



State of Maryland

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### JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
10:00am – 12:00pm

#### Google Meet Information

Video call link:



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### AGENDA

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| I.   | Call to Order  | Chief Christian Griffin           |
|      | A. Welcome and Introductions                         |                                   |
|      | B. Approval of the Dec. 10, 2024 JAC Meeting Minutes |                                   |
| II.  | Office of the EMS Medical Director Updates           | Timothy Chizmar, MD               |
| III. | Office of Clinician Services Updates                 | Mr. Aaron Edwards, MS, NRP        |
| IV.  | EMS Preparedness and Operations Update               | Mr. Jeff Huggins, NRP             |
| V.   | EMS For Children Updates                             | Ms. Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MSN, RN |
| VI.  | EMS Jurisdictional Roundtable                        | Chief Christian Griffin           |
| VII. | Closing Remarks and Adjournment                      | Chief Christian Griffin           |

Please join us for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual *EMS Medical Director's Symposium* on April 9, 2025

at the

*Howard County Public Safety Training Center, Marriottsville, MD*

Meeting Details and Registration to be delivered shortly

Jurisdictional Advisory Committee  
(Virtual Only)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025

**IN ATTENDANCE (All Virtual):**

Aaron Edwards (MIEMSS); Amanda Bunting (Ocean City); Andy Robertson (MIEMSS); Ben Kaufman (Montgomery County); Bryan Ebling (MIEMSS); Tina Kintop (Talbot County); Chris Truitt (City of Salisbury); Christian Griffin (Baltimore County); Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS); David Chisholm (Washington County); David Svites (MD State Police); Debbie Wheedleton (Dorchester County); Dwayne Kitis (MIEMSS); Eric Zaney (Carroll County); Ethan Freyman (BWI); Forney Buchanan (Harford County); Garrett County EOC (Steve Smith, Justin Orendorf); Heather Howes (Calvert County); Jack Beckwith (City of Annapolis); Jason Cantera (MIEMSS); Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS); John Cvach (Anne Arundel County); Kim Glaze (Baltimore County); Logan Quinn (Kent County); Luis M. Pinet-Peralta, PhD (MIEMSS); Mark A. Bilger (MIEMSS); Michael Parsons (MIEMSS); Mike Salvadge (Allegany County); Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS); Peter Dugan (Montgomery County); Randy Linthicum (MIEMSS); Raymond McRae (City of Annapolis); Rebecca Gilmore (UMMS Shock Trauma); Robert Vaccaro (Anne Arundel County); Scott Gordon (Frederick County); Stephanie Ermatinger (MIEMSS); Stephanie Forbes (Caroline County); Terrell Buckson (Prince George's County); Tim Chizmar (MIEMSS); Timothy Cullen (Baltimore City); Todd Tracey (MIEMSS); Veronika Conner (Howard County); Zach Yerkie (Queen Anne's County).

**ABSENT:**

Baltimore City; Charles County; Somerset County; St. Mary's County

**MEETING:**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Welcome and Introductions (Dr. Tim Chizmar)
  - 1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chizmar in the absence of Chief Griffin at 1002 hours
  - 2. Next meeting is April 7, 2025 at the Howard County Public Safety Training Center and is our 30<sup>th</sup> EMS Medical Director's Symposium
    - a. Agendas and speakers are being finalized
    - b. Start time around 0830 with a light breakfast and estimated to conclude around 1430 hours
    - c. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there
- B. Approval of the Last Meeting Minutes (Dr. Chizmar)
  - 1. Dec. 2024 meeting minutes were distributed to the group via email by Stephanie on 02/14/2025
  - 2. No objections presented to alter minutes as written
    - a. Motion by Chief Fryman (BWI), second by Chief Yerkie (Queen Anne's Co)
    - b. Motion carried with no objections – December 2024 Minutes approved as written

