

Jurisdictional Advisory Committee Agenda

February 10, 2021 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 653 West Pratt Street Baltimore, Maryland

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Christian Griffin, Chairman

*** VIRTUAL MEETING ***

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Christian Griffin
10:00-10:15AM	OMD Update	Dr. Chizmar
10:15-10:25 AM	Licensure Update	Terrell Buckson
10:25-10:35 AM	Nominations for Co-Chair JAC	Christian Griffin
10:35-10:45 AM	2019 Coronavirus Update	Mustafa Sidik
10:45-10:50 AM	EMS-C UpdateEMS-C SurveyEMS-C Equipment Funding	Cyndy Wright-Johnson
10:50-11:00 AM	Jurisdictional Roundtable	Christian Griffin

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Dr. Chizmar welcomed everyone. Chief Wayne Tome was welcomed from Cecil County.

OMD Report: Protocol slides were displayed following approval by the EMS Board yesterday. The updates are due to be released on July 1, 2021. The Protocol 2.0 rewrite is underway. The look will be completely different than what everyone is used to. For example, all protocols will be color coded. The protocols themselves will be numbered, not the pages. Dr. Chizmar highlighted they are bringing into convention. BLS will be a blue box, ALS a red box. A Medical Consult will have its own box.

The remainder of the time was spent going over protocol content changes: Agitation Protocol: guidance on specific medications based on suspected etiology (psychiatric, delirium, head injury). Safeguards for ketamine as noted in the memo from August 2020. Albuterol for BLS. Aligns with the national scope of practice. Current: patient-prescribed MDI 4 puffs over 30 minutes. New: MDI or nebulized albuterol; may repeat dose 1x over 30 minutes. Burn patients: fluid resuscitation. Limits IV fluids to patients in shock and those with >20% BSA burns. Hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia: glucometer — standard procedure for BLS (vs. OSP). Distinct treatment protocol (vs. glucometer procedure protocol). Snakebites: Removes use of cold packs and removes bring the snake to the ED. STEMI: ACS symptom plus one of the following, new SST elevation of I mm (or greater) in two or more contiguous leads OR posterior MI:ST depression greater than I mm in V1-V3. Stroke: Moving the Baltimore City LAMS Research Protocol to a statewide stroke protocol. For the stroke patient with last known well within 22 hours and a LAMS score of 4 or 5, and within 30 minutes of a comprehensive stroke center/primary stroke center, transport the patient to a thrombectomy-capable center (Sinai, Suburban, Shady Grove, and Franklin Square). Ultrasound Pilot Protocol: Current - FAST, abdominal, cardiac and New, adds lung and extremity ultrasound.

The Annual Medical Directors' Symposium will be virtual this year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 and is scheduled from 8:00 am until 12 Noon. Guest speakers have been invited to present for the event: Jennifer Anders, MD; Michael Redlener, MD; and Demetri Yannopoulos, MD.

Many hospitals have made great strides regarding the issue of not having ambulances wait outside. There is the understanding of not wanting to sour any of the relationships with the hospitals. If every effort has been made to get inside the hospital and you have been unsuccessful, the Committee was told that they have every right to move on to the next hospital. In some cases, it is the only option left on the table, although it is not something you would want to do.

From a quality improvement standpoint with COVID, the quality improvement seminar was not held last fall. Dr. Chizmar would like to get this back on schedule in the future.

General announcements were provided about some of the personnel changes here at MIEMSS: Lisa Chervon is now the Chief Compliance Office; John Barto has retired from his position as Region IV Administrator; and Andy Robertson is now the Region III Administrator.

Shock Trauma Airway Course: If you would like to help fund this course for ALS training, reach out to Dr. Chizmar and he will connect you to the right people.

<u>Terrell Buckson</u>: Once the order has been rescinded, provisional clinicians must meet prescribed requirements to gain full credentials. He asks that you encourage the provisional clinicians to take

advantage of the transition process, from provisional to fully credentialed. There are 88 ALS clinicians who have completed the new ALS protocol orientation. Provisional credentials are still being issued during the state of emergency.

MIEMSS continues to coordinate with nursing and respiratory care programs across the country to utilize nursing and RESP students to serve as externs in various facilities such as vaccination sites and hospitals.

<u>Randy Linthicum</u>: A two-day designated Infection Control Officer's Course is planned for February 16 and 17, 2021. There is still space available; one person per EMSOP may attend. An announcement was e-mailed. Randy said if there is anyone who needs a vaccination, contact him.

<u>Dr. Chizmar</u>: The JAC Committee needs a Co-Chair. Nominations for this opportunity will be open for a period of 30 days. Contact Chair Christian Griffin with your nominations.

<u>EMS-C Update</u>: Cyndy has sent out the Star of Life and Right Care When It Counts nomination forms. She asks that everyone looks at both for nominations. Cyndy has handouts for the Committee today and will send out as attachments. Winterfest will be held in Easton in March. She thanked the 22 jurisdictions who completed the EMS-C Survey.

Jurisdictional Roundtable

Anne Arundel County: March 1st Chief Timothy Mikules will be retiring. Chief Vaccaro will be replacing him on JAC.

Baltimore City: Working towards submission guidelines; hope COVID numbers are trending down.

<u>BWI</u>: Posting for working job announcement for 5 to 7 work at BWI. 75 % of folks vaccinated at the Airport.

<u>Calvert County</u>: Barry Contee has retired and Calvert is in the process of hiring for his position. An ALS position will be available within the next couple of months.

Caroline County: Chief Fletcher is retiring at the end of the month.

<u>Cecil County</u>: Chief Tome stated it is good to be back representing EMS. Just started the Narcan Leave Behind. Looking for on-call dispatchers and on-call paramedics, the job opportunities are there. There was an incident last evening, three firefighters were significantly burned. Keep those folks who are at the Burn Center in your prayers.

<u>Charles County</u>: Chief Filer is leaving Charles County. He appreciates the relationships he has formed and will miss everyone. They have completed 2100 vaccinations. The Academy will be starting up soon. Dr. Chizmar congratulated Chief Filer.

<u>Howard County</u>: Majority of personnel who wanted the vaccine received it. Anyone who is in group 1A should seek other opportunities; they are trying to get everyone through that they can. Working with the Health Department nurses to vaccinate those individuals.

<u>Prince George's County</u>: Chief Lambert has had the opportunity to move to a different position. Chief Frankel is filling in. His position will need to be filled and best wishes were extended in his new position. As for a Medical Director, they are still borrowing Drs. Chizmar and Stone. They are working on getting the vaccination program up and running. The Health Department did not want to relinquish the responsibility to Prince George' County. Congratulations to Chief Filer

St. Mary's County: Working to career staffing.

<u>Worchester County</u>: The MIH program is completed and they have formed a partnership with Atlantic General Hospital.

<u>MSFA</u>: EMS Committee met last Sunday; discussed many of the topics discussed today. The Convention will be virtual again this year.

<u>Rebecca Gilmore</u>: Asked the group to complete the survey that was sent to all and return to <u>STC@umms.edu</u>

The JAC Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.