

MMEMSAC Agenda

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Mid-Maryland EMS Advisory Council

July 8, 2024

The Mid-Maryland Advisory Council meeting was held on July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Attending were: Dr. Jeff Fillmore, Dr. Janelle Martin, David Chisholm, Caitlin Weems, Jeanna Panarella, Chuck Bowler, and Shawn Dennison; Organizations represented: MIEMSS - Wayne Tiemersma, Alex Kelly, Cyndy Wright-Johnson, and Dr. Chizmar.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Chisholm at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of January 9, 2024 Minutes

No minutes were available to review.

President's Report – Dave Chisholm

- We have been trying to realign the membership of this Council, and are still working on it. We do have some new people.
 - Motion was made and passed to replace Billy Wood with Mel Higgins as the ALS Clinician. Another motion was also made and passed to move Chuck from the educational spot to the Washington County Consumer spot and to appoint the educational program representatives from the respective counties to the Council.
- A question was asked about required attendance of members at meetings yearly; will need to check the newest bylaws to see what is necessary.
- Discussion was held on whether to shift the Council meeting to primarily a remote platform or to stay in person; it was decided to stay in person, and have remote option (Google Meets) for those who may need it at times.
- We have a new Pediatric Medical Director, Dr. Udeshi from Frederick Hospital, who is currently going through the process with MIEMSS.

Regional Affairs Committee Report

- We continue to deal with the 50/50 Grants.

SEMSAC Report

- Dr. Fillmore said one item of interest mentioned at the last meeting was that whole blood usage had hit 116 units and that they were only limited by supply.

MD Trauma Network Report

- Cyndy Wright-Johnson reported that there was a very successful Stop the Bleed 12-hr training down in the pier in Baltimore. Approximately 1000 kits were given out. Many high schools also took advantage of other Stop the Bleed training sessions across the state in the last couple of weeks of school.
- The next meeting of Trauma Net will be at Meritus on Aug 21.

Medical Advisory Committee Report

- The issue of BLS clinicians not feeling they can speak up when they see a safety issue with ALS care was discussed by the group. Dr. Chizmar is going region by region and trying to emphasize that he understands that there are departmental operation policies that define who is leading the charge, but asked if they can weave into those policies that the BLS partner has the ability to speak up and have their voice heard if there is a patient safety concern.
- It was also reiterated that patients should not be placed on their stomachs for transport.
- Dr. Chizmar, Dr. Fillmore and Dr. Martin also provided the council membership with updates on proposed protocols for next year.

Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee Report

- The Committee met last week really spent most of the time on the input from PEMAC on the Pediatric Readiness Emergency Department and hospital process. So, that has been presented to the Pediatric Nurse Champions and the Pediatric Physician Champions. Both groups will be meeting this month. It is our goal to have that to SEMSAC and the Board in the Fall. That will theoretically and we hope in practice be all inclusive so that every hospital, every freestanding can come in at the Pediatric ready level.
- EMSC handouts were emailed to the membership and Cyndy Wright-Johnson also went over key items on the handouts with the group.
- Cyndy also spoke about new devices that are being developed.

Frederick County

EMS Operational Program

- They have 2 recruit classes currently with 40 people total. They'll do a month of field intern and then in September will start county staffing. Next classes start January 13, 2025, with 25 people in each.
- Paramedic Class 10 has 10 career and one volunteer in the group; applications for Paramedic Class 11 will go out in September.
- ALS Deployment Plan for third phase - Station 4 is now full-time staff, 24 hrs. a day. Paramedic Engine 102 looks to go into service in September-October timeframe, which is the fourth portion of the ALS Deployment Plan, and they will be transporting.
- The Crisis Car is still currently being staffed in Frederick City from 1-9 with Sheppard Pratt – 1 police officer and 1 EMT or paramedic. They are getting ready to apply for treatment and transport for the Mental Health Association and Treatment Center on Montevue Lane.
- They have added Z Vents to the supervisor vehicles. GEP scans are currently in the purchasing phase. They also purchased IV pumps for automatic units.
- Pediatric child restraints have been placed on all the ambulances.
- They are in the process of completing the training for the Blood Program and once the whole process is completed will purchase equipment.
- Also spoke of new equipment/vehicles being purchased in the county.

Medical Review/QA – Nothing to report

EMS Committee

- They did go through and standardized equipment on all the units across the county.
- The Protocol Update went pretty well this year.

