



# Jurisdictional Advisory Committee -Virtual Meeting

August 10, 2022  
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
653 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Meeting called by:** Christian Griffin, Chairman

## Agenda Topics

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Christian Griffin
10:05 AM	Approval of JAC Minutes – June 8, 2022	Christian Griffin
10:05-10:30 AM	OMD Update	Dr. Chizmar
10:30-10:45 AM	Office of Clinician Services Update	Bev Witmer
10:45-11:00 AM	Emergency & Field Operations Update	Randy Linthicum
11:00-11:15 AM	EMS-C Update: Handouts e-mailed 8/3/2022	Danielle Joy
11:15-11:30 AM	Jurisdictional Roundtable	Christian Griffin

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## JAC Meeting – August 10, 2022

Chair Christian Griffin welcomed everyone to the JAC Committee meeting. Attendance was taken and recorded on a separate sheet via Google that will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Chief Packard asked one correction be made to the Minutes; correction will be made by Chris. Calvert County, Heather Howell made motion to accept June Minutes with correction provided by Chief Packard, second by Baltimore City, Chief Matz. Unanimous approval with correction.

OMD Update: Dr. Chizmar presented his report for the Office of the Medical Director. He provided a powerpoint with his presentation for the Committee to follow along with his report. The powerpoint will be sent to the Committee via e-mail following today's meeting.

Some of the highlights: 2022 Protocols are now available in all editions; Pocket Protocols will be distributed through the Regional Coordinators; Spirals are available here at MIEMSS in the Office of Clinician Services.

Quick update on COVID. 600 hospitalizations of adults; continue throughout the system to transport PUIs. Volume has been relatively stable.

2<sup>nd</sup> emerging infectious disease: May 26<sup>th</sup> guidance document on Monkeypox. See MIEMSS website for "What's New." Possible Exposure: should not be high or intermediate exposures. Where we should be: Low to No Risk Category. In contrast to COVID, Monkeypox does not require same level of quarantine. 8394 U.S. cases; 215 in Maryland. Vaccination within four (4) days may prevent disease; vaccination within 4-14 days may reduce symptoms.

Discussed total hours of yellow alert in all five regions. Replace red and yellow alert with a numerical system. Drs. Delbridge and Chizmar are currently in the process of visiting EDs throughout the state, walking this through with hospitals.

Cardiac Arrest: Five full years of data, survival rates for patients with OOH cardiac arrests. Bystander CPR rates see powerpoint. Get back to bystander CPR efforts. Dr. Seaman and Luis will be getting the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee back online in September.

2020 Naloxone down a bit

QI: QI Officer Course scheduled on September 8, 2022 at 10 am – review statewide local measure.

Medication Shortage: Epinephrine; saline flushes; lactated ringers; dextrose (D10, D50); defibrillation pads (pediatric pads).

Ketamine Use Report: Due December 2022, 2023, and 2024. Senate Bill 78 requires an annual report. Medical directors should be reviewing these cases.

C4/pediatrics: C4 continues to provide service. The phone number is 410-706-7797.

NREMT Resolution: National Registry proposed a resolution, 22-13, to explore the potential for expanding eligibility requirements for certification. The resolution would update the eligibility criteria for all levels (EMR, EMT, AEMT and paramedic) to include successful completion of an EMS education program that meets or exceeds that National EMS Education Standards and has been awarded CAAHEP accreditation, or been issued a CoAEMSP "Letter of Review," or has received state EMS office approval.

There are 448 stipends; 47 volunteer academy students; 72 not enrolled in any program; 500 total and there are a few left.

If you have personnel who are waiting for their renewal card and have been waiting 15-30 days for their card, they should call and request a card. However, due to the nationwide shortage of paper, there will be a delay in printing.

Following the July 1<sup>st</sup> glitch regarding clinician certifications, over 10,000 clinician expiration dates have been checked.

Bev Witmer presented proposed regulations for the CRT applying for renewal. The proposed regulations are attached to the August Minutes. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the proposal. Decision was made to go back to the ALS Committee after concern was expressed regarding the CRT who is up for renewal and has not completed their three hour orientation. In the past they would have had to take the exam. Question as to rather that group would have met what is outlined in (2) (a) of the proposed regulation. Chief Buckson asked to provide some language for the proposal.

Shawn Davidson also stated there is no way to continue to be recertified if you have not met the conditions of (2) (a) (refer to document). Have to be a CRT who just finished the bridge course. Need to go back and speak with the ALS Committee and ask why it is there.

Chief Buckson expressed concern regarding the CRT who is up for renewal and has not completed their three hour orientation. In the past they would have had to take the exam. Would those people not have met (2) (a)? Refer back to the ALS Committee.

EMD: National EMD organization will add completion of 24 hours of approved new requirement for EMDs. That's the only other addition. Regulation was pages long and has now been condensed.

Con Ed on company level basis, discussion about local option vs medical trauma bucket. Some company level drills don't fit into

EMT Renewal: Refer to documents attached.

Randy Linthicum: Thanked everyone who turned in the annual survey last week. Plan to distribute duodotes over the next month based on the findings of the survey. A new supply of duodotes was purchased for everyone with grant funding; everything previously purchased has now expired. MEMRAD system: still working on some issues with the vendor. More to follow on that.