## **II. Office of the EMS State Medical Director Update**

- A. eMEDS (Jason Cantera)
  - 1. He is creating a workflow and definitions for the Incident Statuses as discussed in the eMeds Steering Committee meeting
    - a. Invitation have been sent for the Incident Statuses on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hrs
    - b. They will cover each incident status, define each one, and establish a workflow for statewide use
    - c. They would like to standardize this statewide
  - 2. The Elite update has been pushed back to March because of some issues with 24.11
    - a. He will send out notifications when it is scheduled
- B. Transfer of Care Times (Slide)
  - 1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the current times with the group
  - 2. He discussed the time differences between Sept 2024 to Jan 2025
  - 3. He discussed conversation with facilities regarding “Forced Offload” policies
  - 4. Dr. Chizmar presented and discussed times and percentages of the Flu and COVID throughout the region
- C. Universal Precautions (Slide)
  - 1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the current recommendations for contact with infected with viruses
  - 2. He reviewed the hospitalization data with the group
- D. Jurisdictional EMS Reverification Process
  - 1. Dr. Delbridge presented the re-verification to the EMS Board
  - 2. The visits were overwhelmingly positive and they gained clarity in certain areas and a better understanding of the county’s successes, challenges and barriers
  - 3. Notification letters will follow shortly
- E. EMT Renewals
  - 1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the new/proposed EMT renewal process with the group
  - 2. They are restructuring the process to make it like the ALS renewal process
  - 3. He reviewed the breakdown of continuing education hours for EMT renewals
  - 4. He discussed the responses from jurisdictions regarding the number of hours to complete the renewal process
- F. Protocols
  - 1. Dr. Chizmar stated the medications, labetalol and cefazolin (brand name Ancef) will go live on July 1, 2025
  - 2. Video Laryngoscopy is an Optional Supplemental Protocol (currently only about 4-5 counties are not utilizing it)
    - a. Video Laryngoscopy will transition from OSP to standard protocol on July 1, 2026 (one year to obtain additional devices)
  - 3. Leave Behind naloxone will move from OSP to standard, statewide protocol effective July 1, 2025.
    - a. It will be placed under the Overdose section of the protocols

- b. Continue to obtain this medication from local health department at no charge to EMS
- G. Legislation
  - 1. Buprenorphine: We are working with a delegate from Montgomery County on a bill that would authorize up to \$50,000 to train additional paramedics to administer buprenorphine
  - 2. Abuse: There is a proposed bill that would require EMS clinicians to report vulnerable adults as well as child abuse (currently this is missing in the law). Note, however, this reporting requirement had already been written into the EMS protocols for many years. If the bill passes, we will revise the protocol to include the notification mechanism (i.e. hotline).

### **III. Office of Clinician Service Updates (Aaron Edwards)**

- A. Psychomotor Exams
  - 1. Mr. Edwards stated they are in the process of streamlining the psychomotor exams
  - 2. He said they sent out a survey for the instructors to give feedback on the process
  - 3. He stated they are also creating a survey for the students to complete after they have completed the exam
- B. Education Programs
  - 1. Mr. Edwards stated they have created (2) new educational programs in Region 4
  - 2. He stated they created a (15) minute Educational Refresher training videos on cold emergencies
  - 3. He stated they we're going to try to use the data from Elite Stats to start building additional trainings

### **IV. EMS Preparedness and Operations Updates (Jeff Huggins)**

- A. DuoDote Grant
  - 1. Mr. Huggins advised the group that the grant which supplied these units is expiring at the end of the year
  - 2. He asked that those who have the unit to evaluate what the unit(s) will present for your jurisdiction
  - 3. He stated they will keep a small cache of the units at MIEMSS which can be requested if a pre-planned event or other situation which warrant units to be available
  - 4. He stated they are researching funding for the future
  - 5. Mr. Huggins stated they are contracting HCID Transport Teams and Commercial Services for anyone interested in being involved in the conversations and work group
  - 6. He stated is any jurisdiction is interested in being involved with the workgroup, to contact him direct
- B. Chempack
  - 1. Mr. Huggins stated they are working on new trainings for the Chempack
  - 2. He also stated this is a resource available through SYSCOM/EMRC to bring antidote resources to the scene or other incident

3. He stated they are working on a Supervisor Checklist version to guide on scene unites through what/how to request Chempack in the field

