

REGION I EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2023
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Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting

October 19, 2023

The Region I EMS Advisory Council Meeting was held on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Members attending were: Jeff Hobbs, Wendy Helms, Dr. Janelle Martin, Sam Grant, Shannon Adams, Mike Salvadge, Justin Orendorf, Alison Robinson, Diane Lee, Doug Beitzel, Rick DeVore, Wayne Tiemersma, Dwayne Kitis, and Alex Kelly.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Beitzel at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of July 20, 2023 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Welcome Guests

Lori Peck, GCHD; Paul Harman, NGRCS; Jason Wolf, ACDES; Joshua Bosley, ACDES; Dr. Tim Chizmar, MIEMSS; and Cyndy Wright-Johnson, MIEMSS.

President's Report – Doug Beitzel; no report

Committee Reports

Prehospital Care System – No report

Quality Improvement – No report

Bylaws/Membership

The updated Council Membership list for 2024 was approved. The list contains 3 vacancies that need to be filled. (See attachment)

ALS Advisory Committee / Garrett College – Doug Beitzel

- An update on ALS training in the Region was provided, please see attachment.

Region I Emergency Services Education Council, Inc. – Dwayne Kitis

- The Miltenberger Committee met tonight before this meeting to work on finalizing the classes for Friday & Saturday. We are hoping to have the brochure for the seminar finished and ready to be sent out by the end of December. The Seminar will take place on March 8 & 9, 2024.

Garrett County Activities

Garrett Regional Medical Center – No Report

Garrett County Emergency Services – Wayne Tiemersma

- The ambulance inspections were held the first week of October; all went well.
- Wayne left his position with the County last week to become the new Region I & II Coordinator.

Garrett County Emergency Services Board – Sam Grant; New Emergency Manager for Garrett County

- Since Wayne has vacated his position with us, we now have it posted. If anybody knows someone who might be interested in this position, please send them our way so we can get them an application.

Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications- Justin Orendorf

- The 911 center is at full staffing currently.
- We're still awaiting the release of our funds for the backup 911 radio consoles.
- We are hopeful the Oakland Sang Run tower site will be online by the end of the year. It will help us with our radio system coverage in the western part of the county.
- Also, now looking at an additional site in the Oakland area to help with coverage in downtown Oakland.

Garrett County Health Department – Diane Lee

- The Health Department is currently doing flu shots and will be in the Grantsville office tomorrow.
- We are just starting to get the COVID shots in to use.

Allegany County Activities

Allegany County Emergency Management / Communications – No report

Allegany County Emergency Services Board

- Allegany is changing the alerting around a little bit; doing away with second alerts.
- The Chiefs are meeting this coming Sunday with Steve Shipley to address the new CAD programming issue.

Allegany County EMS – Mike Salvadge

- Lt. Bosley was recently promoted to fill the opening we had. We also promoted 4 new Sergeant positions, which will basically take the place of acting officers. They'll just be permanent officers now.
- Will be moving forward with our training for RSI and actually get that program up and running.
- Are in the infancy stages of implementing Mobile Integrated Health Program.
- We are also moving forward with our peer support group.
- Ambulance inspections will be held next week.

Allegany County Health Department – Allison Robinson

- We are waiting on our COVID shots. But, we're still doing COVID testing Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- We have a new Health Officer, Dr. Junie Delizo. He has been on since the end of June. He is getting involved and in touch with the community.
- Are in the process of revamping all of our Plans.

UPMC Western Maryland – Wendy Helms

- We are now on our second round of interviews for CNO position Jamie Karstetter vacated.
- EDDIE (Emergency Department Dramatic Improvement Effort) is a statewide initiative where all ERs have to come up with a goal for the emergency department to decrease length of stay. Data is sent out monthly to them on admissions and discharges. It also tracks EMS turnaround times in the ER; we are still under the 35 minute mark on that.

