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JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 20225
10:00am – 12:00pm

Google Meet Information
Video call link: [redacted]

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AGENDA

I.	Call to Order A. Welcome and Introductions B. Approval of the Jan. 10, 2025 JAC Meeting Minutes	Chief Christian Griffin
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

Next Jurisdictional Advisory Committee Meeting is **August 13, 2025.** Additional details to follow.

JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025
MIEMSS Room 212 with Virtual Option

IN ATTENDANCE:

(In Person):

Dr. Theodore Delbridge (MIEMSS); Dr. Timothy Chizmar (MIEMSS); Stephanie Ermatinger (MIEMSS); Aaron Edwards (MIEMSS), Todd Tracey (MIEMSS); Chief Matz (Baltimore City); and Chief Kintop (Talbot Co)

(Virtual):

Chief Ledford (Harford Co); Chief Truit (City of Salibury); Dep. Director Griffin (Cecil Co); Cyndy Wright-Johnson (MIEMSS); Chief Knatz (Baltimore Co); Chief Wheedleton (Dorchester Co); Dwayne Kitis (MIEMSS); Chief Cohn (Howard Co); Chief Buchannan (Harford Co); Chief Howes (Calvert Co); Jeffrey Huggins (MIEMSS); Chief Cvach (Anne Arundel Co); Chief Marvel (Carroll Co); Chief Mayne (Howard Co); Chief Saurusaitis; Luis Peralta (MIEMSS); Chief Svites (MD State Police); Chief Quinn (Kent Co); Mr. Bilger (MIEMSS); Chief Sheridan (Caroline Co); Mustafa Sidik (MIEMSS); Chief Dugan (Montgomery Co); Chief McRae (Annapolis City); Chief Vaccaro (Anne Arundel Co); Chief Yerkie (Queen Anne's Co); Capt. Gordan (Frederick Co); Chief Davidson (St. Mary's Co); Wayne Tiemersma (MIEMSS); Chief Buckson (Prince George's Co); Chief Salvadge (Allegany Co); Chief Smith (Garrett Co); Chief Bunting (Ocean City) and Chef Dixon (Somerset Co).

ABSENT:

Jason Cantera (MIEMSS-excused); Charles Co; and Washington Co. EMRC/Syscom; UM Shock Trauma; MD State Firefighters Assoc; and MFRI

MEETING MINUTES:

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Approval of the February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes were previously sent out to the group requesting changes
2. With no changes or objections, the minutes were approved as written

II. Office of the EMS Medical Director Report

A. Reminders

1. Please ensure any changes in staffing are forwarded the Chairman Chief Christian Griffin and Stephanie for noting on the record
2. The EMS Symposium was a success – we enjoyed seeing everyone this year
3. UM Shock Trauma HERO Award is accepting nominations by July 1st – the nomination information was sent out May 15th – please refer question to Becky Gilmore of Shock Trauma
4. Please provide any attachments for the meetings to Stephanie prior to the meeting

B. 2025 Symposium

1. Thank you to all who attended the symposium
2. We received positive feedback and appreciate all who submitted
3. We hope to bring a good program next year

C. Bylaws
   1. Per the Bylaws, members are to attend at least 50% of the meetings – if you are not able to attend, please send an alternative in your place to ensure meeting this qualification
   2. Chair Griffin and Vice Chair Joe Cvach terms are ending in Dec 2025 – although we encourage them to stay on in these positions, if you have someone interested, please let us know – we will be sending the Nominations Form the 1st of July