## **V. EMS for Children Updates**

- A. Information/Handouts
  1. Ms. Wright-Johnson stated they have emailed several handouts and updates yesterday morning
- B. Winterfest Conference
  1. Ms. Wright-Johnson stated they had a very successful event and acknowledged Erin Davidson and Katelyn Killian on the eastern shore for their leadership
  2. She stated they piloted their critical care pediatric conference worship and received very positive feedback
  3. She stated there will be a similar preconference workshop-at the upcoming Miltenberger Conference. -EMSC Champions will receive the skill stations and scenario materials at their April 23 2025 Forum.
- C. EMS and Nurse Champions Meeting
  1. Ms. Wright-Johnson stated EMSC is hosting Regional meeting for EMS and Nurse Champions throughout February and March. These two hours meetings will focus on current work of both groups of Champions with the goal to identify areas for collaboration on Pediatric Readiness. Meeting schedule below:
    - January 22 @ MIEMSS HQ – Region III was very successful
    - February 26 will be Region V in Prince George’s County DFEMS
    - March 18 will be Region IV in Easton
    - March 26 will be Region I and II at Meritus Medical Center
- D. Right Care When it Counts and Stars of Life Nominations

Ms. Wright-Johnson stated the applications for the “Right Care When it Counts” and the Stars of Life” nominations are open until Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Both have separate Smart Sheet application forms. Those selected for each award will be presented in May during EMS Week and in the May or June EMS newsletter.

## **VI. EMS Jurisdictional Roundtable (Christian Griffin)**

- A. Maryland State Police (Chief David Svites)
  1. Whole blood programs treated 100 patients in 2024 and are up to 12 units infused this year
  2. He stated since they started the program, there had 175 patients with 228 units of blood administered
  3. They just released (3) Rescue Technicians (RTS) in the field to complete their training
  4. They have a current class of (3) troopers with a plethora of EMS training from Pittsburg, New York and Cecil County
- B. City of Annapolis (Chief Raymond McRae)
  1. They hired (4) recruits starting AA Co academy on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

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2. Are working with Compex to get the safes operational
3. Are working with Butterfly to get training completed
- C. Anne Arundel County (Asst. Chief Robert Vaccaro)
  1. They have a class of (70) starting at the end of February
- D. Allegany County (Chief Mike Salvadge)
  1. The reduced the workforce by (1) paramedic
  2. They ended up laying off (6) people who were rehired
  3. Down one ALS unit but utilizing floaters to cover units
- E. Baltimore City (Chief Tim Cullen)
  1. Graduating (2) classes on the 21<sup>st</sup>
  2. Have a suppression class of (51) starting working on the medical devices
  3. Finished switching out CPAP to the O2-Max system department wide
  4. Starting trial of Seal Spray in March
- F. Baltimore County (Paramedic Kim Glaze in for Chief Knatz)
  1. No report
- G. BWI (Captain Ethan Fryman)
  1. EPLEX event is coming up in November
  2. Invitation for the Plex Event are forthcoming from our jurisdictional partners
- H. Calvert County (Chief Heather Howes)
  1. Has several paramedic vacancies if anyone has a referral
- I. Carroll County (Asst. Chief Eric Zaney)
  1. End of February, staffing the last (2) corporation stated with career personnel
  2. Staffing is at 220 positions with 30 getting staffed in March 2025
  3. Currently utilizing Life Pak 35 with good interaction from field personnel, a few issues uploading data into eMeds®
- J. Caroline County (Paramedic Stephanie Forbes for Chief KJ Marvel)
  1. Approved for OSPs for BLS Tech, IV Pumps, and 12-lead by EMT with training commencing in May
  2. EMT Interviews cancelled for today with rescheduling pending
  3. Had first rounds of training thanking the Shock Trauma team and MSP for very useful information
  4. Other trainings opened up to Region 4 are available via zoom or telephone link to attend with an aviation subject – link in the chat
- K. Cecil County (not represented)
- L. Garrett County (Director Justin Orendorf)
  1. Hired new EMS Chief, Steven Smith started in January
  2. Working on proposals for additional staffing in the south end of the county
  3. Working on staffing the commissioners
  4. They are rolling out LP35s and taking delivery of a new ambulance later this year
  5. Working on remount projects for current units
- M. Harford County (Chief Forney Buchanan)
  1. They are starting training with their OR clinicians starting in mid-spring

