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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
April 18, 2024

Members Present

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

Guest Present

Rita White
Kevin Duckwall
Danny Reynolds
Julia Zeto
Josh Mills
Mike Alt
Cheryl Whitt
Ed Bays
Amanda Mason
Charles Maxwell
Torie Geis
Jack Linville

Guest Present Virtually

Alesha
Amanda Simmons
BCEAA

OEMS Staff

Joseph "Jody" Ratliff
Dr. P.S Martin
Jason Rucker
Larry "Dewey" Cole
Andrea Persinger
Diana Linville
Erin Timbrook
Sandra Capehart
Ashley Bond



Brant Whittaker
Brittany Munday
Collin Smith
Courtney Turner
Daniel Taylor
Dominique Wong
Frank Guyette
GrantTown EMS #2
Heather Brown
Helenclark
Jason Milton
Jeff Teter
Joseph Strait
Joyce raper
Justin Browning
Laura Forren
Lee Fuell
Lisa Hurtkay
Lorri White
Michael Jenkins
Mihcael Moody
Phillip Bolt
Richard Davisson
Roane County Emergency Squad
Shanw McKenna
Tanner Smida
Troy Bain
Warren Bladen
Cindy Keely
Clinton Burley
Grant Dalton

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 April 18, 2024. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

- ❖ Chairman Weller asks the council for a motion to move New Business 1. Amanda Mason – New OSHA requirements presentation, due to her schedule. John Smoot made a motion to move under Welcome, Introduction and Roll Call. Motion was seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion carried.

- **Amand Mason New OSHA Requirements** – Ms. Mason gave a presentation on the New OSHA Proposed Emergency Response Standard, a link will be sent out in ImageTrend for information.

II. Approval of January 18, 2023, EMSAC minutes

One correction was made to the minutes to change the word telemetry to end tidal co2. Motion made by Ray Bryant to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by Marsha Knight.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller

▪ **Legislative Update – Jody Ratliff**

The update includes the 2-year certification change. Also, we will roll out the Treatment in Place on May 1, 2024. Working on Alternative Destination. The 2024 Protocol Roll out in July. We will cover that more in this meeting.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –

1. Special Interest – Monica Mason

- CCT – Rita White gave an update.
- EMSAC – Erin Timbrook
We had 86 at the March Pediatric Symposium, we are planning the fall Pediatric Symposium at the Boy Scout Jamboree. We have several classes available for children. Big component of mental health. Last year at this time we only had 2 ARK facilities, we now have 7 ARK facilities. Also working on Pre-Hospital Pediatric Disaster Readiness.
- Wilderness/Active Threat – Josh Mills
We have been meeting since November, working on guidelines with Dr. Schiedler. Dr. Wong provided a handout on Active Threat, discussed the handout. Discuss an outline of the class that will be taught at the State Police Academy
- The committee will also continue to work on the following:
 - Infection Control
 - EMS Vehicles
 - Crash/Injury
 - Pediatric Transportation
 - Equipment

2. Administration and Safety – Trish Watson

- Recruitment/Retention – Working with Jonathan Davis to get a quote on his model for recruitment and retention. We are also working with the coalition to get funding for that.
- SB 737 – Funding has been distributed to the county commissions.
- WVOEMS relations are going well, 2-year certification change.

- Financial stability – Attended a class covering balance billing and time service payments. I will be attending another one in Tennessee.
- Data
- Permanent funding – several suggestions will be taken to the Legislative special session.
- ER wait times – Smantha Stamper
We have had two meetings; we have been leading a task force and we have been focusing on EMS agencies' delays at hospital emergency departments. We have had two meetings and have an excellent group. We have identified key things, taken a deep dive, and then identified what needs to be done. Working on a draft to prioritize off-loading capacity. We will continue to meet and then we will pass our findings along.
- EMSAC Bylaws – will work on those.

3. Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – John Smoot

- Covered in Old Business.
- 2024 Protocol Roll Out Schedule- covered in Good of the Order.

4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight

- The added glucagon education component has been approved.
- The Education Task Force reported to the Cabinet Secretary on EMT pass rates. We looked at the top five states with the highest passing rates. The task force will continue to work on this and focus on accountability, orientation, entry exams, and program requirements to be taken prior to EMT program. We are also going to focus on instructor enhancement. We are going to build an orientation program in committee.
- As for the MCP training program we are leaving that in committee until after the protocol roll out.

5. Medical Command – Ray Bryant

- Shirley Morrison provided an update.
- Have been meeting monthly.
- Siren Legacy system – 5-year transition plan.
- Database improvement

5. Community College –

- New River Community College has discontinued ALS education.

