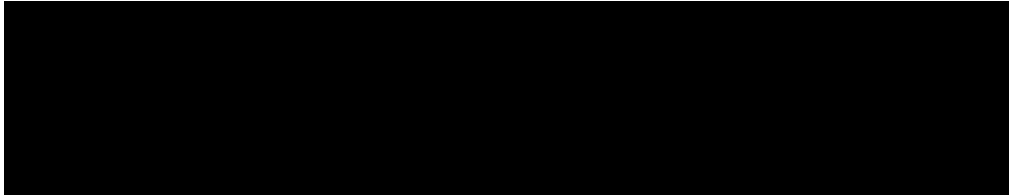




**JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, August 13, 20225
10:00am – 12:00pm**



AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Chief Christian Griffin |
| | A. Welcome and Introductions | |
| | B. Approval of the June 11, 2025 JAC Meeting Minutes | |
| II. | Office of the EMS Medical Director Updates | Timothy Chizmar, MD |
| | A. EDAS Update (Jason Cantera) | |
| 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 |
| | A. Recall – Pediatric Tape | |
| VI. | EMS Jurisdictional Roundtable | Chief Christian Griffin |
| VII. | Closing Remarks and Adjournment | Chief Christian Griffin |
| VIII. | Action Items | Stephanie Ermatinger |

Next Jurisdictional Advisory Committee Meeting is **Oct 8, 2025**. Additional details to follow.

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**JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025
MIEMSS Room 212 w. Virtual Option**

IN ATTENDANCE:

(In Person)

Dr. Timothy Chizmar (MIEMSS); Stephanie Ermatinger (MIEMSS); Todd Tracey (MIEMSS); Steve Goff (MIEMSS); Jason Cantera (MIEMSS); Chief Terrell Buckson.

(Virtual)

Chief McRae (City of Annapolis); Capt. Beckwith (City of Annapolis); Chief Vaccaro (Anne Arundel Co.); Chief James Matz (Baltimore City); Chief Knatz (Baltimore Co.); Chief Saurusaitis (BWI); Capt. Freyman (BWI); EMS Coordinator Howes (Calvert Co.); Chief Zaney (Carroll Co.); Director Sheridan (Caroline Co.); Chief Griffin (Cecil Co.); Chief Wheedleton (Dorchester Co.); Chief Phillips (Dorchester Co.); Director Orendorf (Garrett Co.); Chief Tiemersma (Garrett Co.); Chief Buchanan (Harford Co.); Chief Mayne (Howard Co.); Capt. Cohen (Howard Co.); Chief Quinn (Kent Co.); Chief Kaufman (Montgomery Co.); Chief Dugan (Montgomery Co.); Chief Scott (Montgomery Co.); Chief Yerkie (Queen Anne's Co.); Chief Truitt (City of Salisbury); Lt. Dennis (City of Salisbury); Chief Kintop (Talbot Co.); Director Chisholm (Washington Co.); Ms. Gilmore (UM Shock Trauma); Sgt. Svites (MD State Police); Dr. Pinet-Peralta (MIEMSS Region III); Mr. Ebling (MIEMSS Region IV); Mr. Parsons (MIEMSS Region IV); Mr. Kitis (MIEMSS).

ABSENT:

Allegany Co.; Charles Co.; Frederick Co.; Ocean City; Somerset Co.; St. Mary's Co.; Wicomico Co.; Worcester Co.; MSFA; MFRI, MIEMSS Region V.

MEETING MINUTES:

I. Call to Order (Chief Christian Griffin)

A. Welcome and Introductions

1. Chief Griffin called the meeting to order at 1003 hours

B. Approval of JAC Meeting Minutes (June 11, 2025)

1. Chief Griffin asked for corrections on the minutes
 - a. Change request: Chief Truitt, Salisbury, he is the new Dep. Chief of Administrative Services
 - b. After change is made, Chief Matz motioned for approval, second by Chief Knatz
 - c. With no further objections, the June 11, 2025 JAC Meeting Minutes were approved

II. Office of the Medical Director Updates (Dr. Timothy Chizmar)

A. Reminders

1. Meeting Recording
 - a. Dr. Chizmar stated the Google transcription service is not functional; we will capture information manually in the minutes
2. Opioid Survey
 - a. Dr. Chizmar thanked those who responded to the survey