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2. Working with Upper Chesapeake on transferring pads during pacing and a protocol for the process
  3. Transferring pads reportedly is a difficult process
- N. Howard County (Veronica Cooper for Chief Shannon)
1. No report
- O. Montgomery County (not represented)
- P. Prince George's County (Chief Terrell Buckson)
1. Completed training with principal Investigator of the PD dose research study
  2. In the process of training all ALS Clinicians on research protocol
  3. Question to Dr. Chizmar regarding the expansion of the buprenorphine outside of the NIH program?
- Answer: Dr. Chizmar: yes to the paramedic level
- Q. Montgomery County (Chief Peter Dugan)
1. Completed the duty officer program
  2. To date, we have checked off 7 new back up EMSDO's this year with 3 more waiting to complete their packets
  3. Meeting with (2) ED Directors regarding the throughput of challenges they see
  4. Whole blood program has given (36) units to (33) patients since implementation
  5. Implemented (3) new CPG programs
  6. Most challenged is the infusion of IV Nitrogen to super hypertensive patients increased the dosage, but kept to bolus where indicated
- R. Queen Anne's County (Chief Zach Yerkie)
1. Keeping steady on everything but concerns regarding the budget
  2. Question for MIEMSS: Asked about receiving the slide Dr. Chizmar presents at these meetings
  3. Stephanie resend the slides pending email restrictions on MIEMSS and the receiver
  4. Stephanie to continue to work with IT to complete the task
  5. Question by Chief Yerkie regarding the new AED Registry if it is an in house product or off the shelf product
  6. Answer by Jeff Huggins – it is an in house product managed at MIEMSS
    - a. Discussed the tracking of expiration dates for Narcan and how to import the fields and the Stop the Bleed data
    - b. Jeff stated there is a V2 release expected to be available next month
- S. Dorchester County (Chief Debbie Wheeler)
1. No report
- T. City of Salisbury (Asst. Chief Chris Truitt)
1. Going through the budget planning process
  2. Going through the interview process for Deputy Chief of Operations rescheduled for the end of the month with projected start date end of March
- U. Talbot County (Chief Tina Kintop)
1. County Administration Offices have moved to the new Public Safety building on Mary's Court in Easton

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2. EMS still occupies the (2) buildings
3. Dispatch center is going to a 24/72 shift schedule at the end of the week
4. New building expected to break ground in the Cordova area but are having some permit issues
5. Placed a new unit in service
6. Going through the budget planning process
- V. Ocean City (Lt. Amanda Bunting)
  1. Chief Bowers is restructuring departments which opens a new Deputy of Operations position
  2. The new Chief of Training, Battalion Chief Bobby McGee
  3. They have a list of openings posting soon
  4. New EMT class is finishing the end of this month
  5. They are getting ready for the summer with part time positions opening end of the month
  6. Going through the budget process
- W. UM Shock Trauma (Becky Gilmore, RN)
  1. Free EMS Conference March 29<sup>th</sup> 0800-1300 with coned available
  2. Stop the Bleed Instructor course following the conference
  3. Reach out to Becky if interested in attending

**VII. Good of the Committee**

- A. Retirement Announcement
  1. Chief Christian Griffin announced his retirement from Baltimore County
  2. He will assume the position of Deputy Director of EMS in Cecil County
  3. He wishes everyone the best of luck with their counties
  4. He reminded everyone to recognize the leaders and those in the streets for dealing with the issues of everyday
- B. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Medical Directors' Conference
  1. Chief Griffin announce the next meeting will be the EMS Conference at the Howard County Public Safety Building

**VIII. Closing and Adjournment**

- A. Without further discussion, a motion to adjourn made by Chief Eric Zaney
- B. No objections, meeting adjourned at 1059 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Ermatinger, Administrator  
MIEMS