



# Jurisdictional Advisory Committee -Virtual Meeting

June 8, 2022

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

653 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

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

## Agenda Topics

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Christian Griffin
<b>10:05 AM</b>	<b>Approval of JAC Minutes – February 2022</b>	Christian Griffin
<b>10:05-10:30 AM</b>	<b>OMD Update</b>	Dr. Chizmar
<b>10:30-10:45 AM</b>	<b>Office of Clinician Services Update</b>	Bev Witmer
<b>10:45-11:00 AM</b>	<b>Emergency Operations Update</b>	Randy Linthicum
<b>11:00-11:15 AM</b>	<b>Field Operations Update</b>	Jeff Huggins
<b>11:15-11:30 AM</b>	<b>EMS-C Update:</b>	Cyndy Wright-Johnson
<b>11:30-11:45 AM</b>	<b>Jurisdictional Roundtable</b>	Christian Griffin

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## JAC Meeting – June 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Chair Christian Griffin. Attendance taken and recorded on a separate attendance roster that will be attached to the Minutes.

Motion to approve February 2022 JAC Minutes made and unanimously approved by the Committee.

Dr. Chizmar: The 2022 Protocol Updates are available online (videos: ALS, BLS, and Base Station). Regarding the printed protocols, they are out to the printer now. He will work with Bev Witmer to get the pre-orders out. When the Pocket Protocols come in will be identifying the EMS clinicians by their primary affiliation so that everyone gets one.

VAIP for those that participate, updated for July 1, 2022. Go to the link provided in the PowerPoint that was e- mailed following JAC: <http://www.miemss.org/home/naip>

COVID, just shy of 500 hospitalized adult and pediatric patients. ICU numbers have remained relatively flat, even though there has been some increase in acute care due to herd immunity. 12 children half in acute care beds and half in ICU beds.

Monkeypox: There is a memo on the MIEMSS website under “What’s New” that summarizes what you need to know, taken from the DOH. There are 31 cases in the United States and about 1000 Worldwide. There was one case of Monkeypox in the U.S. last year. Fever, rash should make you pause. Make sure PPE is on. Refer to the PowerPoint Dr. Chizmar sent out after the JAC Meeting for additional information.

Medication Shortages: Dextrose, epinephrine, lidocaine, saline flushes. MIEMSS does not have legal authority to extend usage on any medications. See the FDA website referred to in the pp.

Dr. Chizmar had some discussion with the Stroke QIC about expanding the drive time to see if it can be expanded safely to 45 minutes to any given thrombectomy capable or comprehensive stroke center. This is in process and a proposal will be made to the EMS Board asking them to do a research protocol to expand the drive time for LAMS score of 4 or greater. This will encompass almost all of Region III, a good chunk of Region V and extend into Region II a bit (map provided).

If there are issues with eMEDS, i.e., downtime, prolonged lasting more than 6, 12 or 24 hours, keep in mind that you should have a supply of Short Forms as back-up. Scan that short form, and attach it at a later date to the eMEDS form. What Dr Chizmar won’t stand behind is the ability to bill off that record. The back-up should be the Short Form. Several have asked about this.

Senate Bill 295 – Passed the General Assembly. Medicaid reimbursement for EMS did pass. This increases reimbursement by \$50 in FY 2023 (transport and medical services); MIH services/treat and transport to AD (at least \$100) Interfacility transport study, working with Commercial Services on this (2024).

Dr. Chizmar also discussed Senate Bill 394 STOP Act. Adds authorization for EMS to dispense opioid reversal agents (naloxone) to our statute. Naloxone leave behind program without need for MDH standing order.

Peer Support Programs Confidentiality - Senate Bill 446 . Confidentiality requirements/exceptions; BHA/MIEMSS study (2024) on best practices relating to peer support.

Many of you have heard about the Maryland use of Force statute that says a police officer may not use force against a person unless, under the totality of the circumstances, the force is necessary and proportional to: (1) prevent an imminent threat of physical injury to a person or to effectuate a legitimate law enforcement objective.

Bev Witmer – Office of Clinician Services: There have been additions to their team. Mark New's title has changed to EMS Clinician Manager; Jennifer Shymansky, EMS Clinician Specialist; Alexis Brethauer, EMT Stipend Management Associate and handles the applications that come in for the EMT stipends, approvals and denials, works with clinicians and students on their payment schedules. Pete Fiackos has been given the title of ALS Clinician Manager as well as the ALS application needs. He is still the education program manager and continues to cover the site visits and communications. Melissa Meyers has the title of Learning and Development Manager. She covers the online training center, con ed and educational needs.

Monthly PDI very successful. Next one is July 7<sup>th</sup>; this has now been shared with MFRI. If you are having problems logging in send an e-mail to license [support@miemss.org](mailto:support@miemss.org)

Protocol Taken Not Taken Report, Bev reviewed how to access the report step by step. They are still willing to create the reports for the jurisdictions. E-mail Bev directly ([bwitmer@miemss.org](mailto:bwitmer@miemss.org)) if you want Office of Clinician Services to do it for you. If you are doing this already on your own, no action needs to be taken.