D. Protocols (SLIDE)
   1. BLS and ALS are now available online for all to take the training
   2. Review of the new protocols with the group
   3. Video laryngoscopy will be standard protocol beginning 07/01/2026
      a. Units are encouraged to record the procedure if possible
      b. This will assist during the QA reviews
      c. Any new purchases are to be video with recording
   3. Several have been removed from protocols
      a. COVID
      b. Doppler devices
   4. Recap of the EMS Plan 2030 includes protocol monitoring over the next (5) years
      a. BLS will be introducing CPAP which is included at the National level
         1. There is no reason why a BLS unit can perform this skill, however, it does not mean to cancel ALS on some calls
      b. Labetalol
         1. Introducing it's expanded use to include stroke and high blood pressure with chest and/or back pain
         2. ALS level medication – dose if 100 mg
      c. Seizures
         1. Practicians are administering the 2nd does of medazepam
         2. Researching the use of additional medications for seizure patients after the 2nd does of medazepam
      d. Consult for Helicopter Utilization
         1. Units are to consult with receiving hospitals/trauma centers for any use of helicopter operations
         2. Medical Directors have been consulted and will be reviewing run sheet on all helo operations
      e. Volunteer Ambulance Checklists
         1. Mike Parsons and Brian Ebling will be releasing a new ambulance checklist which includes ALS labetalol dosing
         2. Jurisdictions who do not have the OSP for video laryngoscopy will be contacted offline to discuss their OSP submission
         3. Commercial Services units are carrying video laryngoscopes
         4. For more information see miemss.org/home/vaip
      f. Tourniquet Use
         1. Dr. Chizmar is discussing the use (over use) with Clinicians and Shock Trauma on the use in the field
         2. Recommended brands to carry are the ones with locking device vs ones which tie

3. Currently evaluating the use at the ALS level which may result in possible changes in protocols for 2026

g. CO Monitors
   1. There has been discussion on placing ambient CO monitors on the med/trauma bags carried on the units
   2. This recommendation will be online shortly

h. Cardiac Arrest (SLIDE)
   1. Maryland is the standout for cardiac arrests, however not all jurisdictions are reporting this in CARES
   2. MD has less bystander CPR according the CARES
   3. AED is more frequently applied in Maryland vs the National (SLIDE)
   4. MD has more witnessed and unshockable in MD vs. National
   5. Maryland survival rates discussed (SLIDE)
   6. Want to focus on improving these in 2026
      1. Bystander CPR – improve training
      2. AED application – train more civilians
      3. Documenting T-CPR metrics into CARES
      4. Focus on resuscitations on scene vs. in units

i. CARES Map
   1. Map ranges from 2015-2023 data
   2. Discussed the jurisdictions census tracks, darker is better on the map
   3. Bystander CPR metrics in blue – discussed each region and recommendations for bystander education
   4. Dr. Chizmar suggests the more rural areas should emphasize bystander CPR and AED applications due to length of time to hospitals

j. T-CPR (SLIDE)
   1. Time reviewed for each metric
   2. Continue working on getting your times down to 20 seconds

k. Transfer of CARE Map (SLIDE)
   1. Seeing some improvement on transfer times
   2. Regions 3 & 5 – unblinded feedback was submitted
   3. Dr. Chizmar will work with Regions 1, 2 & 5 o
   4. Please continue to monitor and send weekly reports
   5. Anne Arundel Medical Center received 500 ambulances in one (1) week – the busiest ER in the state
   6. Chief Knatz works with this committee and may proffer additional information and/or feedback
      a. The workgroup is in the early stages of discussion the hospital stay times
      b. The committee is a three (3) year commitment
      c. They are discussing hot to improve patients not going to ED's
      d. Several members of this group offered to assist – Chief Knatz stated the committee has enough members at this time

l. Minores & Consent
   1. This is renewed in the protocols this year
   2. Consent was discussion with the PRC and was created with the MD laws

