

Mid-Maryland EMS Advisory Council

March 16th 2026

The Mid-Maryland Advisory Council meeting was held on March 16th, 2026. Attending was: Caitlin M Weems, Cyndy Wright Johnson, David Chisholm, Deborah Frye, Dwayne Kitis, Janelle Martin, Jeana Panarella, Jeffrey Fillmore, Mackenzie Shepherd, Melanie Higgins, Michael Cole, Rupal Udeshi, Ryan McFague, Suzanne Butler, Tamara Baughman, Tim Chizmar, Anne Johnkin, Wayne Tiemersma, Deb Frye, Suzanne Butler,

The meeting was called to order by Dave Chisholm at 6:02 pm.

Approval of December 15th 2025 Minutes

Motion by Suzanne to approve, second by Deb.

Minutes were approved.

President's Report – Dave Chisholm

No Report.

Regional Affairs Committee Report – Dave Chisholm

Met previous Thursday and closed out FY2025 Cardiac Device Grants. One company in Region II failed to submit for reimbursement and lost their funding. Working through 2026 grants. All PO's are out. ALS grant agreements were distributed as well.

SEMSAC Report – Dr. Fillmore

The board approved all 2026 protocols. Online training available in May.

Commission that examines ER wait times met with no significant new findings. Our two facilities continue to have low turnover times.

Rural health - \$2 million for 7 more jurisdictions. Washington county is involved.

Naloxone colocation with AEDs should be complete by 2027. Issues due to many unregistered AEDs.

Legislation – bill cleaning up AED language, bill requiring “airway clearing devices” in schools (MIEMSS opposed – not FDA approved), bill prohibiting out of state vehicle registrations – significant funds (approx. \$1 million) for EMSOF being lost due to vehicles registered out of state. Licensure of out-of-state clinicians – MIEMSS prefers reciprocity. Bill for firefighters to have medical cannabis (MIEMSS took no position).

Medical Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Fillmore / Dr. Chizmar

Protocol committee updates:

TXA for angioedema. Labetalol for BP regulation in aortic dissection, hypertension in pregnancy and acute coronary syndrome with a BP target. Second dose of midazolam can be given without consult as well as ketamine if needed. Whole blood as well as abdominal aortic compression device and TXA are approved for exsanguinating hemorrhage. Junctional tourniquets are approved with need for training so application is medically sound as there is risk for injury. Patient initiated refusal requires thorough assessment of capacity to refuse. Tourniquet take down and change to pressure dressing. Mandated reporting for abuse / neglect of vulnerable patients. Hyperkalemia standard dose of 1mg calcium. Albuterol without consult for adult and pediatric patients. Expanded use of labetalol for marked hypertension in stroke. Interfacility treatment with antibiotics – maintenance not initiation. Ondansetron ODT 4mg approved for 5-12 year olds. Pediatric vomiting “is a laundry not a medical problem”. Pediatric destination decision tree.

MD Trauma Network Report – Tammy Baughman

Legislation approved to move bleeding control education into Statewide curriculum for freshman and sophomore year of high school. Dr. Remick testified in Annapolis for TraumaNet regarding vehicle registration funding. All trauma fund grant monies have been distributed. Meritus will be hosting TraumaNet in August.

Pediatric Medical Advisory Committee Report – Cyndy W. Johnson

Handouts have been sent out.

Ninth month of facility recognition application process with things going well. Hoping to have 20 facilities done by end of calendar year.

National EMS for Children hospital assessment launched March 4th. EMSC not changing standards mid-stream.

Successful "Pediatric Ready" conference at MITAGS.

Winterfest and Miltenberger STABLE course feedback very good.

EMS Champion meeting April 15 @ MIEMSS.

Neonatal protocol graphics changed to two pages for clarity, posters forthcoming.

Frederick County –

EMS Operational Program – Mike Cole

Just completed first EMS Supervisor Advanced Training class for eligible or current Lieutenants.

Purchased First Watch for Frederick County data collection and distribution.

Tele911 has been signed off by county administration.

Following extensive testing Zoll cardiac monitors and AEDs have been selected to replace Stryker.

Re-implementing annual intensive Skills Review days.

Medical Review/QA – Mike Cole

Lt. McKittrick now in QA. Monthly "Tid Bits" for ALS and BLS.

Education – Anne Johnkin

Started in January with 14 paramedic students with 100% retention rate.

Moving from State Anatomy Board to Anatomy Gift Registry.

ALS Refresher starting in April.

EMS Committee – Jeana Panarella

Sent policy to Chief Cole so ambulance clinicians follow same process to be cleared following completion of class.

Emergency Communications –

Reviewing new dispatch data.

Washington County –
EMS Operational Program – Dave Chisholm

Recruit Class 8 with 21 students starting in June.

Whole Blood program up and running with 4 administrations.

March 23 Clear Spring EMS absorbed into County.

Rohrsville EMS performing as expected.

New construction at training center progressing well.

Continuing to work with Meritus on Short Form compliance.

ALS Quarterly and LifePak training completed.

Medical Review/QA – Mel Higgins

Cardiac Arrest Awards presented for ROSC to clinicians.

QI initiatives similar to Frederick's. BLS clearance process for all clinicians to include volunteer fire department first responders.

Education – Dave Chisholm

Paramedic class in clinical rotations.

Emergency Communications/Emergency Management – Dave Chisholm

No report.

Region I & II Healthcare Coalition – Caitlin Weems

New Regional Coordinator, Kathy Attar, has been hired. Planning MRSE Exercise May 6th. Preparing for BP 3.

Agency Reports

Frederick Health Hospital - Suzanne Butler

No report.

Meritus Medical Center – Tammy Baughman

New Pediatric Champion, new ED Educator, working on Front End process, started to have 24-hour IR embolization practice, SICU open now as well

Frederick County Health Department –

No representative.

Washington County Health Department – Caitlin Weems

Continue to do Stop the Bleed training with Meritus in Washington County public schools. Emergency Preparedness partnering with Boonsboro EMS for CPR, Stop the Bleed training.

MFRI –

No representative.

MSP Aviation –

No representative.

Old Business –

No old business.

New Business –

No new business.

MIEMSS Report –

Region 2 - Wayne Tiemersma

Miltnerberger went well. Thanks to all involved. Reminder of recert time (March / April) for paramedics.

Adjournment -

The next meeting will be at the Frederick County Public Safety Training Center on June 15th at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jeana, second by Deb.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.