Allegany College of Maryland – No report

Regional Reports

Regional Medical Director – Dr. Martin deferred to Dr. Chizmar who covered a variety of topics including updates on the following:

- EDDIE and turnaround time efforts - the statewide initiative for ERs
- Guidance for King Airways and pediatric sizes
- ESPP – supplemental payment program to allow EMS to recoup some Medicaid costs
- EMS Board is looking at Limited Scope of Medical Direction regulation
- Legislation regarding vaccinations for both Flu and Covid-19 for the public; action is needed by the General Assembly this year to keep it alive past January 1, 2025. Currently that legislation that enables us to give Flu and Covid vaccines to members of the public sunsets on January 1, 2025.
- QA topic – patient is not in cardiac arrest yet when ambulance gets there, and then goes into cardiac arrest at some point, but equipment has not been taken to patient's side. Need to resuscitate the patient where we find them, so take equipment in with you for chest pain or respiratory distress type of calls.
- Patient in prone position – please spread the word that we don't want to be positioning patients in a prone position for any length of time during the transport. If they are positioned in that way or they find themselves rolled over onto their stomach for any reason, we want to make sure to get them into the face up position as soon as possible.
- Out-of-hospital cardiac survival rates
- Proposed EMT renewal regulation – will slightly decrease the amount of hours it will take to renew an EMT license in the state every three years

Region I Specialty Centers – Jeff Hobbs

- The Trauma Center underwent re-designation last month and are good for another 5 years.

MFRI – Todd Dyché

- A handout was provided on EMS classes in the Region.

Medevac – Rick DeVore

- They have implemented the early activation policy with all of their aircrafts. Clinicians and dispatchers are activating the aircraft early and are definitely seeing a quicker response especially out in the east side of the county. We've increased our numbers, and are cutting down on those transport times.
- 0+ whole blood was placed on the aircraft this year; have transported over 40 patients command-wide where whole blood has been administered; it is showing a positive outcome. Trooper 5 has done five of those administrations.
- Trooper 5 has done 8 aerial/hoist rescues this year. That's over half of the aerial rescues command-wide.

- We also worked with CFD. They sent out a bunch of their guys to our annual night hoist training this year; trying to build that relationship from the ground up to have guys trained to assist.
- We did a really great outreach with the ski patrol; kind of getting tuned up for the ski season.
- On October 30th, we're doing the not so scary Halloween event. So, if you have kids come up to the hangar for candy and good outreach; normally see over 500 people for that evening.

CISM – Al Ward emailed his report

- They had 2 callouts since the last Council meeting.
- 2 members of team have taken IAFF peer support training.

AGCVFRA – Jonathon Dayton was unable to attend, but emailed an update.

- The MSFA is having a recruitment and retention forum this Saturday. It's not too late to register, more info on the MSFA Facebook and Website. We'll be talking about more than just recruitment so I encourage all volunteers to attend. Mileage reimbursed and free lunch.
- The association is in the process of insurance renewals for some departments.
- The MSFA currently is offering a marketing SAFER grant for member departments, reach out to Chief Tim Dayton if you need more details.
- The next meeting will be at Bloomington in December.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition

Meghan Roderick was unable to attend but provided a report on the Healthcare Coalition. Please see attachment

Career Fire & EMS – Chief Adams

- We hired three new recruits over the last few weeks. They're at the academy and getting things completed.
- We also sent a bunch through paramedic refresher recently.
- Getting ready for the Ambulance Inspections being held next week.
- As Trooper DeVore said, we sent 15 people from our special ops group of trainees over to train with Medevac.
- We're finishing out the last rope class and we're finishing out Hazmat here in the next few weeks.
- New Squad was put into service about three weeks ago.
- We have seven in paramedic class and one in the hybrid.

Commercial Ambulance – No Report

MIEMSS

Cyndy Wright Johnson emailed members an update on EMSC activities (see attachments).

