

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
September 10, 2013
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq.; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman (by phone); Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Ph.D.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Myers.

OAG: Mr. Magee.

Maryland Fire Rescue Institute: Steve Edwards.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President Jackie Olson; David Keller, 1st Vice President; Johnie Roth, 2nd Vice President.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Lt. Colonel Satchell; Major Lioi; Deputy Director Lovejoy; Capt. Landon; Lt. Pat King; Lt. Keith McMinn.

Shock Trauma Center: Karen Doyle.

1199 SEIU: Gisume Ashenafi.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved the minutes of the June 11, 2013, meeting of the State EMS Board.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish reported that the September SEMSAC meeting will be held on September 12, 2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

eMEDS. Dr. Bass reported that the eMEDS rollout was continuing. He said that eMEDS implementation in Prince George's County and Charles County should occur this fall and that he will soon be meeting with the Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service to discuss the possibility of their adoption of eMEDS.

MIEMSS Communication Project. Dr. Bass reported that the MIEMSS Communication Project is continuing to move ahead.

EMS Operations Fund (EMSOF). Dr. Bass noted that the Fund balance was improving as a result of the increase to the vehicle registration fee surcharge that had gone into effect.

Draft EMS Plan. Dr. Bass reported that MIEMSS had held meetings in each of the five EMS regions to receive comments on the draft EMS Plan. He said that it was likely that one more meeting would be held at MIEMSS for those who had been unable to attend one of the previously-held meetings. He said that comments received on the draft Plan would be compiled and reviewed, and that the final version of the Plan would be reviewed by SEMSAC and the EMS Board.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS was submitting two proposals to the Governor's office for approval as proposed departmental legislation. The first proposal would add protected health information exchanged between or among a hospital, EMS providers and MEIMSS to the protected health information excluded from regulation as a Health Information Exchange. The second proposal would provide for statewide mutual aid between and among Maryland hospitals in the event of an incident or situation that affected a hospital's ability to operate at full capacity and / or to provide care.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT

Ms. Doyle reported that August admissions to the STC were slightly higher than the same period last year. She said that there had been six (6) lost inter-hospital transfers during the month. She said the volume of Operating Room cases continued to be high, as was the volume of neurotrauma cases and that the STC operated at 117% capacity during the month. Ms. Doyle said that the STC had opened a critical care resuscitation unit on July 16 to provide immediate care for critical illnesses. Ms. Doyle also summarized the STC's prevention and EMS outreach / education activities during FY13. She said that the grand opening for the new STC building would be on Friday, November 8th.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Major Frank Lioi provided an update on the activities of the MSP Aviation Command (MSPAC). He said that Trooper 3 (Frederick) was officially unveiled as an AW139 section on September 3rd and that it is now fully operational 24/7. He said that transition training was underway for Trooper 6 (Easton). He said that MSPAC took delivery of the 8th AW139 helicopter on August 19th and anticipates delivery of the 9th AW139 helicopter in mid-October.

Major Lioi said that MSPAC had submitted to the Department of Budget & Management the job descriptions for the Second-in-Command (SIC) pilots and said that he anticipated that the Board of Public Works would consider the 10 requested SIC positions at its September 18th meeting. Major Lioi reported that MSPAC currently has seven (7) pilot vacancies, but has made offers for employment to six (6) pilots. Major Lioi also reported that the RFP for a flight training device is currently being reviewed at MDOT.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President Jackie Olson introduced 1st Vice President Dave Keller and 2nd Vice President Johnie Roth. She said that the MSFA is considering seeking legislation to increase the Widows and Orphan's Fund. She said that during the upcoming year, the MSFA will focus on increasing diversity and developing support for the administrative functions of local fire companies.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

Dr. Kalish said that a webinar had been held on September 11, 2013 with 360 attendees nationwide regarding the definition of airway competency and that the American Society of Anesthesiologists was considering approval of a resolution to encourage hospital anesthesiology departments to participate in airway management training for paramedic students.

Dr. Bass announced that he would retire from MIEMSS on January 1, 2014. He thanked the Board for their support during his 19-year tenure. Mr. DeVries said that

Dr. Bass had made enormous contributions to the Maryland EMS System and that he would be greatly missed.

Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, 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:

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R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Ms. Karen Doyle.

MFRI: Mr. Steve Edwards.

MSP: Lt. Colonel Satchel, Major Lioi, Cpt. Landon, Lt. King, Deputy Director Lovejoy

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the August 13, 2013, meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposed FY14 budgets of MIEMSS and the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, and the EMSOF-funded proposed FY 14 budgets of the MSP Aviation Command, and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of advanced life support training courses.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of an adult trauma center.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 12:02 p.m.

Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the ALS Education Program of the Hagerstown Community College, provided that the Program remains an accredited program in good standing with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the designation of Prince George's Hospital Center as a trauma center for a period of five (5) years.

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