

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
February 8, 2011
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Fowler, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson, Ms. Alban, Dr. Alcorta, Mr. Balthis, Ms. Beachley, Mr. Brown, Dr. Floccare, Ms. Gainer, Ms. Gilliam, Ms. Goff, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hurlock, Ms. Myers, Mr. New.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Major Mark Gibbons.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President Doyle Cox, First Vice President Dave Lewis, Second Vice President John Denver.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Karen Doyle; Jamie Huggins; Jim Radcliffe.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Mr. Worthington asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mark G. Falkenhan, member of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, who died in the line of duty.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerland, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved the minutes of the December 2010 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MIEMSS Staff. Dr. Bass reported that Les Hawthorne had joined MIEMSS as the new MIEMSS Director of Licensing. He also reported that several long-time staff members had retired: Craig Coleman, Beverly Sopp, Tony Dowwhite.

eMEDS. Dr. Bass reported that the eMEDS pilot was underway with three counties: Harford, Cecil and Queen Anne's counties. He aid that Queen Anne's County went "live" on February 1st, with Harford and Cecil counties starting February 4th. He

said that these counties were chosen because of their strong internal training programs and their diversity of operational practices. He said that the pilot is scheduled to run for 30 days.

Cardiac Interventional Centers. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS was diligently working toward completion of the process to designate Cardiac Intervention Centers who could rapidly treat ambulance-transported STEMI patients with primary PCI. He said that MIEMSS anticipates all designations to be completed and announcements made to the EMS community by April 1st.

EMS Educational Conferences. Dr. Bass said that the Winterfest Conference had been an outstanding event with record attendance. He said that the EMS Care Conference had changed venue and would be held in Ocean City at the end of March / beginning of April.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Doyle reported that patient admissions exceed the same period last year, as well as the number budgeted. She said that the number of OR cases, as well as the bed occupied by month were higher than the same period last year. She summarized the STC's educational efforts for EMS personnel throughout the state. She said that the STC Gala was scheduled for Saturday, April 16th at the Baltimore Convention Center.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer reported on the upcoming agency budget hearings, as well as the hearing on the EMS Operations Fund. She indicated that several approaches to address the insolvency of the Fund were being discussed by the Legislature. She said that MIEMSS was working with legislators to obtain funding to address the immediate concerns presented by communication cabling vulnerabilities.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Maryland State Firemen's Association. President Doyle Cox said that the MSFA continued to work to address issues of concern to the fire and EMS community. He said that MSFA's Legislative Chairman, Danny Davis, and Vice-Chairman, Richard Yinger, were focusing on certain initiatives, including the Charles Riley Tuition bill, a bill to ban novelty lights, a proposal to require insurance companies to pay ambulance companies directly for services rendered to patients, and securing an increase for the Amoss Fund. He said that the MSFA Executive Committee would meet on February 19th and 20th.

Mr. DeVries announced that the Board would retire to Executive Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dean Reece which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7), to discuss certain site reviews and maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508(a) (13).

The closed session was attended by:

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Board Members Absent: David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson, Dr. Alcorta, Ms. Beachley, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fiackos, Ms. Gainer, Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the December 14, 2010, meeting.

The Board was provided information on the site surveys and designation determination for Cardiac Interventional Centers, Base Stations, and a Pediatric Trauma Center.

The Board was provided information regarding the site survey of an ALS Educational Program.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:17 a.m.

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OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted to approve designation of the following Cardiac Interventional Centers for a period of three (3) years:

**Baltimore Washington Medical Center
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
University of Maryland Medical Center
Southern Maryland Hospital
Western Maryland Regional Medical Center
St. Agnes Hospital
Suburban Hospital
Howard County General Hospital
Carroll Hospital Center
St. Joseph Medical Center
Frederick Memorial Hospital
Peninsula Regional Medical Center
Anne Arundel Medical Center**

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dean Reece, and with Mr. Broccolino abstaining, the Board voted to approve the designation of the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Trauma Center for a period of five (5) years.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, and with Mr. Broccolino abstaining, the Board voted to approve the designation of the following Base Stations as follows:

Five-Year Designation:

**Civista Medical Center
Greater Baltimore Medical Center
Harbor Hospital
Montgomery General
Prince George's Hospital
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital
University of Maryland
Washington Adventist Hospital**

Two-Year Designation:

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

One-Year Designation:

**Good Samaritan Hospital
Howard County General Hospital**

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Worthington, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, and with Mr. Broccolino abstaining, the Board voted to approve the Howard County Fire Department's ALS Education Program for a period of five (5) years.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.