Dwayne Kitis gave an update on C4, Critical Care Coordination Center. Calls have been increasing to the Center, as was expected during this time of the year.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Chief Adams was nominated to be fill the Secretary position for the Council; passed unanimously.
- Wayne's new position with MIEMSS creates a vacancy on SEMSAC for the Region I Representative. The Council needs to select 3 names to be submitted to MIEMSS for that position.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Region I EMS Advisory Council Membership
October 19, 2023**

Member	Representation		Expiration Date **
Jeff Hobbs	Region 1 Specialty Center	Reappointment	01/15/27
Wendy Helms	Emergency Department Manager - Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Kim Gordon	Emergency Department Manager - Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Dr. Janelle Martin	Regional Medical Director	Reappointment	01/15/27
VACANT	Regional Pediatric Medical Director		01/15/27
Scott Whetsell	Allegany County Emergency Services Board	Reappointment	01/15/27
Samuel Grant	Garrett County Emergency Services Board	Appointment	01/15/27
Jonathan Dayton	Allegany-Garrett Counties Vol. Fire & Rescue Association	No Action Required	01/15/26
Shannon Adams	Career Fire & EMS Departments	No Action Required	01/15/25
VACANT	Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - Emergency Mgt & Communications		01/15/25
Michael Salvadge	Allegany County Dept. of Emergency Services - EMS Division	Appointment	01/15/26
Justin Orendorf	Garrett County Emergency Management & Communications	No Action Required	01/15/26
VACANT	Garrett County Emergency Management - EMS		01/15/26
Scott Flaskamp	Commercial Ambulance	No Action Required	01/15/26
Alison Robinson	Health Department – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Diane Lee	Health Department – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Doug Beitzel	Education – Garrett County	No Action Required	01/15/26
Kathy Condor	Education – Allegany County	No Action Required	01/15/25
Todd Dyche	MFRI	No Action Required	01/15/25
Rick DeVore	MSP Aviation Division	No Action Required	01/15/26
Allan Ward	MCISM	Reappointment	01/15/27
Jennifer Ritchie	Public At Large – Allegany County	Reappointment	01/15/27
Cheryl Rexrode	Public At Large - Garrett County	Reappointment	01/15/27



**Garrett College
ALS Training report for
Region 1 EMS Advisory Council**

October 17, 2023 - 1900 hours
UPMC Western Maryland

2022-2024 cohort – The cohort is back in the fall semester. We retain 20 students. The last day of class will be May 7th. NREMT psychomotor testing is scheduled for May 18th. Graduation is set for Tuesday, May 14th at 7 p.m. in the Garrett College Performing Arts Conference room. The Council is invited.

Paramedic accelerated hybrid – This cohort began with 11 students. They meet on Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for in-person lecture review and skills. All lecture content is online. Following the capstone clinical time, graduation is expected in the first part of September 2024. This cohort will only have the NREMT written exam with no psychomotor.

Fall 2024 cohort – Applications for the 2024-2026 two-year evening program, and the 2024-2025 daytime hybrid program will open in the spring. If interested, contact us to get on the interest list and begin that conversation.

Accreditation – Our 5-year reaccreditation is underway. We completed our self-study and have already received our Executive Analysis. Our site visit is expected in July – December of 2024.

Health Sciences partnerships – The College Presidents from Garrett, Allegany, Potomac State, and Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College formed an allied health focus group to look at collaborating with multiple programs. Instead of competing against each other, the colleges want to promote each other's programs in disciplines where there is one program in the region. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by all four colleges on August 28, 2023. With other programs also being talked about, the Presidents chose to use Garrett College's paramedic program as a roadmap. Meetings are ongoing about how a student would come from these other colleges to our program with a seamless handoff. This work is ongoing but expected to be ready when applications open in the spring for the fall programs.