- b. Many of the opioid-specific questions are under-utilized in eMEDS currently. We will look to retire the questions that are not being used. We will maintain leave-behind naloxone questions.
 - 3. Nominations
 - a. Dr. Chizmar reminded the group of the upcoming nominations for committee chair and vice-chair for the October 2025 meeting
 - 4. Change in Staff
 - a. Dr. Chizmar asked the group to please email Stephanie of any changes in leadership so we may keep the list updated
- C. Transfer of Care Times (SLIDE 1)
 - 1. Dr. Chizmar stated many hospitals are making progress with improving transfer of care times
 - 2. He stated they continue to monitor this data and send out weekly records
 - 3. MIEMSS recently recognized Anne Arundel Medical Center, Frederick Health, and Meritus for their commitment to improving EMS transfer of care times
- D. ED Advisory System (EDAS) (SLIDE 2-4)
 - 1. Dr. Chizmar stated the new system soft-launched this summer for hospitals
 - 2. He stated CHATS was retired on Aug 4, 2025. Red, Yellow, Blue alerts are not included in the new system. Reroute, Trauma Bypass and Code Black (previously Mini-Disaster) are included in the new system (EDAS).
 - 3. He reviewed the new ED Index (1-4 numerical system that is updated by the hospital)
 - 4. Reports can be run by going to EDAS.MIEMSS.org (SLIDE)
 - 5. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the website with the group including on running of reports
 - 6. He stated if hospitals do not update their status for 4 hours (or longer), the system will move them to a progressively lower ED index (e.g. moving from a 4 to 3... etc).
 - 7. Reroute status remains at the discretion of the jurisdictions. Training with PSAPs has been completed, so the PSAP or a jurisdictional official can update this status without calling EMRC.
- E. VAIP (SLIDE 5)
 - 1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the labetalol and cefazolin medication requirements. Additionally, all jurisdictions should ensure access to video laryngoscopy by July 1, 2026.
 - 2. He discussed the inclusion of ambient carbon monoxide meters for EMS clinicians (for safety).
- F. Protocols (SLIDE 6-7)
 - 1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the use of cefazolin (Ancef) and labetalol since July 1, 2025 (SLIDE)
 - a. He stated the Protocol Review Committee is proposing the use of labetalol for other medical emergencies for the 2026 protocols.
 - 2. Dr. Chizmar discussed the dosing of midazolam and ketamine in seizure patients
 - a. Protocol Review Committee is evaluating removing the consult for 2nd dose of midazolam for patients with persistent seizures. Also looking at ketamine for seizures that are refractory after two doses of midazolam.
- G. Hospital and Aeromedical Consults
 - 1. Dr. Chizmar discussed the utilization of consultations for specific conditions in the field, especially the use of helicopter services
 - 2. He has discussed renewed use of the Helicopter Utilization Database (HUD) with medical directors – to capture the jurisdictional reviews in a more consistent fashion.

H. Pain Management

1. Dr. Chizmar stated there is a pain management workgroup. Expected presentation for the Protocol Review Committee in September, 2025.

I. Opioid Overdose and Documentation (SLIDE 8-10)

1. Dr. Chizmar stated that challenges still remain with the documentation of naloxone administered prior to and during EMS care
2. He stated if the words “Narcan” or “naloxone” are written in the narrative, the reporting system will require users to enter it in the appropriate drop-down box within the report
3. Jason Cantera described the reporting system with Narcan and other medications, but stated the medications must be spelled correctly for the redirection to occur
4. Dr. Chizmar highlighted that bystander administration of naloxone is not captured consistently. We will evaluate the effect of eMEDS changes (already seeing some improvement).

J. Leave Behind Naloxone

1. The group discussed the results of the survey and the need to track LB naloxone
2. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the (3) questions for LB naloxone
3. Dr Chizmar reviewed the prior to arrival of EMS questions in the reports, suggesting that several questions be eliminated, as we can obtain this information from other areas of the report
 - a. Dr. Chizmar queried the group on the survey sent out on the removal of these questions
 - b. Without objection, the group agreed to the removal of the last (2-3) questions

K. Cardiac Arrest (SLIDE 11-12)

1. Dr. Chizmar discussed the removal of (5) questions in the CARES section of eMEDS. We are able to obtain this information in other areas of report. With fewer questions in this section, we anticipate improved data quality.
2. Dr. Chizmar discussed the time metrics associated with Telecommunicator (T-CPR)
 - a. Several jurisdictions are reporting this data via CARES coordinators; encourage others to join them.

