

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

Board Members Present (by telephone¹): Donald L. DeVries, Esq. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson); Murray Kalish, M.D; Gene Worthington; David Hexter, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Mary Alice Vanhoy; Sherry B. Adams, R.N., CPM.

Board Members Absent: Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Mr. Brown;

(by telephone): Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee

(by telephone): Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command (by telephone): Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Lovejoy; Lt. Pat King.

MSFA (by telephone): Jackie Olson, President.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma (by telephone): Ms. Doyle.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the minutes of the November 12, 2013, meeting of the State EMS Board.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

eMEDS®. Dr. Bass reported that eMEDS® is up and running in Charles County and that Prince George's County will be going "live" on eMEDS® on January 1, 2014. He said that

¹ Due to inclement weather all attendees except for Mr. Brown and Mr. Magee were present by telephone. Mr. Brown and Mr. Magee were present in Room 212, 953 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, which was open to the public.

MIEMSS is continuing discussions with Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service leadership about eMEDS®. He said the anticipated that Montgomery County would likely buy their own system from ImageTrend that would be compatible with eMEDS®.

Draft EMS Plan. Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS planned to present a summary of the draft plan, along with comments received, at the Joint Meeting of the Board and SEMSAC in January.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT

Ms. Doyle said she submitted a written report to the EMS Board.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Major Lioi reported on the transition of the Command from the Dauphin helicopters to the AW139 helicopters. He said the 9th AW139 had been delivered and he anticipated delivery of the 10th helicopter in July 2014. He said that three MSP sections were now operational with the new AW139s. He said that Salisbury would be operational 24/7 this week and that Southern Maryland (Trooper 7) will begin the transition on January 27th.

Regarding pilots, he said that MSPAC had received 110 applications for the 10 Second-in-Command (SIC) positions, and that 57 of the applicants had been rated “best qualified.” Major Lioi said that interviews and background checks would begin in January.

Major Lioi said that MSPAC was working with the Department of General Services on the sale of the Dauphins. He said that the plan was to sell all of the Dauphin fleet as a complete set, and a number of inquiries had been received from foreign governments.

Major Lioi also reported that MSPAC continued to work with MDOT on acquisition of the Flight Training Device by January 2015. He said that MDOT had completed a required cost-benefit analysis on the acquisition for submission to the Legislature in December.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION

President Olsen said the MSFA continued to work on EMS training issues. She also said that they would be looking at “Signal 13” issues and how best to protect EMS providers who find themselves in dangerous circumstances.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Protocols. Dr. Alcorta reported that he had made corrections to the draft protocols that the Board had requested. He reviewed the revisions which included changes to the hospital nomenclature; changes to the “Alerts” portion of the Stroke Section; changes to the Helicopter Safety Section to incorporate the needs of the AW139 helicopters; and modifications to the High Performance CPR section to include contraindications for patients younger than 8 years of age, as recommended by PEMAC.

Upon the motion of Dean Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the changes to the 2014 Protocols.

COMAR Regulations. Mr. Magee presented for final approval two proposed changes to COMAR regulations that had been published for comment on October 4, 2013. He said that no comments had been received and asked the Board to approve both for publication as final regulations. The first change was to COMAR 30.01.01 that deleted the reference to eMAIS and replaced it with eMEDS®. The second change, to COMAR 30.03.04, requires EMS Operational Programs to use eMEDS® for data reporting.

Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board approved the proposed changes as final regulation.

Mr. DeVries announced that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session.

Mr. DeVries thanked Dr. Kalish for his years of service to the EMS Board and system as Chair of SEMSAC for the past five years.

Mr. DeVries said that the tenure of Dr. Robert R. Bass as Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems comes to a close with his retirement at the end of this month. The Maryland Emergency Medical Services Board expresses its deepest gratitude for the genius and energy and compassion with which he has shaped the Maryland Emergency Medical System during the past 20 years. He has served the citizens of Maryland extraordinarily well.

Upon the motion of Dean Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Westerland, 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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The Board approved the minutes from the November 13, 2013 Closed Session.

The Board considered modifications to the MSPAC budget.

The Board considered a trauma designation matter.

The Board considered provider disciplinary matters.

The Board considered candidates for the MIEMSS Executive Director position.

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