Update on service directors needs to be put on letterhead and send to OCS. They are no longer accepting phone calls regarding changes. For course requests, in July will be sending out policy changes that will comply with COMAR. If your jurisdictions have changes in your directors, also notify the OMD so that we can update our records, emails lists also.

EMS Operations Update - Randy Linthicum: Currently working on the annual survey that will be going out to all the EMS jurisdictions. Plan is to send it out by the end of June with hope to get the information back by the end of July. That is the annual survey where information is collected on the number of ALS/BLS vehicles. Will also be asking if you have any agents, duodotes, and antidotes. In the process of purchasing some with supplemental federal grant funds. Going to distribute as in the past by a population based formula.

In the process of replacing the MEMRAD system with a different vendor. That will be rolled out beginning with the hospitals. It's a more user friendly system, checks bed availability. Will be rolled out to EMS and dispatch centers within the next several months. It's a new alerting system. More to follow on that.

Save the Date on October 14<sup>th</sup> will be having a statewide Active Assailant interdisciplinary work group symposium in Annapolis. Thanked everyone who was involved in EMS Care. Region III Educational Council takes the lead on that with support from MIEMSS. Coming up again in April 2023.

Randy didn't have much to report on the Crisis Scene Workgroup; they will be meeting next week. Will take a couple of months or longer to develop a guidance document. In the meantime working with the Attorney General's Office to write a use of force law.

Cyndy Wright-Johnson: Attempted to join remotely from Garrett County. However, she did send out handouts to the Committee prior to the meeting. If you did not receive the handouts/e-mail from Cyndy, contact Chris and she will send them to you.

### **Jurisdictional Roundtable**

Anne Arundel County: Fire school class currently.

Baltimore City: EMT and Fire class going on now. Leave Behind program up to 2200 kits.

Baltimore County: Has a committee that will be reaching out to other jurisdictions to ask how long it takes to turn someone in as an ALS clinician. Asked to please engage with them. Goal to keep their clinicians safe. Rich Schenning announced his retirement at the end of the month as well as Jeff Willats. It has been a pleasure and he thanked everyone on the call.

Christian Griffin: Rich has over 30 years of service in the Baltimore County Fire Department. His dedication and time as a field clinician, EMS instructor and quality assurance expert and finally this last year in the administration of our EMS division. He implemented their Mobile Integrated Health program. Resulted in helping the citizens, residents and visitors get the resources they needed. He has been an excellent resource and will be missed.

BWI: Waiting for arrival of replacement AEDs for the terminal. Starting the hiring process for ALS and will be sent to fire school. Planning process still going on for the EPLEX exercise. Congratulated Rich, he will be missed.

Carroll County: Mike Stoner reported he is just starting his position to oversee the EMS operations. Hoping to get stations staffed in Westminster/Sykesville/Taneytown by the end of the year at the ALS transport level. Working with the health department to begin the leave behind kits.

Caroline County: Leave Behind program is in effect as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Health Department is involved. They have a new medical director, Dr. Jeffrey Uribe. July 1<sup>st</sup> four new positions available for BLS clinician hire.

Cecil County: Two current vacancies and a third available by the end of the month. Sent congratulations to Rich and Jeff.

Garrett County: Monitoring their staffing throughout the county; declining volunteers. Wayne is meeting Cyndy and Dr. Delbridge today to give out the Star of Life Awards.

Harford County: Process of building a new station in the Whiteford area, progressing very well. In the fall will be hiring paramedics and BLS clinicians. Have purchased two medic units, one new and one used; they have another unit they are in the process of stocking.

Howard County: Looking to pilot some initiatives starting as soon as possible and working through the summer. Redeploying ALS personnel to be more efficient to increase retention. Meeting with police counterparts and working through different scenarios. Received funding for a hospital liaison civilian position effective July 1st; this is something they piloted at the beginning of the pandemic.

Montgomery County: Budgeted for an EMS disposition officer. They are training a group of EMS supervisors.

Prince George's County: Ribbon cutting ceremony for the mental health facility will be this summer.

St. Mary's County: Congratulated Rich on his retirement.

Salisbury: Starting their Medicare transports data sets in July. Moving forward with remoting in July with front line supervisors.

Washington County: Hiring a paramedic instructor and a program coordinator.

Wicomico: Need clinicians.

MFRI: Fall ALS schedule should be on the MFRI website shortly.

MSP: Six new RG's; have two new troopers on the street for field training and three in the academy. June 24<sup>th</sup> Trooper 4 celebrates 45 years of service.

MSFA: Convention starts on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the Memorial Service. One change, the vendors will be open on Sunday. Will be voting on a name change.

Next JAC Meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup>.