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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
July 25, 2024

Members Present

David J. Weller
John Smoot
Samantha Richards - virtual
Brian Potter
Trish Watson
Robert C. Horn
Samantha Stamper
Thomas Hayes - absent
Steven Schetrom – virtual
Nick Cooper - virtual
Ray Bryant
Brandon Martin - absent
Monica Mason
Marsha Knight
Stephen “Craig” Cox
Ben Lasure – virtual

Guest Present

Danny Reynolds
Rita White
James Scheidler
Torie Geis
Christopher Lurch
Steve Ashcraft
Brantly Whittaker
Cheryl Whitt
Courtney turner
Mike Alt
Brandon Jones

Guest Present Virtually

Amy Messer
Dr. Ben Deuell
Chris Guynn

OEMS Staff

Jody Ratliff - absent
Dr. P.S Martin
Jason Rucker
Bryan Justice
Andrea Persinger
Paul “Butch” Harrison
Erin Timbrook
Sandra Capehart
Janet Hagerman
Robin Jones - virtual



Collin Smith
Dr. Wong
DW Conrad
Ed Bays
Helen Clark
Hunter Whetzel
Jason Milton
Joseph Strait
Josh Mills
Kimberly Triplett
Kurt Gainer
Laura Forren
Lee Fuell
Lisa Hrutkay
Michael Jenkins
Phil Martin
Phillip Bolt
Scott Wilburn
Shawn McKenna
Steve McDonald
Troy Bain

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 25, 2024. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

II. Approval of April 18, 2024, EMSAC minutes

Motion made by Ray Bryant to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by Monica Mason. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller

❖ **Introductions from Chairman Weller**

- Chairman Weller introduced Janet Hagerman; she is the new OEMS Trauma Designation Coordinator. Janet has been a nurse for over twenty years. She has worked in ICU, ER, as well as a travel nurse.
- Chairman Weller introduced Paul “Butch” Harrison; Butch is an OEMS Inspector.

- Chairman Weller also introduced new EMSAC member Stephen “Craig” Cox, he represents the State Firemen’s Association and is replacing Chad Lindsay. He is from the Fourteenth Senatorial District.

❖ **Chairman Updates –**

- 2024 Protocol Rollout has been a huge success, great team effort from all sides. That was on July 15, 2024, and it has gone smoothly, everyone is really embracing the roll out and it has gone great.
- Clarification of Rules for Committee members representing EMSAC – You must not reach out in any way to the legislature, this can be considered lobbying. If you have a question or issue you would like to address with the legislature this must be cleared, and all communication will go through WVOEMS General Counsel Virginia Payne.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –

1. Special Interest – Monica Mason

- EMSC – Erin Timbrook
 - Still working on the Pediatric Symposium coming up on 9/29/24-10/02/24. The Pediatric Wellness survey has had a 54.8% participation, national average is 40%.
 - ARK- We have 7 facilities and 3 facilities ready to be.
 - Scenarios in seconds – Jason Rucker will have the MCI kit back in Charleston and get that ready for continuing education hours. This will be available to use for MCI continuing education through the WVOEMS.
- CCT – Rita White
We took a break while we were doing the 2024 Protocol Roll out, we do plan to meet next week and plan to discuss CCT exam again.
- Wilderness Medicine – Josh Mills gave an update. Will continue to work on adding pain management and continue to work on the protocols and scopes of practice for the 2025 protocols.

2. Administration and Safety – Trish Watson

- OSHA update
- Active Threat – We met and gave Jamie a copy of enhanced training, per Senate Bill 83 EMSAC will decide what classes are to be used.
- Recruitment/Retention – We continue to work on ideas, as well as work with the coalition for funding.
- WVOEMS relations – Jody is on vacation.
- Financial stability –
- ER wait times – Samantha Stamper

We have a taskforce made up of about 17 members, we have met 4 times. We are currently working on a timeline for flu season. Next step for us will be meeting on 08/14/24. Once we have things finalized, we will work with OEMS to get something sent out in ImageTrend.

- Lack of EMS in WV Park system – While on a recent camping trip I discovered the lack of EMS and there was no safety net established. We plan to work on this issue in committee also.
- EMSAC Bylaws Update – Minimal changes, we have given the update to Jamie.

3. Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – John Smoot

- Will be covered in New Business.

4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight

- The Recertification materials will be covered in New Business.
- EMT pass rates - In West Virginia we are now at 56%, that's an improvement from 6 months ago.
- Protocols 6-hour review – Moving forward this would go back to 4 hours.

5. Medical Command – Ray Bryant

- Covered under Special Reports.

5. Community College –

- No update.

V. Special Reports

1. OEMS Report - Director Joseph "Jody" Ratliff –

- Jody is currently on vacation.

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

- First, regarding the 2024 Protocol Roll out I would like to thank every educator, provider, and everyone that has been involved. Especially Jamie, on getting the 2024 Protocols implemented. Implementation is everything, we could have the best protocols in the world but if the roll out is not great then we have nothing. Everyone outperformed my expectations. We have had a few issues, nothing drastic. No bad outcomes.
- MCP Training – I have written an entire update in the form of a 65-question test. I am requesting all Regional Medical Directors to have all MCP's in your regions participate.
- Flight Protocols- Each group from the MPCC met and reviewed all changes and made recommendations. To make things uniform across

the state, we suggested recommendations and responses were sent back. Both are expected to pass at the MPCC meeting in the morning.

- PI – Sill working on this with Dewey. We are going to focus on 10 major things to look at, I think that is achievable.

3. Air Medical – No report.

4. Medical Command –

Torie Geis – Finalizing plan to move to North Gate. Grand opening soon.

Shirley Morrison – R.E.T.I. will have online Train the Trainer available.

Steve Ashcraft – Met with OEMS to discuss our workload, we currently cover 26 out of 55 counties in the state. Very busy and Jody agreed we will discuss dividing the workload/regions.

VI. Old Business

- 1. QA-QI Process Update** – Covered.
- 2. MCP Training Program** – Covered.
- 3. ALS Pre-Hospital Blood Administration Update** – Cabel County sponsored an American Red Cross Blood drive. We had a good turnout; 58 units were donated. We have had two in field traumas, hopefully for recovery.
- 4. Subcommittee for wilderness/prolonged field care provider** – Covered.
- 5. EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic recert class material update** – Covered.
- 6. EMT pass rate taskforce update** – Covered in committee.
- 7. EMSAC Bylaws update** – Draft copy has been sent to Chairman Weller. It will be posted on the website and voted on at the next meeting.
- 8. Hospital ER wait time** - Covered in committee.

VII. New Business

- 1. Consideration / discussion of updated skills sheets** – The sheets and changes were presented by Chairman Weller; a copy of the skill sheets will also be attached to the minutes for reference. Motion to approve the skill sheets was made by John Smoot. Seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is approved.
- 2. Consideration / discussion of updated certification/recertification policies** – Chairman Weller went over each certification and recertification policy for all levels.
- 3. Consideration / discussion of Credential Recognition policy** – Chairman Weller presented the policy. A motion to approve was made by Brian Potter. Seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is approved.
- 4. Consideration / discussion of Controlled Substance policy** – Mike Alt went over the old policy and updates were discussed. It was requested that a committee be formed, headed by Mike Alt to update the policy. Monica Mason suggested Jason Wilson the KCEAA Narcotics officer be on

the committee. A motion was made to approve the Controlled Substance Policy Committee by John Smoot. Seconded by Trish Watson. Motion carried.

5. **Consideration of taskforce to review, update, and create policies associated with command centers** – Since Director Ratliff is not here a motion to table this was made by Brian Potter. Seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion is carried.

VIII. **Good of the Order**

- **Dr. James Scheidler** – Update on Whole Blood administration in his region.
- **Samantha Stamper** – Discussed the WV Healthcare Coalition, establishing EMS advisors in all regions. When all of this is finished, we will work with OEMS to send out a notification in ImageTrend.

IX. **Online Vote**

- Online vote to release the Offloading Guidance Information.
In Favor: Weller, Cooper, Smoot, Knight, Hayes, Lasure, Potter, Mason, Watson, Stamper. Noone opposed; motion carried.

X. **Adjournment:**

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

Next meeting October 17, 2024, Meeting format and or location to be announced.