

State Emergency Medical Services Board
April 12, 2012
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Sherry Adams.

Others Present:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Major Gibbons.

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

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Karen Doyle; Jaime Huggins.

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting.

Mr. DeVries said the agenda items would be taken out of order.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer provided a summary of the final status of various bills of interest. She also briefed the Board on the status of the budget bills. She said that the Conference Committee Report on the Operating Budget included language indicating the intent of the Legislature that the Amoss Fund receive an additional \$2 million in FY13 via budget amendment which was contingent on enactment of an increase in the vehicle registration fee surcharge. The Conference Committee Report for the Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act, however, which raised the vehicle registration fee surcharge by \$2 and

also included a statement of legislative intent regarding the replacement / upgrade of the MIEMSS Communications system, was not adopted by both Houses before the Session ended. As a result, legislation that created the revenue sources necessary to support the budget expenditures was not passed during the Session. Ms. Gainer said that if this remains un-remedied, the so-called “doomsday budget” will become effective on July 1 for all of state government, which would likely require significant cuts. She said that it is very likely, however, that the General Assembly will hold a special session before July 1 to address the issue. Ms. Gainer thanked the Coalition partners and MIEMSS staff for all their hard work during the Session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

EMEDS Rollout. Dr. Bass said that the eMEDS implementation continues statewide for both public safety and commercial services. He said that 22 commercial services have now started to use eMEDS. He also reported that Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s and Caroline Counties will migrate to eMEDS in the future.

EMS Day. Dr. Bass said that National EMS Week will be May 20th – 26th. He said that MIEMSS will recognize Maryland providers at The Star of Life / Right Care When It Counts Awards ceremony which will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd in Annapolis.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Huggins submitted a written report to the Board.

UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES

Maryland State Firemen’s Association. President Lewis reported on the activities of the MSFA during the Legislative Session. He reviewed several bills that the MSFA had supported, including a bill requiring residential sprinklers, a bill that converted the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Services Tuition Reimbursement Program to the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Services Scholarship, and a bill that expanded occupational disease presumptions under workers’ compensation law for firefighters and related personnel. President Lewis thanked the Coalition partners for their work during the Session.

NEW BUSINESS

Law Enforcement Emergency Medical Care Course (LEEMCC). Dr. Bass said that based on provider input, several years ago MIEMSS had concluded that the First Responder course was not the best fit for training law enforcement personnel who are not dispatched as medical responders. Consequently, MIEMSS worked with the Maryland Police & Corrections Training Commission to develop a course that jurisdictions could use to train their law enforcement personnel. He said that the course includes appropriate training for treating medical emergencies and injuries, CPR, AED, and how to deliver care under fire / adverse conditions. Dr. Bass noted that law enforcement personnel cannot be dispatched as a first responder for medical purposes, unless they are trained as an Emergency Medical Responder or higher and certified or licensed by MIEMSS.

Ms. Oliveira asked the Board to approve the LEEMCC Course as presented. Ms. Oliveira noted that there was a typographical error in the title of the course. Mr. Maloney asked if there was an examination and certificate of completion for the course. Ms. Oliveira said that there was an examination, as well as a certificate for the course, which was good for three years.

Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board voted to approve the LEEMCC Course, with the correction of the typographical error.

UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES

MSP Aviation Command. Major Gibbons provided an update to the Board. He said that the delivery of the first group of new helicopters would be slightly delayed due to changes that need to be made to the helicopters to make them operationally acceptable. He said that he hoped the first delivery would be completed by December 2012. He said that the Operational Planning Team is working to ensure that the Command is ready to accept the new helicopters when they arrive. Major Gibbons reported that the transition to FAA Part 135 status is going well. He summarized the Command's current maintenance efforts, noting the importance of effective maintenance since call volume has increased. He also discussed the Command's efforts to recruit additional personnel to serve as Flight Paramedics.

Major Gibbons briefed the Board on the Trooper 1 medevac engine fire which occurred in February. He said that the fire was isolated to one engine and the aircraft landed safely. He said that Trooper 1 was returned to service three days after the fire.

Major Gibbons briefed the Board on the incorporation of the safety recommendations that followed the 2008 crash. He provided the Board with a document that shows the recommendations and MSP compliance.

OLD BUSINESS

Program Approval. Ms. Oliveira presented the on-line Pro CPR Course for approval as an available CPR Course. She said that Board approval would be for the Pro CPR “blended” CPR course, i.e., the didactic portion would be completed on line, but the skills check portion would need to be completed in-person. She said that the Program was approved by the Continuing Education Coordinating Program for EMS (CECBEMS).

Upon the motion of Dean Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted to approve the Pro CPR Course as an approved (blended) CPR course in Maryland.

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 Ms. Van Hoy, 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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MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer.

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The Board approved the closed session minutes from the March 13, 2012, meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of perinatal referral centers.

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

The Board was provided budget information from the MSP Aviation Command.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:46 a.m.

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ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, and with Mr. Broccolino abstaining as to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, the Board voted to approve the re-designations of the University of Maryland Medical Center and the Johns Hopkins Hospital as Level IIIc Perinatal Referral Centers for a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted to approve proposed changes to the Rapid Sequence Intubation Protocol specific to Ketamine dosage.

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