



## JAC Meeting – December 9, 2020

Meeting called to order, roll call taken. October JAC Minutes were approved as posted.

At the October JAC meeting, nominations were accepted for a JAC representative to serve on the PRC. At today's meeting, votes were cast for the nominated candidates. The election results, Richard Schenning, Baltimore County will serve as the JAC representative on the Protocol Review Committee. Congratulations were extended to Rich.

OMD Update: A memo to hospital leadership went out this past weekend asking for the EMS transfer of care process to occur within the hospital, tent or other some sort of alternate building. At this point Dr. Chizmar has heard back from several of the hospitals asking if they were specifically asking about them, so they know many of the hospitals have received the message. He views this as letting the hospitals know that they care very deeply and do not want to see patients and EMS ambulances stranded. He wants to let the Committee know that both he and Dr. Delbridge support the fact that you need an efficient offload process and not left in the ambulance for transfer of care.

State and local content for ALS clinicians: The education is available entirely online. As part of the national registry process, there is 15 hours of state and local content requirement. The State has provided 10 out the 15 hours online. The State will not look for that requirement to be met until March 31, 2022. For folks recertifying this year, who have already done traditional refresher and so forth, there is no requirement to do the online MIEMSS content this year but there will be by 2022. If you want to get an early start, feel free you will find it on the online training center.

Regarding the ALS protocol orientation for new paramedics in Maryland for reciprocity: These folks have a national registry card but do not have a Maryland card. Traditionally they would have to come into MIEMSS and take the scan Tron based exam or into the original office. That will be phased out at the end of the month. Those that are already in that pathway, retesting the second time, third time, fourth time, and want to continue to retest, can do so until the end of the year. After that, the online orientation for new ALS clinicians in Maryland is already available at [www.emsonlinetraining.org](http://www.emsonlinetraining.org) website. A memo went out about that. The point of contact here at MIEMSS is Melissa Meyers. If there are any technical difficulties, Dr. Chizmar said the web browser is Google Chrome. The licensure deadline information for those currently certified, there is an F&Q, folks directed to that document. If a clinician expires December 31, 2020 they will technically not lose their card, they will have 30 days as long as the Governor keeps the State of Emergency in effect.

Dr. Chizmar deferred covering the COVID items until the 11:00 a.m. weekly call. Those in attendance today will be participating on the call.

Melissa Meyers: Dr. Chizmar sent out a memo on Monday announcing the release of the online Protocol Orientation to replace the current Protocol Exam. Candidates will have the option to take either the Protocol Orientation or Protocol Exam until December 31, 2020. On January 1, 2021, all candidates will begin taking the online Protocol Orientation for licensure, the exam will be discontinued. A protocol review is not required to take the Protocol Orientation.

Cyndy Wright-Johnson, EMS-C for Children: Cyndy will send out the stand update to the Committee. She presented a power point regarding pediatric EMS champions and will make it available to the Committee. Additionally, she will send out a screen-by-screen power point for the 2020 National EMS

Assessment Maryland Summary. Cyndy shared the goals for the second component of the pediatric assessment. The two-page document regarding the equipment funding opportunity was displayed.

### **Jurisdictional Roundtable**

Anne Arundel County: Reported that they have been doing the rapid COVID testing following the spike; trying to keep as many as possible out of the hospital and being proactive as possible.

Baltimore City: On home stretch with ET 3. They are getting all of their legal agreements in line by December 28<sup>th</sup>.

City of Annapolis: In the home stretch with telemedicine, likely delayed until February 2021. Alternate Destination is likely to launch on January 1, 2021.

Calvert County: Advertising the EMS Chief's position, current EMS chief is leaving on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, put out for paramedics and EMTs an eligibility list to hire in the near future.

Caroline County: In the final stages of operationalizing operative IQ in Caroline County. They hope in the first quarter of calendar year 2021, to implement their Alternate Destination Program which will initially start with three primary care locations within Caroline County and then move for an urgent care center the second quarter of calendar 2021.

Cecil County: Richard Brooks retired on Friday. Wayne Tome was chosen to replace him. Wayne is on the call today and is welcomed in his new capacity. Dr. Chizmar extended Chief Brooks a big Thank You for all his years of service in Harford, Baltimore and Cecil counties, and a warm welcome back to Chief Tome in a different form.

Prince George's County: The advertisement for a medical director is up on the Prince George's procurement website. Moving to do the antibody and antigen testing and vaccinations.

St. Mary's County: Now have all stations staffed during daytime hours. Will be moving quickly to having 24-hour units and chase car units.

Dr. Chizmar congratulated Chief Stamey; he knows he has been working diligently to get the career system up and running.

Washington County: Working on hiring 33 firefighters off the Safer Grant. Dave asked if there is an update on the 50/50 grant paperwork. Jeff Huggins responded that they are actively working on it. Andrew has made it a top priority this week and is working on the agreement materials to get them out to everyone. Dave said that the turnaround time to take advantage of the half price offer from Stryker, they must have the order placed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Jeff said he will follow-up with Andrew.

MSFA: Reported from Bill and Linda Dousa, the next Executive Committee Meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for January 9 and 10, 2021. The next EMS Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and is virtual.

MSP Aviation Command: They have 40 medics coming in from the last graduating class to start their rescue tech training in January. They are navigating through the whole blood pilot with launch planned when everything is in place in late January, early February.

Chief James Brothers: Chief Brothers announced his retirement effective December 31<sup>st</sup> after 32 years at Howard County. He said it has been a privilege working with everyone over the years. Chief Brothers wishes everyone a great holiday season, stay safe and keep up the good work with what everyone has been dealing with.

Chair Griffin: It has been great working with Chief Brothers over the years in the EMS division and wished him the best of luck going forward. He reminded the Committee that the position of Co-Chair is open and at the next JAC meeting nominations will be accepted for the position.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.