3. Consent can be given to minors who are pregnant or sexually abused
4. The protocol page has been moved forward in the book under the "General Care" section
5. Highly recommend meeting/discussing with school officials and health care officials advising of this protocol, especially school officials when they are calling for ambulance
6. Medical professionals are encouraged to document every event, conversations, etc., in the report
7. Get a witness to the conversations with minors if possible

m. TOR (Termination of Resuscitation)
1. Dr. Chizmar, Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Stephanie Dean have been discussing this with the medical directors
2. Agree directors agree to work cardiac arrests on scene is appropriate
3. Work through the protocol algorithms
4. Note scene safety is a priority
5. If danger is imminent, move patient to a safe location such as inside or the back of the ambulance
6. Medical Examiner and the police have agreed that moving to a non-public place to cease resuscitation efforts is an option
7. Feedback on this topic is encouraged
8. Several members discussed their past situations and what was done during that time
9. Dr. Chizmar reminded the group that once a patient is deceased, care is turned over to the medical director and police – providers are no longer responsible
10. If a patient is a definite DOA, it is the ME's responsibility to move the body

III. Office of Clinician Services Report – Aaron Edwards

A. Online Training Center
1. Mr. Edwards reports the training center will go down for 4-6 hours on or about the 23rd
2. This is to migrate to the new system
3. He will send out a notice to everyone shortly

B. Apple IOS Phone Platform
1. Mr. Edwards reports this IOS has issues when playing videos for the Protocol Updates
2. He stated to advise users to download the APP to view the video on the phones

C. EMT Renewals (SLIDE)
1. Mr. Edwards reviewed the number of hours needed for EMT remewals
2. He advised needed with the hours is three (3) years of protocol updates
3. They are updating the skills list which will be sent out at the end of the month to assist the departments with their trainings
4. Mr. Edwards stated he work with each jurisdiction to ensure they meet the guidelines
5. Chief Buchannan (Harford Co) requested information be available as soon as possible to give their training divisions time to adjust/streamlined their skill sets
6. Several questions were raised within the group – Mr. Edwards stated he will meet with each jurisdiction offline if they wish

IV. EMS Preparedness and Operations Report – Mr. Jeff Huggins

A. Outcome Data
   1. Mr. Huggins stated they are working to get all the data into eMeds® and CRISP

B. Annual Resource Summary
   1. Mr. Huggins thanked the jurisdictions for replying to the survey
   2. They are working to get the information into summary form for the Preparedness Levels report

C. Preparedness Kits
   1. Mr. Huggins stated he and Todd will offer to supply large gatherings with DuoDote and Stop the Bleed Kits
   2. He stated more information is forthcoming including an announcement notification

D. Hospital Times
   1. Mr. Huggins stated they are working to get all the data into the system and will send the results out soon

V. EMS for Children Report – Cyndy Wright-Johnson

A. Handouts (were sent and will be attachments to the minutes).

1. EMS-C Updates:
   a. PEMAC is working to add critical children care to the protocol "Critically Unstable Patient" [2.4] in the GPC. Based upon review of eMEDS data for pediatric patients receiving CPR and priority 1 patients, PEMAC recommends this protocol apply to all ages. The goal is to provide younger children the same on scene resuscitation time as adults without delaying transfer to definitive care.
   b. National and State EMSC & Safe Kids updates are included in the handouts

B. School Safety and EMS
   MD EMSC, MSDE and MDH-MCH are working on an update for schools that will provide an overview of the Maryland EMS System and EMS scope of practices. This presentation was done in 2015 for schools and for EMS on the School Health Emergency Guidelines. New data will be requested and a short online webinar (also archived) will be created.

C. Trauma/Burn Pamphlets
   1. Trauma & Burn Reference posters are available for distribution, Pediatric Champions have received an initial set of posters and reference cards.
   2. Please email pepp@miemss.org for additional copies.

D. MSFA Convention – Steps to Safety educational displays will again be in Room 210 with 10 interactive injury prevention displays. If you are coming to OC – stop by and see EMSC / Safe Kids/ Risk Watch.

