



Jurisdictional Advisory Committee -Virtual Meeting

August 9, 2023

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

Meeting called by: Christian Griffin, Chairman

Agenda Topics

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Christian Griffin
10:05 AM	Approval of JAC Minutes – June 8, 2022	Christian Griffin
10:05-10:30 AM	OMD Update	Dr. Chizmar
10:30-10:45 AM	Office of Clinician Services Update	Bev Witmer
10:45-11:00 AM	Emergency & Field Operations Update	Randy Linthicum
11:00-11:15 AM	EMS-C Update: Handouts will be e-mailed prior to JAC meeting	Cyndy Wright-Johnson Danielle Joy
11:15-11:30 AM	Vault	Jason Cantera
11:30-11:45 AM	Jurisdictional Roundtable	Christian Griffin

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The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chizmar. Chris Truitt made motion to accept June Minutes as posted, second by Chief Matz. Minutes are unanimously approved.

Dr. Chizmar: Protocols have been released in all formats. Spirals and full size are available for purchase. The pocket protocols are being sent to the clinicians' primary affiliation. Regional Coordinators are helping with the distribution of the pocket protocols. If you have not seen them yet, they will be on their way to you shortly.

Thanked everyone for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Maryland EMS system this past Friday. It was good to see everyone from present to past. Good to catch up and awesome to recognize some of the EMS stars from the past 50 years.

The weekly EMS Transfer of Care report is still going to the hospitals. Almost all hospitals are now receiving this summary report every Monday. The HSCRC is paying attention to it and will eventually tie payment for hospitals to this metric. We're asking that you be consistent with this and record arrive at hospital time on the ED apron and record the time you hand off care to the ED. Graph from power point was displayed while explaining.

Dr. Chizmar showed how progress is possible via graph. Hospitals are paying additional staff to pay attention to this.

HB-286 EMS Paramedics — Immunization Administration: Extends until 1/1/2025. The authorization for paramedics to administer flu and COVID-19 immunizations as part of a population health outreach effort conducted by a health department or hospital/hospital system. Effective date: 7/1/2022

Dr. Chizmar asked how many jurisdictions are currently providing vaccines and how much of this work have they done since 7/1/2022? Have they incurred any personnel or supply costs? How have they defrayed those costs? Do they support an extension of the sunset date? Chris will send out a Survey Monkey today following JAC to the I-IJOs. Dr. Chizmar would like one response per jurisdiction. Baltimore City, Queen Anne's, Ocean City, and Calvert all support.

Dr. Chizmar shared the Utstein graphs from his power point, "Survival Rates for Patients With Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests That Were Witnessed by Bystanders and Had First Arrest Rhythms That Were Shockable." Source: CARES Registry. Also shared from the CARES Registry, "Survival Rates for Patients With Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests With First Arrest Rhythms That Were Shockable and Witnessed by Bystanders and Bystanders Either Performed CPR and/or Applied AEDs." These were discussed and they along with his power point will be provided to the Committee following the meeting.

Survival rates for patients with Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests that were witnessed by bystanders and had first arrest rhythms that were shockable; the Cardiac Arrest Steering

Committee (CASC) is looking at how we can improve upon this? One area of opportunity is to be in closer contact with our PSAPs. Try to identify if the PSAP is identifying a cardiac arrest out of hospital, cardiac arrest prior to EMS arrival, to prior to EMS arrival to the scene. Raising this issue with the PSAP managers, PSAP managers track this data but it is not asked for.

QA/QI officers are being asked to start the communication to see where we need to improve. Asking that we commit ourselves to improve cardiac arrest survival. Ask on a voluntary basis with the CARES coordinators to try and start putting these times in the CARES report.

Dr. Jennifer Guyther put together a training course, "Who is a patient in EMS." There is a theme with a patient not transported. It is a back to the basics and those attending were asked to point people to this training that can be found on: www.EMSONlinetraining.org

ESPP, Supplemental Medicaid: 9/15/22 last time criteria was updated. Type ESPP in the search bar. 19 jurisdictions are now participating.

Bev Witmer: Handouts were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting today. 200 students have been tested to date. Responses to the QR codes, most evaluators are responding positively. No issues with no shows. MFRI programs are being placed on hold for the time being. Have made a remediation video. Students will be required to watch this video prior to being retested. Still allowing students to speak with their instructor following testing.

Mid-year renewal process: lapsed numbers were provided for EMR. Pete Fiackos will be retiring the end of August. Licensing regulations that were worked on last year have gone to SEMSAC.

