

State Emergency Medical Services Board
March 13, 2012
Minutes

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D., Murray Kalish, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Vic Broccolino; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.

Board Members Absent: Sally Showalter

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Mr. Adams; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Myers; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Oliveira

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Major Mark Gibbons.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Karen Doyle.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved the minutes of the December 13, 2011, Board meeting.

Mr. DeVries said that some agenda items would be taken out of order from the sequence shown on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Electronic Patient Care Reporting. Dr. Bass stated that the eMEDS roll out continues to do well and thanked Mr. Joe Davis and the MIEMSS staff for their continued work on this project.

Dr. Bass asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Rick Meighen, MIEMSS Region II Administrator, who lost his battle with cancer in early February.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL – Dr. Kalish stated there was no report.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Doyle reported that admissions to the Shock Trauma Center continue to remain strong. She said that inter-hospital transfers and Chamber dive hours remain steady. Ms. Doyle said the Center for Injury Prevention has assisted over 14,000 persons and thanked Ms. Vanhoy for the education outreach last week. Ms. Doyle added that Shock Trauma had a recent global outreach to Rio de Janeiro. She noted that outreach programs to the Middle East were in conjunction with the US Air Force through the C-STARS program. Ms. Doyle announced that the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Gala will be held on May 5, 2012, and that invitations should be out shortly.

Dr. Reese and Dr. Westerband entered the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Dr. Bass)

Yellow Dot Bill. (HB230) This bill provides for a yellow dot decal on motor vehicles which indicates permission to search the vehicle glove compartment for medical information. Pat Gainer is working with the legislative sponsor on wording change. Law enforcement is not in favor at this time.

Public Access AED Bill. (SB461) Senator Nancy Jacobs has introduced a Bill to relax the requirements regarding training and liability for public access AED use. Maryland currently has 3500 sites with public access AEDs and 60,000 persons trained. MIEMSS supports the liability aspect but not the change in current training requirements which conform to national (AHA) standards. Training increases the likelihood of AED use and decreases the likelihood of error.

EMSOF. Dr. Bass said a HB 1302 and SB 971 include a \$2 increase on the tag fee for the EMSOF; hearings are this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Pro CPR Program. Ms. Oliveira gave an overview via power point of Pro-CPR which is seeking approval as an educational program by the EMS Board. It was decided to table the issue until next meeting in order to verify additional information on the PRO-CPR website regarding use by other Maryland entities and other state EMS agencies.

Trauma System Report. Dr. Bass said that the Maryland Health Care Commission and MIEMSS have finalized the Trauma System Report requested by the General Assembly and gave an overview via power point of the report's findings. It was determined that any new trauma center on the mid-Eastern Shore or Southern Maryland would generate less than one patient per day. MIEMSS and MHCC recommend that no trauma centers be added or removed from Maryland's current trauma system configuration.

Dr. Bass said the new ACS Guidelines will be cross walked with Title 30 and be presented to the EMS Board. Dr. Bass added that changes have already been incorporated into the EMS Protocols for the new Field Trauma Guidelines.

Dr. Hexter asked what the number of trauma patients were in 2010. There were a total of 19,402 trauma patients treated at Maryland Trauma Centers in 2010.

HEMS Billing Study. Dr. Bass said that the HEMS Billing Study on the feasibility of MSP Aviation billing for transports had been completed. The attenuated delivery schedule for the new helicopters significantly mitigates the impact of projected annual revenues from patient billing until after 2015 or 2016. Estimated cost for billing is \$330,000. Self-insurance is not subject to state mandated benefit laws.

Mr. DeVries noted the excellent work by Pat Gainer and Monty Magee in working with multiple state entities in producing a fair analysis of all the data for the final report.

Revisions to TITLE 30 to reflect changes to names of levels of providers in Education Article Section 13-516. Ms. Sette said that she was cross walking Title 30 to reflect the new national standard levels of providers. There will be no substantive changes, and the final document will be presented to the EMS Board.

New EMT Standards. Ms. Oliveira gave a review of the new EMT Standards, via power point, highlighting the new provider levels and additional hours of education required. Dr. Bass said that one of the reasons for reviewing the new standards was due to President Lewis' comments regarding concern among local volunteers on the number of hours and anatomy and physiology requirements incorporated into the new EMT courses. Data on testing over the next year on pass/fail rates will be collected and assessed to address those concerns.

The Board discussed the difficulties in EMS providers obtaining clinical experience. Dr. Alcorta reported that resistance is hospital based with some hospitals providing considerable opportunity while others, particularly urban hospitals, limit the opportunities for EMS observers. The additional time commitment resulting from increased educational requirements and the public expectation of what a provider can do was discussed.

COMAR 30.01.02.01 Incorporation by Reference. Mr. Magee presented the proposed regulation amendment as published in the January 13, 2012, *Maryland Register*, with a non-substantive change to correct the edition date for the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS providers from July 12 to July 1, for adoption as final

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved the COMAR 30.01.02.01 amendment for final as presented.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board adjourned to Closed 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:

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D., Murray Kalish, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Vic Broccolino; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.

Board Members Absent: Sally Showalter

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Fiackos; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the December 13, 2011, meeting.

The Board discussed and received advice concerning a recent testamentary bequest to MIEMSS.

The Board discussed requirements for approving EMS training programs and the implementation of eMEDS.

The Board was provided information regarding various EMS provider education programs.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:54 a.m.

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Board Members Absent: Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Goff.

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ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the designation of Hart to Heart, a licensed commercial ambulance service, to offer skills and full refresher courses eligible for credit under COMAR 30.02.02.07 for a five year approval period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Maloney, which was seconded by Ms Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Service as an ALS education program for a one year provisional designation as a new program.