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Minutes
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC)
January 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
Chad Lindsay- absent
Ben Lasure - virtual

Guest Present

Paul Seamann
Jeremy Laird
Lorri White
JT Taylor
Mike Alt
Dr. James Scheidler
Shirley Morrison
Forest Weyen
Torie Geis
Steve Ashcraft
Steve Nuckles
Julia Zeto
Danny Reynolds
Kevin Duckwall
Jenna Mulligan
Lora Gosnell

OEMS Staff

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



Rita White

Guest Present Virtually

Amanda Simmons
Domingue Wong
Dr. Kappel
Dr. Brocklehurst
Helen Clark
J. Scott Hale
Justin Browning
Laura Forren
Lisa Hurtkay
Michael Jenkins
Dr. Shukis

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 1:02 pm on January 18, 2024. Chairman Weller welcomed members and Guests. Roll call followed; Quorum established.

II. Approval of November 2, 2023, EMSAC minutes

Motion made by John Smoot to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023; regular statutory meeting as represented. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant.

III. Chairman Report and Legislative Updates - Chairman Weller

- Chairman Weller went straight to committee reports.

IV. EMSAC Committee Reports –

1. Special Interest – Monica Mason

- Dr. Wong spoke about Active High Threat environments and Active Killer.
- Active Threat – Committee will continue to work with leadership to establish guidelines.
- Active Threat - TECC and education pathways are still being discussed.
- EMSC Coordinator, Erin Timbrook – Currently planning two pediatric symposiums for March and October 2024. We also have two ARK appointments being scheduled and Pediatric Ambush training in development.
- Rita White gave an update on CCT.

- Safety workforce – Mental health, fatigue, physical standards. All under review.
- Wilderness Medicine- work in progress. Josh Mills is heading that.

2. Administration and Safety – Trish Watson

- Recruitment/Retention.
- SB4505 discussion.
- Critical staffing shortage – Working with Bridging the gap.
- Forest Weyen – EMS Mental Health, discussing creating an app that would have all resources in one location. We are working on funding for that.
- Viewing of documentary Honorable but Broken: EMS In Crisis – Several of us went to West Virginia Wesleyan January 10, 2024, to view the documentary.
- ER wait times are back and forth.
- EMS Day at the Legislature was very productive.
- Financial stability – a couple bills out now, for example Treatment in Place.
- OEMS are working on the 4 years to 2 years certification change.
- **OEMS Report -Director Jody Ratliff**
 - SB737 – Everything has been sent to finance and they will get it to the Treasury. As soon as I get an update, I will let everyone know.
 - ImageTrend – We have purchased the information hub from ImageTrend that will link the Hospitals and EMS together. We have also purchased the Critical Care module for ImageTrend. That is free to any Agency. We are also working with ImageTrend for the Medical Command Centers; it will link all five centers together.

3. Policy, Protocol, and Procedure – John Smoot

- Shirley Morrison – Provided an update on the New Protocol Format development and roll out. Aiming for a roll out date of July 2024.
- Education Policy – The Secretary's decision was that it stay the same, you must maintain both state and national certification to meet qualifications to be an instructor.
- Behavioral Medicine Protocol 9208 – Dr. P.S. Martin will present an update in response to the Colorado verdict regarding the Elijah McClain case.
- Tourniquet Protocol – tabled.

4. Training/Education – Marsha Knight

- The refresher modules currently are from 2018, they will be updated to 2025 standards and changed on the EMSAC and OEMS websites.
- Glucagon education to be released as soon as it is ready.
- We would like to welcome Samantha Stamper to our committee.

5. Medical Command – Ray Bryant

- Shirley Morrison provided an update.
- Siren Legacy system – 3-year transition plan.
- Protocol re-formatting already covered.

6. Community College – No report

V. Special Reports

1. OEMS Report - Director Joseph “Jody” Ratliff – Covered in committee.

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

- QA/Performance Improvement update.
- Presentation on Protocol 4607 Behavioral Emergencies/ Patient Restraint update in response to the Colorado verdict in the Elijah McCain case.
- 2024 New Protocols/Guidelines update – When everything is complete I will get the updates and education out.
- MPCC – We will be getting two new members next month, all for the better.

3. Air Medical – No report.

VI. Old Business

1. SETS Removal/applications update – Jason Rucker

- I am currently still building the AEMT/Paramedic application, once that is completed the SETS will be turned off in NREMT.

2. 9208 Patient Refusal Guidelines Modification – A motion to table the modification was made by Ray Bryant. Motion was seconded by John Smoot.

3. **Consideration of GVOKE Glucagon Option** – A motion was made by Thomas Hayes to accept GVOKE as an option. Motion seconded by Trish Watson. Motion carried.
4. **QA – QI Process** – Covered in committee.
5. **New Protocol Format Update** – Already covered in committee.
6. **MCP Training Program** – Nothing new.
7. **ALS Pew-Hospital Blood Administration Update – Julia Zeto** – Began on November 8, 2023. It is going very well so far.
8. **Tourniquet Protocol modification/update** – A motion to table the modification was made by Ray Bryant. The motion was seconded by Marsha Knight. Motion carried.
9. **Glucagon Education**- Covered in committee.
10. **Position Statements submitted to Legislature concerning the Legacy WV EMS Communication System** – Submitted on January 8, 2024.

VII. New Business

1. **Discussion/Consideration on updating current EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic recert class material** – A motion to send this to the Training Committee with a deadline of July 1, 2024, was made by John Smoot. Motion was seconded by Monica Mason. Motion carried.
2. **Discussion/Consideration on hospital wait times** – Trish Watson made a motion to send this to the Administration Committee, from there a taskforce will be formed by Samantha Stamper and Samantha Richards. The motion was seconded by Thomas Hayes. Motion carried.
3. **Consideration of protocol updates:**
 - 4607 Behavioral – Motion to approve made by John Smoot. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant. Motion carried.
 - Equipment list to be updated for all BLS to include that telemetry is optional. Motion to approve this update made by Brian Potter. Motion seconded by Ray Bryant.
4. **National EMS Testing pass rates** – West Virginia is currently last in the National EMS Testing pass rates; this is not acceptable, and the Secretary wants answers to why we are last and what we can do to fix this problem. John Smoot made a motion to create a task force led by Marsha Knight and Jason Rucker. The motion was seconded by Nick Cooper. Motion carried.

VIII. Good of the Order

IX. Adjournment:

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

Next meeting April 18, 2023, Meeting format and or location to be announced.

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