



# Jurisdictional Advisory Committee -Virtual Meeting

October 11, 2023  
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
653 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

Meeting called by: Christian Griffin, Chairman

## Agenda Topics

<b>10:00 AM</b>	Welcome and Introductions	Christian Griffin
<b>10:05 AM</b>	Approval of JAC Minutes — August 2023	Christian Griffin
<b>10:05-10:30 AM</b>	OMD Update: Language Translation Line	Dr. Chizmar
<b>10:30-10:45 AM</b>	Office of Clinician Services Update	Bev Witmer
<b>10:45-11:00 AM</b>	EMS Preparedness and Operations Update	Randy Linthicum
<b>11:00-11:15 AM</b>	EMS-C Update	Cyndy Wright-Johnson
<b>11:15-11:30 AM</b>	Jurisdictional Roundtable	Christian Griffin

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## JAC Meeting – October 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chair Christian Griffin. Dr. Chizmar was thanked for chairing the August meeting. Motion made to accept the Minutes from the August meeting by Chris Truitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Yerkie. Unanimous vote to approve.

Dr. Chizmar presented with a PowerPoint. NEMESIS v3.5: Maryland plans to transition on December 1, 2023 at midnight. eMEDS integrations (e.g. FirstWatch, Billing Exports, etc.) may need to be addressed by EMSOPs. Vault: Image Trend Vault records from State Bridge, (prior to 2018) most EMSOPs have received those instructions. If instructions are needed, email Jason.

Language Line: Critical to use the language line when the EMS clinician and patient speak a different language  
12 Lead ECG Performance: is critical when EMS clinician and patient speak a different languages. There is a proposed protocol change. Utilize a language line resource.

Maryland Medical Assistance Program: Dr. Chizmar discussed the memo distributed from the Office of Health Care Financing. Chris will distribute the memo to the jurisdictions.

Limited Scope Medical Direction: Telemedicine physician may advise only on destination for low acuity (Priority 3 and 4 patients).

EMSOP may submit a plan to MIEMSS if contracting with a non-base station for limited-scope medical direction. Must meet base station requirements for QA/QI consult audio recording; must utilize MD licensed physicians with EMS base station training.

T-CPR: Slides provided to discuss telecommunicator CPR.

Questions from audience: Questioned timing of transition. There is no best date or time. Jason will be active at that time also.

EMS Performance Measures: Scene time for trauma patients around 30 minutes. Direct transport to trauma center for Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, almost there. Next is pain assessment. There are 3 cardiac measures, scene time for stemi patients around 26 minutes. Doing incredibly well with stroke, identify patients who have a positive Cincinnati and LAMS score

Naloxone given and no transport made out of all patients naloxone given. Three counties who are giving buprenorphine: Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Frederick, and Montgomery County.

Melissa Meyers: New exam tool is working well; pass rates similar to the old model; eliminated verbal and virtual retesting; retesting will be a new station in the new model.

EMT Stipend Program: finishing up 2022/2023 program; have 38 vouchers left over after students dropped out of the program; 38 emails went out to those on the waitlist.

EMT SMC Workgroup: begin discussions on EMT skill minimal competency guide for MD Ed Programs; have five program directors on the workgroup; Dr. Chizmar and OCS as well.

Licensing Regulations: have been approved by the EMS Board; waiting on AELR and the 30 day wait period for open comments.

New BLS Psychomotor evaluators: dropped the MICRB requirement; added a background check; <https://forms.gle/oTcF3cBek6GFRif98> link to the application.

EMSC Update: MIEMSS EMSC is working on a new MHSO grant with Dr. Janet Bahouth (DSc.) from Crash CORE and Impact Research, an engineering and crash analysis company in Howard County that focuses on crash reconstruction. Janet is the PI and has worked for many years educating youth and law enforcement. She is also the Chair of the MHSO Occupant Protection Emphasis Area Team.

She wants to start to gather vocabulary, learn acronyms, and “speak” EMS. We will be connecting her with rescue instructors and planning ride alongs. Cyndy has invited Janet to listen into the JAC meeting next Wednesday to begin this cultural orientation as EMS does have their own vocabulary and she learned the most about how to teach different audiences by emersion. No special introduction needed, she wants to be on the “wallpaper”. But Cyndy wanted you to know EMSC was bringing a guest.

Chair Christian: Opened nominations for Chair and Co-Chair of JAC. Calvert County nominated Christian Griffin. Nominations for Vice-Chair, Calvert County nominated Chief Joe Cvach.

Sunset on current vaccination bill. Current sunset January 2025. In speaking with Pat really need to know what jurisdictions’ concrete plans are for vaccines. It will be helpful to know what your concrete plans are this coming winter.

Draft up letters of support from MIH jurisdictions (Zach Yerkie).

### **Jurisdictional Roundtable**

Allegany County: Will be putting the RSI program in full swing.

Anne Arundel County: They are working through getting FirstWatch up and running.

Baltimore City: Eleven total recruits; one projected to graduate in February, one in March.

Baltimore County: Final offers for a fire class, all will get EMT. Their MIH vehicle is in the outfitting stage. Will be a two day a week response.

BWI: Getting ready to staff two medical personnel at the Airport. It is a big deal for the Airport and a big initiative. Linus Saurusaitis: looking at 10 second triage, a new way of looking at the red patient. Working with Dr. Levy; next step is a measurable training. Hope to create a larger scale; currently not a lot of data to support this.

Carroll County: There are 28 new employees starting tomorrow.

Cecil County: Promotions – Stephen Cummins promoted to Chief.

Harford County: They are actively hiring.

Montgomery County: Pilot Program on hold, will discuss offline. Hospital consults. IV pumps on all; infusion pump manufacturer supply chain.

Queen Anne's County: Asked if the HUD report can sunset? Per Dr. Chizmar overutilization is still an open question. There is a meeting scheduled; there is a question about the software. Dr. Chizmar will get back to you.

Dr. Chizmar asked group their thoughts about pulling VL out of OSP. Perhaps survey medical directors and HJOs.

St. Mary's County: CAD migration in April. They have a new Assistant Chief, Todd Bowman. They have readvertised for the EMS Chief's position and the Director of Emergency Services.

Salisbury: They are trying to recruit EMTs and paramedics. Currently dispatch times won't transfer.

Washington County: In final stages of merging county employment. Hiring another recruit class in December.

Talbot County: Recruiting ALS personnel.

MSP: Seven paramedics in class, upgraded. They have transfused 38 patients.

Next meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.