

MMEMSAC Agenda

June 9th 2025

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Mid-Maryland EMS Advisory Council

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The Mid-Maryland Advisory Council meeting was held on June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Attending were: Jeff Fillmore M.D., Ryan McFague M.D. (online), Michael Cole, Suzanne Butler, Jeana Panarella, Eric Smothers, Melanie Higgins, Anne Johnkin, Deb Frye, Chuck Bowler, Wayne Tiemersma, Alex Kelly (online), Cyndy Wright-Johnson, Scott Gordon, Caitlin Weems (online), Dwayne Kitis (online), Jessica Minnick (online), Shawn Dennison (online), Tamara Baughman (online), Tim Chizmar M.D. (online),

The meeting was called to order by Dave Chisholm at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of December 16, 2024 Minutes – Dave Chisholm

Minutes were approved.

President's Report – Dave Chisholm

No report.

Regional Affairs Committee Report – Dave Chisholm

Group met prior Thursday and discussed FY2025 Cardiac Device Grants. Process is moving forward with majority of process complete. FY2024 grants completed and closed. Scheduled July meeting cancelled.

SEMSAC Report – Eric Smothers

SEMSAC cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Thanks to Washington and Frederick counties for involvement and prompt completion of Cardiac Device Grants. Region II is historically admirable. Legislative session has concluded State is limited in funding. Now is time to present items for next legislative session. SEMSAC Chair Smothers reiterated the need for clinicians to be sober and fit for duty. Additionally, there have been instances of personnel arriving on an incident scene and not providing needed care to patients for various reasons. It is better to transport the patient if there is any concern for their condition whatsoever.

Medical Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Fillmore

Legislation passed regarding AEDs to be placed in libraries beginning in 2026. EMS will be required to report cases to adult protective services where appropriate. \$50,000 dollars available to jurisdictions for Buprenorphine training. Mandates passed the legislature for preventative cancer screening for fire fighters. MIEMSS budget was approved in full. Additional monies allotted to EMSOF fund for MSP Aviation. EDAS system to replace CHATS for hospital status. The public can access EDAS as well. New protocols available to view and update education system is live. Clinicians must complete update prior to July 1. Jeana is updating department officers weekly with compliance.

MD Trauma Network Report – Tamara Baughman

Point – Counterpoint TraumaNet met at Curtis Hand Center. Several discussions but nothing to report.

Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson

PMAC met in May. Protocol Committee working on three items that will be 2026 changes: pediatric critically unstable section in GPC, BLS newborn resuscitation, and ALS newborn resuscitation. Online updates from American Heart Association and American Academy of Pediatrics come out in September. EMSC will be providing information from those courses. Successful EMS Week. Rick Koch received Leon Hayes award as well as EMS for Children award. Four children received Right Care awards. Nominations due by February first. Awards can be submitted in real time moving forward. Cyndy brought new Trauma and Burn posters as well as cards directed at those with prescriptive authority. Carroll county hosting pediatric disaster and emergency preparedness course in February 2026.

Frederick County –

EMS Operational Program – Mike Cole

The county received their ESVP funding. Ultrasound training has begun. Still looking into replacement cardiac monitors. Waiting for Zoll to get FDA approval. New EMS Captain, Bernie Studs, starts June 14. He will oversee EMS supervisors and Capt. Scott Gordon will oversee QA and MIH. Still waiting for new Medic Engine to place in Brunswick, anticipating September arrival. Tele911 contract being negotiated.

Medical Review/QA – Mike Cole

Meet monthly.

Education – Anne Johnkin

Dismissed another candidate today. Down to 7 candidates, attrition rate of 50%, 4 candidates dropped for personal reasons. Clinical MOUs secured with Johns Hopkins main campus as well as Bayview campus. One MOU in progress for MedStar / Washington Hospital Center. EMT refresher in progress through July. 50 EMT recruits. OB/GYN now a competency for EMTs. Triage also part of training / refresher.

EMS Committee – Jeana Panarella

All topics covered above.

Emergency Communications – Mike Cole

Still working through new CAD system.

Washington County –

EMS Operational Program – Dave Chisholm

Academy class seated with 13 candidates. Half will graduate with EMT in July. Others will enter EMT in July. July class open to Washington county volunteers as well. Paramedic class has 12 students, slated to finish end of July. Hamilton T1 ventilators purchased and placed in service. OSP for bi-pap with vents approved training in next few months. Whole blood program with Meritus MOU has been executed. Training program coming together. County has assumed EMS staffing at Halfway volunteer fire company bringing total staffed companies to four. Monitoring protocol update compliance.

Medical Review/QA – Melanie Higgins

No report.

Education – Dave Chisholm

See above.

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management – Dave Chisholm

Rewriting emergency operations plan.

Region I & II Healthcare Committee – Caitlin Weems

Regional meeting held last week. On schedule to finish budget season. Additional unspent monies will be utilized to procure decontamination equipment.

Agency Reports

Frederick Health Hospital – Suzanne Butler

Hospital president is retiring and VP will become president July 1. Base station redesignation documents submitted and site visit likely in August.

Meritus Medical Center – Tamara Baughman

Trauma awareness and EMS week held in May as well as Stop the Bleed event (nearly 100 community and EMS attended). Regions I and II were well represented at TraumaNet. A Frederick county paramedic and Washington county nurse were recognized as clinicians of the year. Pediatric readiness application in progress. ED renovations began officially today so patience is requested for the next six months or so. Dr. Remick working with anesthesia department to get paramedic students back in OR for intubations and skills, hopefully in July. Jess Griffith moving to Assistant Clinical Manager in ED. Tammy will be covering until replacement named. Base station visit scheduled for July.

Frederick County Health Department – Shawn Dennison

No updates.

Washington County Health Department – Caitlin Weems

Finishing out grant season. Upcoming tabletop exercise with Meritus for measles. New pilot protocol allowing nurses to activate Stroke Alert.

MFRI – No representative

MSP Aviation – No representative

Eric Smothers reported on additional \$5 million funding for maintenance. Many Marylanders register vehicles in Delaware and Virginia to avoid costly registration fees in Maryland.

Frederick County Emergency Management – No representative

Washington County Emergency Management – No representative

Old Business – Dave Chisholm

No old business.

New Business – Dave Chisholm

Eric Smothers – MSFA Convention in upcoming weeks.

MIEMSS Regional Coordinator Report –

Dr. Delbridge – No report.

Dr. Chizmar – Spiral protocols available for \$10 through MIEMSS store or from regional coordinators. Protocol App update dropping shortly. QA / QI – drugs commonly mis-dosed are midazolam, fentanyl and ketamine. This includes giving full dose to elderly with subsequent respiratory depression and/or incorrect weight estimate / dose calculation. There has been inquiry into whether county blood programs need to be licensed as blood banks – for awareness only, no action needed. Please during cardiac arrest attempt resuscitation on scene, and if termination is appropriate terminate on scene. If transport is initiated, please commit to transporting to hospital. Termination en route is rarely appropriate, DNR patients being the rare exception.

Dr. Martin – No report.

Elizabeth Wooster – Presented statistics regarding trauma patients seen in Maryland hospitals in 2024. May was injury prevention month.

Alex Kelly – No report.

Wayne Tiemersma – Request for items of interest for monthly EMS newsletter from Region II.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in Washington County, at the Training Center on September 15th at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.