MFRI ALS courses in Region 1

11/20/23-11/21/23 – Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

MFRI Western Maryland Regional Training Center

4/1/24-4/4/24 – ALS Refresher

Garrett College CTTC



Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute
 University of Maryland
 Western Maryland Regional Training Center
 Post Office Box 5153
 13928 Hazmat Drive
 Cresaptown, MD 21502-5153

EMS Class Update in Allegany / Garrett County

Report Date: October 2023

Class	Log Number	Location	Start Date	Days	# Students	Status
EMT	-	GCCTTC	1/23/23	M/W/Sat	14	Completed
EMT	-	Cresaptown	4/5/23	W/Sun	17	Active
EMT Refresher	-	GCCTTC	9/23/23	Sat/Sun	9	Completed
EMS Officer I	-	GCCTTC	10/3/23	Tue (Daytime)	(5)	Postponed
EMT Refresher	-	WMRTC	10/22/23	Sun	(25)	Full / Active
EMT	EMS-106-S012-2024	WMRTC	January 2024	Th/Sat	(18)	Open / Active

Notes:

1. Numbers in parentheses indicate total preregistered students
2. *red color, bold, and italicized font indicates additional enrollment needed for class to start

Additional Information

1. Regional Orientations – we will be running a piloted Regional Class Orientation to provide an overview of MFRI registration processes (including Training Officer Portal), Canvas items and expectations, and Mentoring Program attributes. Any member of a fire or EMS department is invited, but the aim will be those serving in leadership roles (training officers, chiefs, etc.) that oversee students attending MFRI classes. Those dates will occur as follows with starting times at 1830 hours:
 - October 23 in Washington County at WCPSTC
 - October 24 in Allegany County at WMRTC (we hope)
 - October 25 in Garrett County at GCCTTC
2. Spring Course Requests are out and due by end of this month.
3. Potential High School Cadet Program for Garrett County may start in the 2024 school year. More information to follow.

Subject: Regions I & II HCC Report for EMS Advisory Council

Please share my report with the group below:

1. A Regions I & II Coordinator has been hired. His name is Colin Graham and he comes to us from Morgan County EMS as a Paramedic and Training and Grant Coordinator and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College as their EMS Program Director. Colin has extensive EMS experience and is excited about entering into professional emergency management. Colin will start Monday, October 23, 2023 and we will work to have him integrated into this group. His email is cgraham@mhaonline.org.
2. The Regions I & II Pediatric Surge Tabletop Exercise will take place Monday, November 13, 2023 from 9 AM – 1 PM at the Washington County Public Safety Training Center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Please share my attached invitation widely and ensure folks understand that registration is required via the survey link.
3. The Chemical Surge Annex plan is underway via a statewide workgroup. Megan Roderick is the lead for that workgroup and should be contacted for those wishing to participate. A Chemical Surge Tabletop Exercise will take place in-person on March 7, 2023 at 9 AM with a location to be determined in the region. Please keep an eye out for a formal exercise invitation.
4. The Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) will take place virtually on April 24, 2024 at 9 AM. This exercise replaces the annual Coalition Surge Test and requires core member (hospital, local health, EMS, and OEM) participation in exercise play as well as core member executive participation in the AAR portion of the exercise (which will occur 3 weeks post exercise day).

Thank you,

Megan Roderick

Assistant Director, Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)

Maryland Hospital Association



17th Annual Maryland EMSC Research Forum

Date: November 1, 2023

Time: 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: MIEMSS Headquarters – Room 212

Also available through **Go To Meeting** ([link below](#))

Research Forum Agenda

Moderator: Jennifer Anders, MD, FAAP

Associate State EMS Medical Director for Pediatrics

- 12:00** **Networking Lunch with PEMAC** (*In-person attendees*)
RSVP attendance to Sue Catterton at pepp@miemss.org
- 12:30** **Welcome and Introduction** *Jennifer Anders, MD, FAAP*
- 12:30** **Prehospital Administration of Steroids for Pediatric Asthma**
Jennifer Fishe, MD University of Florida, Jacksonville
- 1300** ***Pediatric Interesting Article # 1 & # 2***
- 13:15** **NEMSIS Pediatric Dashboard Development**
Caleb Ward, MBB Ch, Children's National Hospital
- 1345** ***Pediatric Interesting Article # 3 & # 4***
- 1400** **Safe Sleep Practices & Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)**
Mary Elizabeth Howard, MD, MPH, Johns Hopkins Children's Center
- 1430** ***Pediatric Interesting Article # 5 & # 6***
- 1445** **Concluding Remarks** *Jennifer Anders, MD, FAAP*

All are welcome to join us at MIEMSS in the Conference rooms on the 2nd floor.
Required RSVP to pepp@miemss.org to attend in person & join networking.