Emergency Communications – No report

Washington County

EMS Operational Program

- They are down 5 positions on the fire side and are looking to fill those to get back up to full staffing.
- Educational programs – the 2nd Paramedic class graduates on August 8; they are in the application process for Paramedic class 3.
- They are in the process of programming 12 million dollars' worth of portable radios and will be distributing those towards the end of July or August, which will solve their interoperability woes with Frederick County.
- Protocol update went fairly well.
- With the new protocols, also came new meds that had to be rolled out.
- They are looking into the Whole Blood Program, too.
- Also have a committee looking into new vents.

Medical Review/QA – Nothing new to report

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

- Allen Matheny is our new Director of Emergency Communications and Emergency Management. He started today.
- Emergency Communications has a new Deputy Director - Kelly Fisher; and the new Operations Manager is Jamie Franks, who has taking over the day-to-day operations on the floor.
- Dave Chisholm has reached out to them to be Representatives on the Council, as well, because there is a spot for both Emergency Communications and Emergency Management.

Region I & II Healthcare Committee

- They have a trailer like Regions I & II have (like a warehouse), and that is a resource that can be requested if members participate on the Healthcare Coalition. They have all kinds of resources for training – manikins, moulage kits, etc. If you are interested in anything, just reach out to them.
- Cyndy Wright Johnson added that she would like to request a two-day pediatric disaster management course from Texas Tech., but it's got to come out of Maryland Department of Health Office of Preparedness and Response that we would like to host that course. And so she'd like to pitch to Megan at the Maryland Department of Health that we need one in Region I & II, and we need one on the Eastern Shore.

Agency Reports

Frederick Memorial Hospital

- Continues to work on, and monitor an internal stroke pilot program within the ER.

Meritus Medical Center

- We are on track for Whole Blood Program in August.
- We are working on door to arrival to CT for trauma patients/trauma 1's right now, in less than 10 minutes. We'd asked your guys to roll out this report; the guys are using it and we got really good feedback today.
- We are getting ready to renovate our triage waiting room area. They're waiting for final plans on that; will keep you updated; it's a several step process. Ambulance bays should not be affected.
- Trauma Net will be held at Meritus the 21st of August.
- We are in the middle of transitioning our ED providers. USACS is on their way out and Meritus is hiring their own.
- Josh McClain has taken over right now for Zach Smith.
- As far as our medical director knows, he's officially in that role now and they will continue to hire both providers and mid-level providers.

Frederick County Health Department

- They are beginning the next 5 year project period with the State, which will include an exercise schedule that many of you may be taking part in.

Washington County Health Department

- They are doing the same thing with their budget cycle as Frederick County HD.
- Probably the biggest thing that we're doing training wise is that we have between three and five Stop the Bleed trainers at the Washington County Health Department. We've finished up training all of our staff, so now we are opening it up to the community and Community Partners. We've done some trainings with the Hagerstown Community College; are scheduled to work with the auxiliary police; and are also on the schedule for our public school system to train their entire staff. So, if anyone has an agency in mind or if their agency wants to get trained or if they have individuals who want to become a trainer, we can also do that. We are also able to provide the people we train with their own Stop the Bleed kit. Feel free to reach out to Caitlin concerning this opportunity.

Frederick County Emergency Management – No report

Washington County Emergency Management – No report

Frederick County Education – No report

Washington County Education – No report

MFR – No report

MSP Aviation – No report

Old Business – None

New Business

- Cyndy has laminated posters for the hospitals for pediatric assessment. They were made for EMS and ED only. They also met recently to do a pediatric burn one that will match it and they will follow all the protocol pages over the last 2 years. Dr. Andrews will create something separate for physicians.
- Dr. Chizmar - We launched version one of the protocol app. It's in iOS format until the Android format is available later this week when the Google Play Store approves it. There's an email address on the website apps at miemss.org for you to be able to give us feedback. The charge for phase one was to just get a replacement for the pocket protocols and then for Media Services to add bells and whistles to create a solid foundation that we can add upon. It's free of charge. This is the foundational starting place. We're going to start doing something completely different where we published these on dynamic websites that can be changed a lot more easily and it allows more zoom in and zoom out and so forth. This is phase one, so please give us your feedback.

MIEMSS Regional Administrator Report

Alex Kelly reminded all about transfer care times.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be in Washington County at the Training Center on September 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.