horn.

Motion to close the vote is made by John Smoot. Seconded by Brian Doughty.
Marsha Knight is the Vice Chair for EMSAC.

- **Appointment for Chair-**

Motion to open the vote for Chair is made by Craig Horn.
Seconded by Marsha Knight.

Motion to vote for Jamie Weller is made by Craig Horn.
Motion to close the vote is made by Paul Seamann.

Seconded by Steven Schetrom.

Jamie Weller is the Chair for EMSAC.

9. Special Vote –

On January 31, 2023 a special vote was held to make an immediate change to Protocol 9206 BLS Pre-Established Treatment Monitoring.

Those in favor were as follows: Doughty, Horn, Weller, Stamper, Seamann, Potter, Lasure, Lindsay, Watson, Smoot, Schetrom, Hayes.

10. Special Vote –

On March 3, 2023 a special vote was held to address the MCCP – MCCN policy requiring 3 years experience as an RN or 1000 hours working as an RN in an ICU or emergency room setting. Those in favor were as follows: Seamann, Doughty, Hayes, Stamper, Smoot, Schetrom, Knight, and Potter.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Steven Schetrom. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting April 20, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.

