

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EMSAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 1st, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12pm.

Present:

EMSAC Chair – Cynthiana Lightfoot

DCFEMS – Robert Holman, M.D. and Neha Puppala, M.D.

DOH – Brian Amy, M.D.

Washington Hospital Center Trauma - Jack Sava, M.D.

Georgetown Hospital - David Milzman, M.D.

Children’s National Medical Center - Joelle Simpson, M.D.

Anne Renshaw

Representative from 3721

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Ms. Lightfoot informed the group that legislation for CPR and AED training in schools recently passed.

There will be a community event in Walter Pierce Park this month.

- This will involve a real fire truck, due to the playground fire truck being removed for repair

An update on Council Member McDuffie’s office was provided

- Barbara Mitchell has left Council member McDuffie’s office and her replacement is Kathryn Mitchell.
- There was discussion of whether a quarterly report that had previously been submitted to the office continues to be submitted.

Ms. Lightfoot raised a question about FEMS previously having 24 hour EMS Battalion Chiefs

- An update was given by FEMS that these positions are being brought back and interviews are being conducted.

UPDATE FROM DCFEMS

DCFEMS has been hosting weekly community CPR events.

- The mayor's goal was 5,000 citizens trained by September 30th. DCFEMS is on track to surpass this and achieve 10,000 citizens trained by the end of this month.

NEMSIS reporting

- A request was made to confirm with AMR that they are submitting information to NEMSIS
- DCFEMS is upgrading their ePCR software and the new software will move them from using NEMSIS version 2 to version 3.

FEMS work to integrate into CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information System for Patients) was discussed.

- This is a regional system that allows hospitals to share data on patients in a HIPAA compliant fashion. FEMS would like to take advantage of this already existing structure and the data sharing agreements that are already in place with hospitals. Over the next few months FEMS will be working with CRISP database so that patient care reports and records are uploaded to this system
- This will allow hospitals to easily access run reports and also allow FEMS to obtain Quality Improvement data from hospital records.

The FEMS website was discussed by Dr. Holman

- www.fems.dc.gov
- The site shares information such as daily response times of the agency as well as some performance measures

Rotations at various hospitals for ALS providers/paramedics are being planned by the FEMS training division.

- Children's national medical center. The first planned session will involve paramedics spending 4 hours in the ER triage area and 4 hours with a respiratory therapist learning about pediatric asthma patients.
- Future sessions are being planned for trauma focused education.

UPDATES FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

PEDIATRICS

Dr. Joelle Simpson discussed the newly formed pediatric subcommittee under EMSAC

- This will be a separate entity from EMSC. The subcommittee will include DOH, CNMC representatives and other hospital representatives.
- The subcommittee will meet to formalize their mission of advocacy, education in regards to EMS care of children, as well as review of QI overarching numbers/data (not specific cases).

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The need for addressing the care of special needs populations was discussed.

- Online training on autism has come out of New Jersey. Ms. Lightfoot and Dr. Simpson will bring back more information and assist on this.
- Ms. Lightfoot brought up the SCOPE program that had been previously utilized by DCFEMS. FEMS had developed a hands on program a few years ago to instruct on how to care for special needs children. The agency will reinvestigate this program and whether it would be useful to bring back.

Smart 911's ability to assist in identifying special needs patients was discussed.

- Families or patients could be encouraged to register with the system to increase awareness of special needs children in the area. Doreen Hodge with Family Voices supports this.
- The system updates every 6 months.
- An avenue to increase participation in this would be through community health fairs, reaching out to St. Collette's, as well as investigating how Children's hospital can incorporate a process where patients are enrolled before discharge.
- Dr. Holman will plan to touch base with OUC in regards to this.
- Dr. Holman and Dr. Simpson will work on conducting a new search for peds special needs patients, using the high volume utilizer data and narrowing the search fields. Dr. Holman will recruit DCFEMS street calls to this project. Dr. Simpson will work on contacting Doreen Hodge with DC Family Voices as they are in support of the program.

The group discussed the impact of nursing home 911 calls on the EMS system.

- There is an overutilization of 911 by nursing homes for non-emergency calls.

EMSAC is requesting the following data points from FEMS

- Numbers of transports being done by DCFEMS BLS units.
- Number of hours of training spent on patient assessment and documentation, number of providers who participated in this training, the topic areas/subject matter for these lectures.
- Reports of number of pediatric transports will be forwarded to the pediatric subcommittee

ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting is to take place October 6th, 2016