Jeff Huggins: CRISP report provided with Jason commenting that they are working on the long term goal of getting hospital outcome data back to EMS. The Annual Survey was sent out to the jurisdictions and is due back on August 21st Regions will be following up with those who have not returned the survey by the due date.

Cyndy Wright-Johnson — provided EMSC update: Handouts sent prior to the meeting. The EMSC State Partnership grant has hired a new EMSC Hospital Specialist, Mary Ellen Wilson. Mary Ellen recently retired from Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED after over 40 years. The Pediatric EMS Champions all participated in the winter 2023 EMS Assessment from HRSA with 100 percent response rate. Maryland is well above the national target goal for Pediatric EMS Champions in every EMSOP. Danielle provided a summary report in slides at the July JAC meeting. The second EMSC Performance Measure focused on pediatric skills and scenarios for each EMS clinician at least annually with the goal of twice a year. Maryland is below the federal target of 60 percent with an aggregate score of 30 percent of Maryland EMSOP meeting the goal. Part of the challenge is taking credit for "skills" a 15 minute drill on assessment or trauma includes both skills and scenarios. The Maryland EMS Pediatric Champions have written 4 medical and 5 trauma scenarios that are available through them for local station training or incorporation in academies.

The PEPP Hybrid course is being offered at MIEMSS on October 19th. The prevention outreach focus for 2022-2024 is Safe Sleep for Infants. Unsafe sleep environments and co-sleeping are the leading cause of preventable death in Maryland for children under one (1). Educational displays have been provided to all EMSOPs through the Champions. EMSC SP Grant goals for the next four years were shared.

Jason Cantera: Discussed the release of the Vault to Maryland. State Bridge data is now available within Elite's Report Writer under the "Create a Transactional Report" section. The availability of this dataset is based off a user's permission group and has been turned on for the eMEDS EMSOP Administrator group. As a note, data from state Bridge and Elite cannot be combined into a single report. They must be generated from two separate reports. Refer to the handout Jason provided prior to the meeting. If you have questions, you may contact Jason Cantera. His contact info is provided on the bottom of the handout sent to the jurisdictions.

Dr. Chizmar: We are due for an update. You may see changes to the run form; changes on transport destination; changes on the horizon that are on the federal level.

Jurisdictional Roundtable

Allegany County: They are in the process of developing a resuscitation academy and providing public education with dispatchers.

Anne Arundel County: The Academy class is currently working with the hospitals.

Baltimore City: Chief Matz able to expand EMS to a Deputy Chief of Operations. Graduating a class of 44; class of 50 starting in June. Provided an update on the MIH program. The initial focus was on opioids, real time on scene functioning as a support unit.

Baltimore County: Chief Knatz welcomed their new medical director, Jeffrey Nusbaum, MD. They are currently in the process of interviewing 25 personnel for an emergency response team. MDO availability, that position was transitioned from a grant funded position to a FTE.

BWI: Adding a second station with ALS and BLS providers with an ATV to help improve their responses. Also implementing an OSP for IV Pumps and that is going well. Suzanne Gaitis-Jones provided car seat training and that went well.

Calvert County: Dr. Finkelstein is now their permanent medical director.

Cecil County: There has been movement in their management. Andy Buszialek is now the Assistant Director of Training. Placed additional EMTs in service. By June 29th, there will be an additional transport unit in service.

Howard County: In the final stages of getting all of their EMS providers trained with the whole blood implementation date of September 1st.

Kent County: In the process of upgrading their cardiac monitors.

Ocean City: Their MIH program is excelling. They are bringing on an Associate Medical Director whose role will be taking care of training and their medical director will take care of

the administrative needs. Dr. St. Pierre is the new Associate Medical Director. Since adding a paramedic engine, they have been getting quicker responses. .

Queen Anne's County: They are in the process of rolling out IV pumps by the end of September and are training on the trucks.

City of Salisbury: Endo transitioning to the 2.0. Working on their field skills. Rolled out Leave Behind Narcan. Used within three days of the rollout.

Talbot County: Actively looking for Matthew Watkins successor.

MSFA: EMS Committee Chair is Rick Udell; Secretary is Susan Mott. Next Executive Committee will be held in Libertytown on October 1 5th.

STC Rebecca Gilmore: Jurisdictions asked to pick up backboards.

Meeting Adjourned 11 : 15 am

Next meeting is October 11th