

JAC Meeting – February 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10 am by Chairman Griffin. Attendance taken and recorded via google meet report. Motion made to approve the December JAC Minutes by Robert Yerkie, second by Chris Truitt. Motion unanimously passed.

Dr. Chizmar: Regarding ED Overcrowding. There was a joint EMS/Hospital meeting, reasonable expectations for EMS Transfer of Care. Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's and Baltimore counties are now focused on EMS Transfer of Care time. This has had a positive effect. Discussed jurisdictions talking with one another about Reroute.

Protocols for this year presented to SEMSAC. Dr. Chizmar discussed what is going to be approved at the next meeting. A fib revisions (HR>130); buprenorphine (MIH); TXA for postpartum hemorrhage; communications – consults; trauma decision tree (revisions); pediatric cardiac arrest/respiratory rates (revisions); pacing/cardioversion (revisions); pilots – US for carotid flow; IV NTG; wilderness/interfacility transport revisions/additions.

The next EMS Quality Improvement Committee meeting will be March 9, 2023. The Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee meeting's primary focus is, how do we ensure we recognize cardiac arrest. The meetings are scheduled every other month.

The next JAC Meeting will be the 28th Annual Medical Directors' Symposium, scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department.

Bev Witmer: Currently recruiting for psychomotor evaluators. We are asking for a CV and that they be MICRB instructors. They are looking at the exam schedule and will be piloting one using the same three to four evaluators. They will be asking for feedback and will conduct an internal review. There will be testing every Thursday; clinicians can come to MIEMSS to test. The test results will be available within four to five days. This benefits the education programs in that students are allowed to sit together and select dates as well as instructors have better oversight. Jennifer Shymansky has been moved from the office back to the field.

Randy Linthicum: Discussed Chempack and asked everyone to make sure everyone knows how to use CHEMPACK if needed; the medications are the same. He said they are willing to do training and drills. There will be more information available.

Dr. Chizmar will have more information at the April meeting on psychological autopsies on individuals who commit suicide.

First Responder Mental Health in Ocean city is coming up. Miltenberger is scheduled for March 9th thru 11th. Jeff Huggins will speak about EMS Care.

Jeff Huggins: MEMRAD is moving forward with the upgrade. Making progress and will share more details in the next month or so. If you have expired DuoDotes you may dispose of them through your normal route. EMS Care draft will be prepared within the next month. As a reminder, tests kits are available and if anyone needs them, let Jeff know. They have gotten a couple of questions about expiration dates, extended through May of this year or longer. CRISP meets with them on a regular basis. The PDF of the patient care report, thanks to Jason, is now available within the statewide HIE (CRISP).

Randy Linthicum: There were questions regarding the cost of DuoDote. Per Jeff, they are on the State contract. Jeff will share that information with Robert Yerkie.

Cyndy Wright-Johnson: Sent out a few handouts prior to the JAC meeting. Will be bringing back the " Kids in Disasters Project." PEPP Course in coming up at Rocky Gap.

Jurisdictional Roundtable

Anne Arundel County: Getting ready to start a new fire class.

Baltimore City: Hospital offload not where they would like it to be.

Baltimore County: Transfer of Care policy went into effect last Wednesday. RFP has gone out for a medical director position. There will be an EMT class starting the end of March. They are looking to hire 30 for the next class.

BWI: Received 9 to 14 from Martin State Airport integrating them into their program. Recently implemented their own offload policy.

Calvert County: Has announced for a new medical director. Have a group of EMTs and Paramedics starting next Monday.

Garrett County: Ads out for ALS and BLS positions that will create additional staffing. There is a new Garrett College two year paramedic hybrid program designed to be the full time program; you can complete paramedic in one year. Hoping for a good outcome.

Harford County: North Harford station will open in March.

Carroll County: March 2nd first 16 employees hired and they are looking at hiring an additional 76 employees. The application period open to 50 ALS clinicians on that list.

Queen Anne's County: Cleared by May. Active Assailant Field Guide Book, asking for feedback.

St. Mary's County: Currently going through a transitional period. They are actively hiring two paramedics and trying to expand.

Salisbury Moving forward with EMTs.

Talbot County: Winterfest has just completed.

Ocean City: Prehospital Ultrasound went live on February 1st. Brought on Dr. Steven St. Pierre and Dr. Berg who will be running the administrative side.

MSP: They are now half-way through the recent class of rescue technicians. Will be upgrading crew chiefs.

MSFA: Executive Committee Meeting will meet in Prince Frederick this weekend and at Frederick next weekend.

Next meeting will be held at Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department for the 28th Annual EMS Medical Directors' Symposium.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am