Steve Goff: Introduced the new Operations Chief, Holly Trego. Holly announced the recruitment of contractual operators. If you know anyone interested, she asks that you e-mail her at [htrego@miemss.org](mailto:htrego@miemss.org). Operations is open for tours/visitors (field clinicians). She looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

EMS-C: Danielle Joy provided a powerpoint to the Committee today. She will share it via e-mail following the JAC Meeting. Reminder Right Care When It Counts and Star of Life are out for this year. EMS Assessment, there was 100 percent participation this year. Performance measures of the pediatric champions were discussed. Skills breakdown were highlighted, with six points needed. If you do two skills and one scenario per year for pediatric related content that is six points. On point for pediatric champions but not meeting mark of the 2020 standard for 30%, still only at 22.2%. Working with champions to make sure pediatric skills are offered at least twice a year.

### **Jurisdictional Roundtable:**

Anne Arundel County: MIC program moving along as expected. Fire academy class in now; some are still at academy getting their EMT and some in the field. Unfortunately, there are not a lot of ALS providers in the class. Some clinicians from the field volunteered or were volunteered to go through the program at Anne Arundel Community College.

Question posed regarding volunteer ALS providers, how received? The first X number of years can be selected to go at no cost and have the option if their number is drawn can go to a college closer to them. The higher majority take it in stride. They set up as much training and advocacy as possible with them in terms of mentors and after hours training. They have one of the highest success rates with the program the way it is set up. They tell them they have to participate, they are not there to fail them. It's rough on some of them. Currently have a class of 42 started this week; 75 percent were volunteered to go. The other 25 percent were civilians. They have had some outright quit; each cycle has had one quit.

Baltimore City: Academy class of 24 EMT/FF in progress. Also had a class of 14 EMTs start in early August. The call volumes increase every month. Hospital offload continues to be a problem. The commercial service used during the pandemic, they continue to use them with success. Direct to Triage, actually working well, had 71 referrals. Leave Behind, as of June 2254 kits distributed as of June.

Baltimore County: Captain Danielle Knatz is the Acting Bureau Chief with Rich's retirement. Lt. Amands assigned to the opioid project. Have conditional offers out for EMT class in the fall. Narcan Leave Behind, 48 kits left behind in July. They have just posted a 20 hour medical director position and have already interviewed for an Assistant Medical Director. They are seeing some ALS retention issues and have met with surrounding jurisdictions to work towards retention of ALS providers.

BWI: Graduating one recruit on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Next class will be P/FF. The Council of Academies is heavy on fire training, focusing on EMS training and sharing training. One topic of discussion, get back to MCI, disaster preparedness training. On September 14<sup>th</sup> will be going to Secret Service to try and brainstorm changes. Hope to push out training and drills in the foreseeable future. NAA senior leadership discussing homelessness. Over 5% of their calls are for their homeless. Think about the problem regionally.

Carroll County: Now have a new Medical Director, Dr. Stephanie Kemp. Will have a flyer out regarding their attempt to hire next week.

Cecil: Continuing their homeless issues as well. Bill Adams can give lessons learned. Will put Linas in touch with him. Still trying to get the MIH program rolling. Cecil will be applying for grant funding in the future. Both emergency planners leaving the agency on Friday. Anyone interested point them in Cecil's direction.

Dorchester County: They have hired five EMTs and hired two ALS.

Frederick County: They have a recruit class of 30 EMT/FFs. Started the Direct to Triage OSP. This should resolve some of their issues. Looking at the ALS resource deployment throughout the county. Mike Cole will be sending out a survey to all jurisdictions soon.

Harford County: Will be posting for both ALS and BLS positions. North Harford Station coming along nicely, hopefully opening late September. Wishing all a great summer.

Prince George's County: Reroute Policy inconsistent across regions. Have had issues where units coming from another jurisdiction, transport to a hospital in Prince George's County and after 20 minutes puts that hospital on reroute. Had another unit come in and after 30 minutes put another facility on reroute and problem Prince George's is not aware. All these reroute policies list reasonable as 20 minutes. Region V reroute policy states Duty Officer or EMS Supervisor is responsible for placing facility on reroute. If a PG unit transports to another jurisdiction's hospital, they are not allowed to unilaterally place that jurisdiction's hospital on reroute. They must reach out to the supervisor and supervisor will reach out to the EMSOP. Calvert County has the same issue. Anne Arundel, happening across regions.

Dr. Chizmar: Value input from JAC on this. Asked for a small group of five to work on this issue. Send your interest to Chris.

St. Mary's County: They have finished a round of interviews and skills assessments. Scheduling interviews for the vacant jurisdictional medical director position. Staffing unit will be during peak times, facility at veterans home.

Salisbury: Having retention issues. EMS sergeant is being named.

Washington County: Recruit class with EMTs, no ALS providers. In process for applying for the OSP Ultrasound and IV Pump. Hired two people to spin up their educational program. Working closely with Bev Witmer on educational program back-up online.

Wicomico County: Retention work and live 30 minutes from the ocean.

MFRI: The ALS schedule is up. If you want or need a class, e-mail Jason Shorter. The Spring semester class schedule will be going out soon. Everyone was wished a good rest of your summer.

MSP: A class of Rescue Technicians have completed class; five graduated this week. Crew chiefs, four out for field training, two more in the Academy. Hopefully a class of eight will be starting.

MSFA: Held a virtual EMS Committee meeting on Saturday, August 13th. Next Executive Committee meeting is set for Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21, 2022 at Jarrettsville, MD.

Dr. Chizmar: A JAC representative is needed to serve on the Protocol Review Committee (PRC). This is a position Director Schenning held until his retirement. If anyone from this Committee is interested in serving on the PRC, send a letter of interest and CV to Chair Griffin and Chris by the October 2022 meeting.

Next JAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Calvert County (Heather Howell) made the motion to adjourn JAC; Anne Arundel County (Co-Chair Joe Cvach) second. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.