

JAC Meeting – June 14, 2023

Chair Griffin called the meeting to order. Motion by Baltimore City to approve the February Minutes as posted, second by Anne Arundel. Motion unanimously approved.

Dr. Chizmar: Provided the Annual Protocol Update. Both ALS and BLS updates are available on the online training center. ALS 1.25 hours; BLS 0.75. The new protocols go into effect on July 1 2023. 3415 BLS clinicians and 1173 ALS clinicians have completed the protocol updates.

VAIP: There are no new medications this year. There was a recommendation to increase the number of tourniquets on BLS and ALS units. Will share the draft of the proposed document.

Statewide/Regional Transfer of Care Time: Highlighted the transfer of care time (offload time). Dr. Chizmar provided a draft for all to view. Goal has always been 20 minutes. Still continue to track the count of Transfer of Care Time with over 60 minutes by region. Continue to track transfer of care time.

ED Overcrowding and Best Practices – Senate Bill 295 - Legislators made the request to MD Hospital Association to continue to examine this problem.

QI Committee continues to meet with the next EMS QIC scheduled for September 14, 2023. Dr. Chizmar shared several slides. There is now 6 years of statewide CARES data. Most arrests are in a residential setting. AED use, there is a new bill to introduce them in restaurants and grocery stores; will see how that goes.

Updates: Whole blood pilot launched May 10th. Transfused 6 patients currently. Delaware has had this in place a bit longer and they have transfused 10 patients.

Questions Around Marijuana: If you have a positive for cause marijuana drug test, reporting that to us is still helpful. What they don't think they can take forward is a positive random drug test. In order to go forward in the new environment, it's almost imperative that we have some signs of impairment, as opposed to just a positive drug test. Just because it is legal, I don't think we should turn a blind eye to it. Police agencies have been sending their personnel to training for awareness.

Bev Witmer: BLS Exam Psychomotor Update began June 1st with medical scenario; sunset the CRP and airway stations; begin July 1st Trauma scenario. Testing Agenda: 8-12 initial testers; 12-4 ½ initial testers, ½ Re-testers; 4-8 Re-testers. If there is an evening test, it will be initial testers only. Re-testers will need to go to Licensure to reschedule.

In response to feedback: They will create a remediation video for re-testers to complete before retesting. Three options: Video only, Video and Instructor remediation, or Video and remediation with the instructor and reschedule on another day to re-test.

Unofficial results will be given at test site. Results will be reviewed by the coordinator and will be released in 2-5 business days through Licensure.

EMT stipend there are positive results. Allocated 500 of the EMT stipends last year; 57% went to students at MFRI; 9% went to academy. With additional funding will consider extending EMT or consider paramedic stipends.

Have gotten permission to extend the C4 grant.

Dr. Chizmar: For situational awareness, National Registry sun setting ALS psychomotor exam, will not be offered beyond July 1, 2024 unless someone has to re-test who has already re-tested. National Registry will still have three computerized versions of the exam.

Dwayne Kitis: Announced as the new Director of Mission Support. He will be moving out of Regions I and II.

C4: There are funds left over and they are fully funded through next year, 6/30/2024. Dr. Galvagno is now Medical Director Emeritus. Since its inception there have been 5700 requests.

Danielle Joy; Reported on what your Pediatric Champions are doing.

2023 National EMS for children EMS Assessment Survey was completed in March 2023 with 100% participation. Maryland specific data has been received but still awaiting National results. Reviewed the Performance Measure 2.2, Roles and Responsibilities.

Expectations of Pediatric EMS Champions: Able to attend annual training and networking meeting offered by the Maryland EMS for Children Department

Future Projects: Finalization of Trauma Sim on the Go Scenarios (Blunt, Penetrating, Drowning and Burns). Creation of: Federal PM 2.1 Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program.

Ask from EMSC: Goal is 100 percent participation from all EMS jurisdictions. Active, engaged pediatric EMS Champions; primary and alternate are encouraged; support needed to accomplish roles and responsibilities. Partnership with EMSOP training programs to address PM 2.3.

Jurisdictional Roundtable

City of Annapolis: Looking into to a language line.

Anne Arundel: Recently graduated ALS clinicians. Expect another batch of clinicians in August. Purchased First Watch.

Baltimore City: Four classes currently in the academy; 46 recruits. Currently in the budget process. Offload surprisingly good lately (Thank You Dr. Chizmar). The Board of Estimates approved their Tela-911 Contract.

Baltimore County: Happy to announce their contract for a new medical director has been approved the County Council. Jeffrey Nusbaum, MD is their new medical director. Approved for the MIH program. Their intention for the initial startup will be to address substance use response. They have a nurse who will be starting next week. They have an EMS recruit class in right now with 16 personnel graduating the end of June. Definitely seeing some offload improvement.

BWI: Have new recruits from Martin State Airport; seven graduating from the academy on the 29th. They are doing Fire I and II, confined space, EMT. They have come a long way in a short period of time. Have a terminal project to expand our response capabilities within the airport to decrease our cardiac arrest response time. With regards to Pediatrics, we have the car seat person coming over and working on that. In the future we will be apply for Supplemental Protocol, IV Pump. Lots of good stuff coming.

Calvert County: They have a new public safety director, Dave McDowell, started last Monday. Dr. Jason Finkelstein is their full time medical director. There are temp paramedic and EMT positions available. July will rollout Leave Behind.

Caroline: Happy to say also finished with First Watch. Tetratex is also doing a Needs Study; Thank You to those who helped out. Should get the results in July to see what a paramedic MIH program will look like.

Dorchester: EMT class in the process of testing, 6 have passed National Registry.

Queen Anne's: 5 new positions slated to start in July, will be fully staffed. MIH team is piloting in the DoctorFirst module. E-Meds issues but have addressed with MIEMSS. EMS wise approved for IV pumps and hope to have them on the trucks following training. Plan to apply for some pilot protocols for alternative medications.

Salisbury: Getting ready to test another batch of candidates. Getting ready to rollout Leave Behind Narcan in July and IV Tech for EMTs in the Fall. Also working with AHJ trying to work out things with Atlas transfer.

Washington: Just completed VAIP inspections, thanks to MIEMSS. Went very well. Working through some administrative changes at Meritus Trauma Program.

MSFA: Convention is starting this weekend June 17-22. EMS Committee will be at Level, July 22nd, Harford County.

Dr. Al Romanosky, DOH: Ventilators purchased for med/surg increased need during COVID. Some have been donated to Ukraine, some transferred to research programs at Maryland academic institutions. The ventilators are available for training if any of the jurisdictions are interested.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Truitt 2nd Robert Yirke at 11:05 am

Next meeting August 9th.