

**State Emergency Medical Services Board  
September 13, 2011  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Donohue; Mr. Fiakos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Hawthorne; Mr. Hoban; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Thompson.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

**MSP Aviation Command:** Major Gibbons; Lt. Pat King; Marier Upshur.

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** Dave Lewis, President; John Denver, Second Vice President.

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center:** Jaime Huggins.

**Flight Vector:** Scot Cromer.

**InterAct:** Keith Bishop; Rachel Newis.

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board approved the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

eMEDS. Dr. Bass reported that the eMEDS rollout continues to go very well. He said that MIEMSS has worked with each of the jurisdictions to assist with eMEDS training prior to implementation. He said that it appears that all of the counties, except one, will be using eMEDS once the rollout is completed.

Protocol Updates (check annual report). Dr. Bass said that the MSFA had sent a letter to MIEMSS during the past year raising concerns about providers not completing protocol updates by July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. To address this, Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had sent out notices and information in the EMS Newsletter to remind providers of protocol completion requirements and dates. He said that MIEMSS had subsequently analyzed the completion data which indicated there had been a substantial improvement in protocol update completion for ALS providers, and a more modest improvement for BLS providers. He said that MIEMSS would continue these efforts next year to further improve the protocol update completion rate.

MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment). Dr. Bass said that new MOLST law was scheduled to become effective on October 1, 2011. He said that DHMH was in the process of promulgating regulations to implement the law. He said that MIEMSS had developed a short online training module about the new MOLST form for EMS providers.

Ambulance Safety Task Force. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS would be hosting an Ambulance Safety Leadership Summit on November 1, 2011 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS). He said that the Summit is the result of the work of the Ambulance Safety Task Force. He said that the Summit will include discussion of best practices to increase ambulance safety.

Specialty Center Designations. Dr. Bass said that the various specialty center designations had been developed over the years as medical evidence had provided information on effectiveness of certain treatment modalities for medical conditions, including trauma, hyperbaric, stroke, and STEMI. He said that MIEMSS was currently considering the use of therapeutic hypothermia for cardiac arrest patients who have been successfully resuscitated in the field which would then require that the patient be treated in a hospital with the capability of continuing therapeutic hypothermia treatment. Further, he said that there had been recent discussion about emergency department care for pediatric patients, particularly those with time-critical injuries. He said that these and other discussions may lead to development of additional specialty center designations.

## **STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – NO REPORT**

### **R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER**

Shock Trauma personnel distributed a written report to the Board.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Gainer reported that the Legislature would convene during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup> to address re-districting.

## **UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES**

Maryland State Firemen's Association. President Lewis reported that the Association had been very busy since the convention with activities associated with the recent hurricanes, flooding, and other events. He said that the MSFA attended the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Cumberland Valley Association which provided a good opportunity to showcase Maryland's efforts. He said that the Executive Committee had also met in August. He noted that fire deaths had decreased and said that the MSFA's efforts had been important to that decrease.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Changes to Regulations. Mr. Magee said that proposed regulation changes had been published in July regarding modifications to the education regulations, i.e.: COMAR 30.04.02 Advanced Life Support Education Programs, COMAR 30.04.03 Basic Education Courses, and COMAR 30.04.04 Emergency Medical Dispatcher Education Programs. Mr. Magee said that no comments on the proposed regulations had been received. He asked the Board to approve the proposed regulations as final regulations.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board approved the proposed regulations as final regulations.**

Mr. Magee said that proposed regulation changes had been published in July regarding modifications to COMAR 30.08.02 Designation of Trauma and Specialty Referral Centers, and that no comments on the proposed regulations had been received. He asked the Board to approve the proposed regulations as final regulations.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board approved the proposed regulations as final regulations.**

Mr. Magee and Ms. Aycock said that proposed regulation changes had been published in July regarding modifications to COMAR 30.08.17 Comprehensive Stroke Center Standards, and that no comments on the proposed regulations had been received. Ms. Aycock asked the Board to approve the proposed regulations as final regulations.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board approved the proposed regulations as final regulations.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Update on Emergency Operations Activities. John Donohue, MIEMSS Director of Emergency Operations, updated the Board on agency activities related to recent disaster / mass casualty events, including Hurricanes Irene and Lee, flooding concerns, nursing home and hospital evacuations, and the Grand Prix Race in Baltimore. He reported that responses to those events went very well. He also said MIEMSS' patient tracking system had been used to track patients impacted by these events and had worked extremely well. He thanked staff, as well as all those providers, jurisdictions, hospitals, and ambulance companies who devoted their personnel, time and resources to respond to these very significant events.

Dr. Bass said that he was proud and pleased at how well the State handled these events. He said that a lot of work had gone into planning for these types of responses, the effectiveness of which was evident. Mr. DeVries thanked Mr. Donohue for his report and his efforts and said this was a prime example of the cooperative excellence that is a hallmark of the Maryland system.

Helicopter Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD). Lt. Pat King said that the State had been working on acquiring a helicopter computer-aided dispatch program as part of a larger statewide CAD effort. He introduced Mr. Scot Cromer who provided a demonstration of the Flight Vector helicopter CAD system.

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

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, 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), and 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:** Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Mr. Schaefer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Gainer; Mr. Fiackos; Mr. Hawthorne; Ms. Goff.

**MSP:** Major Gibbons; Maria Upshur.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the July 12, 2011 meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding EMS provider educational programs.

The Board considered nominations to fill vacancies on the Statewide EMS Advisory Council.

The Board considered budget requests for the state agencies supported by the EMS Operations Fund.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

**The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:25 a.m.**

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**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Gainer; Mr. Schaefer.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Mr. Worthington, the Board voted to approve the Washington County Advanced Life Support Education Program for the remainder of a five-year period.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted to approve the Naval Support Activities Bethesda Fire and Emergency Services as a Maryland Jurisdictional EMS Operational Program.

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