VI. EMS Jurisdictional Roundtable

A. City of Annapolis – Chief McRae
   1. Tele911 Operators are preparing for their recertification process
   2. Installation of several new narcotic safes on their units

B. Allegany County – No report

C. Anne Arundel County – Chief Vaccaro
   1. Recruit class is going through the academy now
   2. Installed new safes on their units

D. Baltimore City – Chief Matz
    1. Budget preparation in progress
    2. EMS Class of (18) going through the academy now
    3. Off load time are going down
    4. Special event staffing being discussed with leadership
    5. CASA protesters in southeast today 1200 hrs
E. Baltimore County – Chief Knatz
    1. Received grant to expanding Quick Repone Teams to 4-5 days/week
    2. Filled their Public Health Nurse role
    3. EMT class starting on Monday
F. BWI – Chief Saurusaitis
    1. E-Plex large scale exercise slated for Nov. 1
        a. Request for assistance coming out soon
        b. Flyers to be distributed in the near future
G. Calvert County – Chief Howes
    1. Reviewing FY26 budget
    2. Switching to LIFEPAK 35's on medic units
H. Carroll County – Chief Zaney
    1. Blood program went live with (3) administration so far
I. Caroline County – Chief Marvel
    1. FY26 budget was approved
    2. Rolling out LIFEPAK 35's on medic units
    3. Searching for a Medical Director
J. Cecil County – Chief Griffin
    1. MIH Manager position is open – asked for referrals if know someone interested
    2. Case Worker position is open – asked for referrals
    3. Paramedic positions open – again asked for referrals
    4. Still considering Whole Blood program at this time
K. Dorchester County – Chief Wheedleton
    1. Conducting interviews for Assistant Chief this week
L. Frederick County – Capt. Gordon
    1. No report at this time
M. Harford County – Chief Buchannan
    1. Whole blood program going into effect on or about Aug 5, 2025
    2. RSI Clinicians training almost complete
N. Howard County – Chief Mayne
    1. Second LIFEPAK order to arrive shortly
    2. Estimate completion of all units supplied with LIFEPAKS by September 2025.
O. Montgomery County – Chief Kaufman
    1. Whole Blood program up to 67 units given to 56 patients – 46% of which are medical patients
    2. Experimenting with new vent for CPR; 10 patients with 7 of those ROSC patients
    3. In the process of updating performance measures
    4. Currently accepting applications for EMS/Fire – asked for referrals if known

P. Ocean City – Chief Bunting
   1. Preparing for the Fireman's Convention next week
Q. Prince George's County – Chief Buckson
   1. Sent out MOUs to support trauma patient care
   2. Conducting research for operating with pediatric seizure under the protocols
   3. Dr. Uribe is the new Medical Director for PG Co beginning June 1st
R. Queen Anne's County – Chief Yerkie
   1. Not losing any employees under the new budget structure
   2. Offer letters went out to the new hires to start in July
   3. Five (5) full time positions currently going through the academy
S. Somerset County – Chief Dixon
   1. Conducting interview this week for the open positions of EMT and Paramedic
   2. Training on the LIFEPAK 35's ongoing
T. St. Mary's County – Chief Davidson
   1. EMS Chief position has been filled to start July 1
   2. Still searching for Medical Director – referrals welcome
   3. Twelve (12) going through the academy now; starting another class in July
   4. Entering medications into the LIFEPAK; suggested to match the description to eMeds® exactly in order for machine to function properly
U. Talbot County – Chief Kintop
   1. Annual budget was approved
   2. Changing to the LIFEPAK 35s
   3. Getting new compliant medication safes
   4. Promoted inhouse employee to Training Coordinator
   5. Hiring EMS personnel – referrals welcome
V. Maryland State Police – Chief Svites
   1. Whole Blood program infusion numbers presented
   2. Three (3) officers entered into field operations from the academy
   3. Have (3) new crew chiefs in training
   4. Seven (7) officers in the academy; August 2025 is graduation
   5. Ongoing recruiting for class in August 2025

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A. Remarks/Reminders

1. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at MIEMSS Room 212 or Virtual Option
   a. Additional information forthcoming

B. Adjournment

1. Without further discussion, Chairman Griffin called for a motion to dismiss, made by Chief Truitt, second by Chief Knatz
2. With no objections meeting adjourned at 1115 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Ermatinger
Administrator, MIEMSS