L. TOR (SLIDE 13)

1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the TOR measures with the group (SLIDE)

M. Questions

1. Mr. Buckson asked if any feedback was given on the new EDAS system from the hospitals
 - a. Mr. Tracey stated most feedback received was positive
 - b. He stated the goal is to automate the systems to include cyber security to reduce inaccurate reporting

III. Office of Clinical Services Report

Mr. Edwards and Ms. Harne are excused from the meeting – Dr. Chizmar gave a brief report on EMT Renewal

A. EMT Renewal (SLIDE 14-16)

1. Dr. Chizmar reviewed the required hours of continuing education require for EMT renewals
2. He reviewed the breakdown of required didactic hours (15 hours total) and skills/technical proficiency evaluation (1-9 hours total)
3. This will align EMT renewals more closely with ALS renewal processes

IV. Office of EMS Preparedness and Operations (Todd Tracey)

A. ER Advisory System (EDAS)

1. Mr. Tracey stated there are **up to** (10) log ins for each jurisdiction
2. If additional log ins are needed, please contact him to discuss
3. He stated this opens doors for future developments such as automated notifications.
4. He explained the process to view specific hospitals on the screen and how hospitals can log into EMRC to report status
5. Mr. Tracey asked jurisdictions to review their policies and update any information necessary
6. He offered to email him with any questions (ttracey@miemss.org)

V. Office of EMS for Children (Cyndy Wright-Johnson)

A. Meetings/Conferences

1. Conferences

- a. PAX River EMS Conference (10/17-19/2025) with registration open @ <https://paxriveremsconference.square.site/>
 - i. She highlighted some of the presentations available at the conference including Dr. Anders on Critically Ill Children, Friday night Trauma lecture from Children's National, and Sunday morning workshop with skills – Pediatric HPCPR.
- b. Maryland ENA Conferences
 - i. MetroBaltimore Chapter (08/14/2025) focus on Leadership (BWMC Education Center)
 - ii. MidMaryland Chapter (11/07/2025) – agenda coming soon (Holy Cross Hospital)
- c. 2026 Conferences
 - i. Both Winterfest EMS & Miltenberger Trauma & EMS conference are in the planning stages. Pediatric preconference at both will be a STABLE course for EMS & ED clinicians.
 - ii. Send any topics/ideas and/or speaker suggestions to (pepp@miemss.org)

2. EMS Pediatric Champion In Person Fall meeting is 10/22/2025 at MIEMSS

- a. She asked the jurisdictions to pass the word along to their Pediatric Champion as a reminder of this in person date.

B. Awards

1. Right Care When It Counts Award

- a. Ms. Wright-Johnson stated nominations are now open for the May 2026 statewide awards. She asked jurisdictions to look back to January to review any possible candidates for this award (children and youth).
- b. As nominations come in, EMSC will be working with EMSOP and Regional Councils to do local recognitions throughout the year. The first is going to be held at the Greenbrier State Park recognizing 5 youth life guards who saved a 10 year old youth after a near drowning.
- c. The website link to submit nominations was posted in CHAT field of the meeting and is <https://www.miemss.org/home/Public/Awards>
- d. **Feb. 1, 2026 is the deadline for submissions**
- e. FAN@MIEMSS.org or AWARDS@MIMESS.org with any questions

C. PEMAC Update:

1. PEMAC subcommittee on protocols met in July and will meet again in August:
Discussed were changes to the neonatal protocols and the Critical Care portion of the GPC expanding it to include children. Additional information is forthcoming on these changes
2. FDA Memorandum issuing a recall on the Broselow tape was briefly reviewed.
3. Summary of July's update to PEMAC will be forwarded to the committee.

VI. EMS Jurisdiction Roundtable (Chief Griffin)

1. City of Annapolis (Chief McRae/Capt Beckwith)
 - a. Chief McRae stated the new internship has started
 - b. Capt Beckwith added they have 35 LifePaks slated for delivery
 - c. He stated they have a meeting scheduled with Region 5 Hospital's Infection Control team and the Region 5 jurisdictions
 - d. Capt Beckwith stated their Tele911 Program has started and discussed the details of their program
 - e. He advised the group p their Life Medic Program Certification is with MFRI
 - f. He added there is an EMS Flight Medic program at MFRI
2. Anne Arundel County (Chief Vaccaro)
 - a. He stated they are integrating LifePak 35s and video scope onto their units
 - b. He stated their hospital as busy and they will continue to work with the hospital on multiple aspects
3. Baltimore City (Chief Matz)
 - a. He stated (13) providers graduated, (24) are in the academy now, and (32) are expected to start in September 2026
 - b. He stated they are staffing 24-hour shifts on their units
4. Baltimore County (Chief Knatz)
 - a. She stated the EMT/FF class to graduated Thursday
 - b. She stated another class is expected in December 2026
 - c. Chief Knatz stated they received an MIH grant and explained the details
 - d. She stated in September 2026, they will be starting a volunteer chase car system to support the career units
5. BWI (Chief Saurusaitis/Chief Fryman)
 - a. They have a new medical director, Dr. Sam Woo
 - b. They have started an in-house paramedic refresher course
 - c. They are looking into several OSPs, hydrofluoric acid exposure being one
6. Calvert County (Chief Howes)
 - a. She stated they are working on the whole blood programs estimated to start in the next few months
7. Carroll County (Chief Zaney)
 - a. He stated they are integrating the LifePak 35s
 - b. He stated their whole blood program is going well – they have administered (5) units to date
 - c. He stated they received funding for several positions, including a paramedic program to start in the next few months