V. Special Reports

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

- Introduction of Larry “Dewey” Cole as the new Program Manager for WVOEMS Licensure and Inspections Division.
 - Introduction of Bryan Justice as the new Investigator for the WVOEMS.
 - Once protocols roll out, ImageTrend will also be updated at that time. It will have an internal QA process when receiving ECPRs. This will be sent to myself and Dr. PS Martin.
 - There will be a lot of pressure put on the Training Officers to make sure we are providing the best patient care.
- 2. Jason Rucker – OEMS Education, Testing and Certification Program Manager –**
- ImageTrend updates, including updating applications, rebuilding the education portal to match National Registry, building initial applications.
 - Expiration dates for certification have aligned for EMR, EMT, AEMT, and paramedics.
 - EMVO applications and dates are still a work in progress.
- 3. Larry “Dewey” Cole – OEMS Program Manager Licensure and Inspections**
- We will be backing up the agency licensure dates, we plan to push them back a few weeks to give the agencies more time.
 - Changing Protocols – I have had several questions about the medications coming off the list. Just use common sense, if the medication is coming off the list, we will not give you for it.
 - ImageTrend – QA database issues, MIS is aware of the issues, and they are working to fix it.
 - Inspections of trucks – I have had some inquiries about trucks being inspected twice. Our goal is to keep trucks working and keeping the patients safe, if there is a deficiency the inspectors will come back around and make sure it is corrected.
- 4. Bryan Justice – OEMS Investigator –**
- We are going to be moving our self-reporting/complaints over to ImageTrend.
 - Over the last few days, we have noticed that several providers are not listed on agencies’ rosters. I ask that you please check your roster and update it if needed.
 - If you have a provider on probation, please make sure they are aware of the terms and have the probation reports in by the 10th of each month.
 - Director Ratliff added that the Pediatric Symposium will be a three-day event, that’s the first we have had. There is a \$25.00 registration fee, please check it out. There is a lot to offer, and I hope it continues. I am excited and very proud of the work Erin and Robin and all the folks have put in.
- 5. OEMS State Medical Director Report – Dr. P.S. Martin –**

- 2024 Protocol Roll Out Schedule, all educators are welcome to attend. The schedule will be sent on ImageTrend to notify so you may register. Clearly if you are a communicator and cannot attend, please let me know. I want to make sure we are all on the same page. We have a total of 5 sessions.
- Join Triage app, now requires setting up an account. I am working to fix that now and when it is fixed, we will send out notification in ImageTrend.
- Chairman Weller – I just want to make a comment while we are still covering OEMS, this group is hard working, and I am so proud to be part of this group. The fact that you look out for what's right and you try not to make it more difficult while still trying to regulate it is great, the way it should be.
- Director Ratliff – I just want to say this real quick like. This is the first time I have seen the WVOEMS, EMSAC, EMS Coalition, MPCC we all are working together all on the same page, going in the same direction.

6. **Air Medical** – No report.

VI. **Old Business**

1. **SETS Removal/applications update – Jason Rucker**
 - Jason Rucker covered that, from this point on there are no SETS.
2. **New Protocol Update –**
 - Chairman Weller passed around a copy of the New Protocols for all to view. It is close to the final product.
 - Final protocols will be put out for 30-day comment prior to the roll out.
3. **Medical Command Physician Training** – A motion to leave in old business made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.
4. **ALS Pre-Hospital Blood Administration Update – Julia Zeto**
 - We have had two calls to date, both did not make it. However, the last one we did see improvements in the vitals by the time we got her to the hospital. I did some Blood Administration education at the Escape conference as well as a how to course for agencies that were interested in carrying whole blood.
5. **Glucagon Education** – covered.
6. **Subcommittee for Wilderness/Prolonged field care provider** – Covered in committee.
7. **EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic recert class material** -Covered in committee.
8. **EMT pass rate Task Force Update** – covered in committee.
9. **Release of 4607 Behavioral Protocol** - This will go out with the rest of the protocols in July.

10. EMSAC bylaws Update – Covered in committee.

11. Hospital Wait Times Task Force – Covered in committee.

VII. New Business

1. **Amanda Mason – New OSHA requirements presentation** – Moved to Welcome, Introduction and Roll Call.
2. **Consideration of review and update skill sheets** – We would like this to go to the Policy/Procedure & Protocol committee in conjunction with the Education Committee with a July 1, 2024, goal, a 30-day comment will go out. The goal will be to roll out with the new protocols in July. This will also include 3. Consideration of review and update to certification/recertification policies. Motion to approve made by Ray Bryant. Motion seconded by John Smoot. Motion carried.
3. **Consideration of review and update to certification/recertification polices** – Covered under #2 New Business.
4. **Discussion – Critical Care Triad for High School Sports** – Briefly discussed.
5. **July meetings** – July 25 -26, 2024.

VIII. Good of the Order

- **2024 Protocol Roll Out Schedule** – Chairman Weller passed out the schedule with QR code and presented what the schedule will consist of. This will be sent out in ImageTrend as well as posted on EMSAC website.
- **Hardy County Commissioner Steven Schetrom** – Introduced the Hardy County Emergency Ambulance Authority new Director Derek Alt, and assistant Director Nathan Kesner.

IX. Adjournment:

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

Next meeting July 25, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.