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Mid-Maryland EMS Advisory Council

September 15th 2025

The Mid-Maryland Advisory Council meeting was held on September 15th, 2025. Attending was: Jeff Fillmore M.D., Ryan McFague M.D., Janelle Martin M.D., Michael Cole, David Chisholm, Melanie Higgins, Anne Johnikin, Chris Amos, Kevin Lewis, Caitlin Weems, Deb Frye, Chuck Bowler, Tamara Baughman, Jeana Panarella, Wayne Tiemersma, Alex Kelly, Mackenzie Shepherd, Tim Chizmar M.D.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Chisholm at 6:01 pm.

Approval of June 9th 2025 Minutes

Motion by Chuck Bowler, second by Deb Frye. Minutes were approved.

President's Report – Dave Chisholm

2026 Council meeting dates have been distributed.

Regional Affairs Committee Report – Wayne Tiemersma

One company in Region II needs to complete their 2025 C.D.G. documentation. Two companies have applied so far for next cycle funding. Deadline to apply is October 16th. Educational funding monies disbursement will be moving to a similar schedule as C.D.G. funding.

SEMSAC Report – Dr. Fillmore

EDAS (replacement for CHATS) is live and has been operating for a month and a half and asked if any users are experiencing issues. None were reported. Dr. Delbridge reported 390,000 EMS transports with Frederick Health hospital being the number two recipient of patients. Hospital discharges are the source of delaying patient transfers from ED to floor which results in ED crowding and boarding of patients. Walter Reed medical center is now a transportable destination. The national EMS compact was discussed where EMTs (military members especially) from one state have automatic certification in participating states. Dr. Delbridge believes our reciprocity system is adequate along with providing accountability. Aaron Edwards discussed the new EMT recertification process. Jeana reported on the EMS compact that the MSFA voted to not pursue membership but commercial EMS companies are brining the proposal back. SEMSAC voted against compact membership as well. Jeana reported that MFRI requires Maryland fire / EMS company affiliation to take courses now. That could also be driving the national compact discussions. The ALS subcommittee approved the position that having to pay to participate in hospital clinical time for students is inappropriate.

Medical Advisory Committee Report - Dr. Fillmore

Removing requirement for consults for second doses of midazolam up to 10mg. Ketamine as second line medication if midazolam is ineffective in status epilepticus. Metoprolol as second line medication for A-fib with RVR. Dr. Levy is working on anti-bleeding devices and junctional tourniquets will be coming as an optional protocol. A work group has been established to study BLS application of CPAP. The critically unstable patient protocol is still being worked on with general agreement that EMS should stay on scene long enough to provide life-saving interventions. Recognition of causes of bradycardia to guide treatment. New reporting guidelines on suspected abuse with an associated 800 number. Treatment of prolapsed umbilical cord by placing the patient in the Sims position. MSP Aviation will be participating in the Cavalier study in 2026 which involves administration of calcium and vasopressin to hypovolemic trauma patients. Discussion of angioedema and treatment with TXA (epinephrine is not effective). BLS administration of glucagon if ALS is greater than 10 minutes away. Ultrasound for detection of cardiac wall motion for PEA in trauma with whole blood administration. Rethinking pain management to include multiple medications per patient. Discussion of no longer requiring consult for Category C and D Trauma patients.

MD Trauma Network Report – Tammy Baughman

Nominations for RN and EMS clinician of year are still open through January. Rural Trauma Team development course with Meritus possibly being a teaching facility of the same.

Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee Report – Cyndy W. Johnson

Notes distributed prior to meeting via email.

Frederick County -

EMS Operational Program - Mike Cole

Final stages of approval for Tele911 program starting training in October. Almost complete brining FirstWatch online. Standardizing backboards and suction units. Paramedic engine 5-2 in Brunswick in service shortly. Two additional paramedic engines in service hopefully before end of year one in Woodsboro and one in Valley. Replacement of training manikins at training center. Purchased training vent. Ambulance inspections first week in November. MIH Narcan vending machines placement throughout county. Transit buses will have Narcan with trained drivers. Nurse practitioner hired for MIH. All supervisors did clinical with Dr. McFague for ultrasound.

Medical Review/QA - Mike Cole

No issues.

Education – Anne Johnikin

Manikins replace. Training supplies to be purchased. Paramedic program have 6 students. 17 applicants for next program. Will be offering 24-hour EMT refreshers compliant with MIEMSS.

EMS Committee - Jeana Panarella

Still working on aid policy.

Emergency Communications -

No report.

Washington County -

EMS Operational Program - Dave Chisholm

Whole blood program is coming online October likely. VAIP next Tuesday through Friday. Staffing Halfway is in process. County will be staffing 5 of 8 EMS stations in County.

Medical Review/QA - Mel Higgins

OA has been busy lately.

Education - Kevin Lewis

Paramedic program accreditation site visit completed and concerns addressed. 17 applicants for upcoming program. Construction underway for new tactical village. Recruit program and MFRI testing all day Thursday.

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management – Dave Chisholm

Preparedness Day is the 27th. Hiring communicators and EM educator.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition -

There was training at Washington County training center on Care Cubes and Plum Cases and decon pods. Caitlin reported no major updates. This year's funding is on schedule with carry over funds likely.

Agency Reports

Frederick Health Hospital -

No representative.

Meritus Medical Center – Kenzie Sheppard / Tammy Baughman

Working with respiratory to provide masks to EMS. Short Form compliance work underway. Meritus hosted a trauma conference CEUs applied for. Construction beginning tomorrow will result in changes to navigating ED.

Frederick County Health Department -

No representative.

Washington County Health Department – Caitlin Weems

Local bulk shipment site exercise Wednesday. Stop The Bleed training for local schools in concert with Meritus, 13 schools and 1300 staff estimated to be trained. Will be at Preparedness Expo on the 27th.

MFRI -

No representative.

MSP Aviation -

No representative.

Old Business -

No old business.

New Business -

No new business.

MIEMSS Report -

Dr. Chizmar – With addition of 3 more counties Statewide will have 8 whole blood jurisdictions. Please only document whole blood administered by your unit. eMEDs: all pre-arrival medications should be documented.

Wayne Tiemersma – Upcoming Region II VAIPs and CDGs.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in Frederick County at the Training Center on December 15th at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.