8. Caroline County (EMS Director Sheridan)
 - a. He stated Dr. Uribe has move onto another position within the state
 - b. Their new medical Director Is Kyle Fratta, MD, who has extensive experience in EMS
 - c. He stated they are working on staffing units
 - d. He stated they are training on LifePak 35s, and hope to have them in the field by the fall
9. Cecil County (Chief Griffin)
 - a. He reviewed their new hires and those in training with the department
 - b. He stated their 911 center is have deployed an AI system for recording radio transmissions, including code words, and has the ability to conduct notifications when need
 - c. He suggested the other jurisdictions take a look into introducing AI into their dispatch center
10. Dorchester County (Chief Wheedleton/Chief Phillips)
 - a. Chief Wheedleton introduced Chief Zachary Phillips as their new Deputy Chief
 - b. She stated their BiPAP program is established and they are training on the systems in place
 - c. The group welcomed Chief Phillips to the team
11. Garrett County (Director Orendorf)
 - a. He stated they have an increase in call volume of late
 - b. They are fully staffed with the second unit being in service
 - c. He stated their 911 center is being transitions to their emergency management department which includes the 911 call and dispatch centers
12. Howard County (Chief Mayne)
 - a. She stated they have implemented the LifePak 35s onto their units
 - b. They have a class graduating on Aug 22nd which is EMT's only
 - c. They are conducting an internal paramedic class with significant interest for another
 - d. She stated Howard County has a QA position open – please refer anyone to their website
 - e. She stated the county remains busy
13. Kent County (Chief Quinn)
 - a. No report
14. Montgomery County (Chief Dugan/Chief Kaufman/Chief Scott)
 - a. Chief Dugan reports the death of Rachel Muller, a charge nurse at Suburban Hospital
 - b. He reports their whole blood program is up to 67 patients receiving product
 - c. He stated their vent program is in discussion however did not provide an estimated start date
 - d. He thanked Mr. Tracey who assisted with their EDAS setup and trainings
15. Prince Georges County (Chief Buckson)
 - a. He stated they have a meeting with Stryker tomorrow regarding LifePak 35s
 - b. He stated their ALS skills checkoffs will be up to date by Oct-Nov
 - c. They are forecasting a paramedical class in mid-November 2025
 - d. He stated they have released an update on their Pedi=Pak trainings for providers
16. Queen Anne County (Chief Yerkie)
 - a. He stated they release (3) providers into the field
 - b. They have a paramedical position open if anyone has a referral
 - c. He stated the Bay Bridge Run information is forthcoming and asked for volunteers to assist with the event

17. City of Salisbury (Chief Dennis/Chief Truit)
 - a. Chief Dennis reports they have (4) new ambulances
 - b. He stated cameras are mounted on all (4)
 - c. The stated there is a PM/EMT refreshers slated for Fall 2025
 - d. Chief Dennis stated Chris Truitt has been promoted to Deputy Chief
18. Talbot County (Chief Kintop)
 - a. She reports they have several new paramedics and EMTs added to their staff
 - b. She stated they are onboarding a new medical director starting Sept 1st.
19. Washington County (Director Chisholm)
 - a. He stated their BiPAP training is complete
 - b. He stated he was grateful for the lifeguard presentations
20. UM Shock Trauma (Ms. Gilmore)
 - a. Ms. Gilmore asked the jurisdictions to retrieve their equipment from STC
 - b. She stated the “Hero Award” is to be presented in the next few months
21. Maryland State Police (Sgt. Svites)
 - a. He stated the (3) RTs are being evaluated at the end of the month for release in the field
 - b. He thanked Queen Anne’s for donating their SIMS trailed which is up and running for training
 - c. He stated their blood program is up to 70 patients with 91 units being administered so far this year – bringing their totals to 301 units for 233 patients since the program began

VII. Good of the Organization

A. Elections

1. Dr. Chizmar reminded the group of the upcoming nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair, which could occur at the October 8th JAC meeting

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment (Chief Griffin)

A. Leadership Changes

1. Chief Griffin reminded the group if there are any changes in leadership, to please send an email to Stephanie so she may keep up the email/wall lists

B. JAC Meeting

1. He reminded the group of the next meeting on Oct. 8, 2025 at 1000 hours

C. Adjournment

Chief Griffin queried the group for any additional information; there were no additional reports. Chief Griffin asked for a motion to close the meeting: Motion by Chief Zaney, second by Ms. Howes. The JAC Meeting was adjourned at 1116 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Ermatinger
Administrator, MIEMSS