

State Emergency Medical Services Board
April 8, 2014
Minutes

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

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

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycok; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Schaeffer; Mr. Fiackos.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major Lioi; Lt. Konold; Lt. King.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: Ms. Olson; Mr. Roth.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma: Ms. Doyle; Ms. Carlson.

UMMC: David Hunt.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

Mr. DeVries said that although the search for a new Executive Director for MIEMSS is still in progress, MIEMSS has excellent leadership with Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta as Acting Co-Executive Directors.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Berg said there were two action items from the March 6, 2014, SEMSAC meeting. The SEMSAC voted unanimously to support the six recommendations for a culture of safety from the Ambulance Safety Summit. The SEMSAC also approved the EMS Plan Goals as written.

MIEMSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Gainer reminded the members that the Ethics filing deadline is April 30, 2014.

Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS has updated and submitted to MEMA its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for continued agency operations in the event of a disaster.

National EMS Week. EMS week is May 18–24, 2014, with EMS for Children Day on May 21, 2014. The theme this year is “EMS Dedicated. For Life,” and we will honor EMS “Stars of Life” and “Right Care When It Counts” during EMS week.

Naloxone. MIEMSS and DHMH are working to increase the availability for the administration of naloxone by law enforcement. The DHMH office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration has regulations that went into effect in March 2014 allowing public or private entities to become a training program and to train individuals to apply naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose. Anne Arundel and Allegany Counties are training their respective law enforcement agencies to administer naloxone. Currently, the administration of naloxone is within the scope of practice for ALS providers and for BLS providers in jurisdictions that have applied for and received approval under the optional supplemental protocol. All BLS providers will be allowed to administer naloxone after July 1, 2014.

eMEDS®. Ms. Gainer reported the eMEDS® implementation continues statewide, for both public safety and commercial services. MIEMSS continues to work with Montgomery County on their anticipated move to eMEDS®.

Active Assailant Incident Workgroup. MIEMSS has been working with the Maryland State Police (MSP) and other entities investigating current literature on assailants causing or threatening harm with a firearm or explosive device. A draft guideline for response document should be available by the end of April for review.

Legislative Session 2014. Ms. Gainer provided an overview of the legislation of interest from the 2014 Legislative session, highlighting the passing of the Statewide Interoperability Control Board Bill, the Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examination and Planning Committee Bill and a requirement that local public school boards provide CPR instruction. Ms. Gainer also noted a few of the bills that were withdrawn or did not pass, including the Maryland Intrastate Hospital Compact which was MIEMSS’ departmental bill. She said that over the summer, MIEMSS will work with DHMH and the Governor’s office to consider possible re-submission of the bill next year. She has reported that between now and the start of the 2015 Session of the Legislature, MIEMSS will be working on two studies: (1) a report on Back-up Commercial Air Ambulance Services, the requirement for which was contained in the Joint Chairmen’s Report; and (2) a report on Mobile Integrated Health Services that was requested by Delegate Hammen after a bill requiring MIEMSS to conduct a study was withdrawn.

Mr. DeVries provided an update on the current status of the search for an Executive Director for MIEMSS. Mr. DeVries reiterated his confidence in the current co-leadership of Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta during this interim.

Mr. DeVries announced that Dr. Joseph Wright who has been an Associate Pediatric Medical Director at MIEMSS since 1996 is leaving MIEMSS and joining Howard University Hospital as Chair of Pediatrics.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT

Ms. Carlson gave an overview of the distributed written report highlighting total hospital admissions, interfacility transfers, air scene vs. interfacility transports, operating room and neurotrauma volumes and hyperbaric chamber hours. Ms. Carlson reported that the STC conducted 476 prevention activities with 10,464 attendees and that EMS outreach and educational activities included ALS Airway courses, on-site clinical programs and evening educational programs. She also said that STC had hosted an inter-agency active shooter emergency preparedness drill on November 2, 2013. Ms. Carlson said that the CCRU has been open for six months and the patient data is beginning to be analyzed.

Mr. Berg asked if Shock Trauma tracked the number or percentage of patients transported to Shock Trauma for hyperbaric treatment, but are not given that treatment. Dr. Alcorta said he reviews air transports to the hyperbaric chamber and approximately 1/3 of the patients “do not dive.” Dr. Floccare said that it is not unusual for a patient to appear in the field to need a particular therapy, but once the patient arrives at the hospital, it is determined that a different treatment is needed. Ms. Carlson will provide the EMS Board with percentage of patients not utilizing the hyperbaric chamber after transport.

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma helipad closure between 11:10am and 8:32pm on March 28, 2014. Closure was due the need for an emergency repair to a non-structural portion of the building. The circumstances of the helipad closure will be discussed at the next Helipad Safety Committee meeting on April 10, 2014, and Ms. Doyle will give an update at the next EMS Board meeting.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Major Lioi said the 4th Section, Trooper 7 in southern Maryland, successfully transitioned to the AW-139 for 24/7 operations. Trooper 2 at Andrews will begin transition on May 5, 2014.