Virtual access through Go To Meeting:

https://meet.goto.com/CynthiaWrightJohnson/maryland_emsc_november_research_forum

Save The Date: Wednesday November 6, 2024 (For the 18th Annual Forum!)

For Information please contact the EMSC Office @ 410-706-1758

RSVP to Sue Catterton at pepp@miemss.org



Emergency Medical Services for Children

Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems






Maryland EMS for Children Department Update: September 2023

Advocacy:

- **Right Care When It Counts & Star of Life:** Nominations are open and due March 29, 2024.
- **CPS Resources and Training:** are available for EMS, ED and Nursery/ NICU. Contact cps@miemss.org. CPS Webinars are posted on MIEMSS website & YouTube accounts.

Pediatric Education EMS and Emergency Department Professionals:

- ✍ Online Training Center: <https://www.emsonlinetraining.org/>
- ✍ Pediatric EMS interactive scenarios "Sim on the Go" are available through Pediatric EMS Champions with new Trauma scenarios available
- ✍ PEPP Hybrid Course will be at MIEMSS on October 19, 2023. Registration is open through WuFoo.
- ✍ **2024 EMS Conferences** dates have been finalized with topics & faculty planning ongoing.
 - 📌 **Winterfest 2024** February 2, 3 & 4, 2024 in Easton. Pediatric preconference – Trauma Scenarios.
 - 📌 **Miltenberger 2024** March 7-9, 2024 @ Rocky Gap. Pediatric preconference – Simulations
 - 📌 **EMS Care 2024** location and dates are under discussion
 - 📌 **Pediatric EMS Champions 2023:** October 18th in person training will be at MIEMSS HQ.
- ✍ **2023 Pediatric Readiness ED forums:**
 - ED Physician Forum: September 27, 2023**
 - ED Pediatric Nurse Champion Webinar: October 11, 2023**
 - CPEN Review Course:** In person, 2-day course is funded for this grant period. Location to be determined.

	<p>National EMSC Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Assessment on Pediatric Readiness- will launch in May 2024. More information to follow. 2. EIIC Updates: All Grantee Meeting will be in September with EMSC joining the Pediatric Pandemic Network. 3. September is Disaster Preparedness month. The EIIC has update the disaster domain webpage - https://emscimprovement.center/domains/preparedness/ 4. Registration is now open for the Disaster Networking Collaborative (DNC) for children's hospitals: https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/disaster-networking-collaborative/ 5. The Pediatric Pandemic Network website - https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/
	<p>Maryland EMSC Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMSC State Partnership Grant 2023-2027: are focused Pediatric Readiness criteria and resources for hospitals and EMS, pediatric specific disasters planning, and family engagement that is representative of Maryland's diversity. 2. EMSC Education and Hospital Specialists will host quarterly webinars / forums on Pediatric Readiness. 3. FAN: Emergency Ready Families display is available for loan & slide presentation is available through the EMS Champions. 4. C4 Pediatrics continues to be a 24/7 consultation resource for both pediatric critical care and pediatric inpatient care. Funded through June 2024.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CPS Healthcare Project: EMS supervisor car seat pilot is in second year with 6 EMSOP and resources for more to join (MHSO grant funded). New Webinars on special needs child passenger safety are being held in June and July. ➤ Bike Safety Project: MHSO grant bike safety and helmet distribution was refunded to MIEMSS for FY24 with the goal to increase local community grant applications. ➤ Safe Kids Maryland & EMSC FAN Project: Safe Sleep displays are now in 27 EMSOP and 20 Safe Kids & ENA locations.