MSPAC hired four Second In Command (SIC) and two Pilots In Command (PIC) as of April 2, 2014 and anticipates hiring an additional SIC and PIC by April 16, 2014. Five additional SICs are in the hiring process which should fill ten SIC positions by April 30, 2014. MSPAC will continue to recruit and hire the remaining SICs before July 1, 2014.

Major Lioi said the Cost Benefit Analysis for the Flight Training Device (FTD) submitted by MDOT was approved and funds have been released to begin the design phase of the FTD. MDOT will seek approval for the FTD from the Board of Public Works in May. Once approved, it will take approximately 18 months to complete the FTD; MSPAC anticipates full operation of the FTD by July 2016 at Martins State Airport. During the 2014 legislative session, MSPAC briefed the Senate Budget Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the impact of any delays in receiving the FTD. Delays would require recurrent training to take place in the AW-139, except for emergency procedures outsourced to Rotorsim. The approximate annual cost for 18 hours of minimum training is \$3,670,000 to train 70 pilots without a FTD.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on March 5, 2014, at Trooper 4 in celebrations of the 24/7 operation of the AW-139. Mr. Stan Finch (Sgt. Ret.), Civilian Instructor Pilot, was recognized as Pilot of the Year.

Regarding Part 135, MSPAC submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration the Minimum Equipment List in February 2014 and has been working on the General Operating Manual for submission by the end of April 2014.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President Olson said that HB 365 / HB 254 which alters the distribution of, and permissible uses of, funds from the AMOSS Fund passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

The Fire Marshall's office has dedicated a person to assist with NFIRS data and reporting. The MSFA is investigating possible software to assist with eMEDS and NFIRS reporting to reduce duplicative data collection.

A \$25,000 increase to the Widows and Orphans Fund was approved during the Session.

President Olson said there have been four "hoarding deaths" in the last four to six months and the MSFA is working with the State Fire Marshall's office on prevention and training. President Olson added that on May 17 & 18, 2014, each fire company has been asked to go door to door in their first due areas to check on and reinforce the need for fire alarms.

The Annual MSFA Convention will be held in Ocean City June 14-20, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Plan Goal and Objectives. A copy of the draft of the draft Maryland Emergency Medical Services Plan Goals and Objectives was distributed. Ms. Gainer said the Goals and Objectives set the framework for the EMS Plan and had been approved by SEMSAC at their March 6, 2014 meeting. She said that although a number of comments had been received on the detailed Steps contained in the draft Plan, no comments had necessitated changes to the larger Goal and Objective and asked the Board to approve the Goals and Objectives. She said that staff continued to work on revisions to the detailed Steps. She said that once revisions to the detailed Steps were completed, they would be presented to the SEMSAC and the Board for approval.

Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, which was seconded by Mr. Worthington, the Board approved the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Plan Goals and Objectives as written.

COMAR 30.02.01 Definitions and COMAR 30.02.02 Licensure and Certification – Veterans Full Employment Act. Ms. Sette said that the published changes to the regulations received no comments and requested final action by the Board.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board approved the changes to COMAR 30.02.01 and 30.02.02.

NEW BUSINESS

Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols. Mr. Magee said the purpose of the amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01 is to incorporate the most recent editions of the Maryland Emergency Medical Protocols, the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data

Dictionary for Adults and the Maryland State Trauma registry Data Dictionary for Pediatrics into the regulations and requested approval. .

Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board unanimously approved the publication of the proposed amendment to regulation COMAR 30.01.02.01.

Upon the motion of Mr. Berg, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, 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. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson) (by phone); Roland Berg; Gene Worthington; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by Phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy; Dany Westerband, M.D.

Board Members Absent: Sherry B. Adams, R.N., Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Goff; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

In closed session the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meeting of February 11, 2014;
2. Reviewed the findings of site visits to educational programs and medical facilities;
3. Reviewed and recommended appointments to SEMSAC;
4. Reviewed and acted on provider disciplinary cases;
5. Discussed the search for a new Executive Director of MIEMSS; and
6. Were advised on certain legal issues by legal counsel.

The Board reconvened in Open Session which was attended by:

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson) (by phone); Roland Berg; Gene Worthington; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by Phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy; Dany Westerband, M.D.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Goff; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to designate Nemours/AIDHC Critical Care Transport Team Education Program, Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children BLS Refresher Program Center for a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted unanimously to designate Sinai Hospital of Baltimore as a Level IIIB Perinatal Referral Center for a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, with Ms. Vanhoy abstaining, the Board voted unanimously to designate Shore Health Emergency Center as a Base Station for a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted unanimously to designate Meritus Medical Center and the University of Maryland Medical Center as Cardiac Interventional Centers each for a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Chief Worthington, the Board voted unanimously to designate the University of Maryland Medical Center as Comprehensive Stroke Center for a five-year period.

The Board reviewed the progress in selecting an Executive Director for MIEMSS.

The EMS Board adjourned by acclamation.