



**State Emergency Medical Services Board
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Minutes**

State of Maryland

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Emergency Medical
Services Systems**

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Fred Cross; Sherry Adams; Sally Showalter (phone); David Hexter, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D. Kyrle Preis; Mary Alice Vanhoy (phone); Dean E. Albert Reece, MD.

Board Members Absent: Roland Berg

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer (phone); Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Dr. Bailey; Ms. Gilliam; Mr. Deckard; Mr. Cantera; Ms. Goff.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MSFA: President Roth

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015, meeting of the State EMS Board, as written.

MIEMSS REPORT

Dr. Seaman said, for those interested in supporting this wonderful cause, the Polar Bear Plunge will be held January 30, 2016.

Dr. Seaman gave an update on the CARES project and said MIEMSS has been working diligently with ImageTrend to automatically upload cardiac arrest data from eMEDS® to the CARES database. CARES data elements will be implemented into eMEDS® statewide on December 1, 2015. Using a single eMEDS® patient care record for CARES submission makes Maryland one of the first states to incorporate this process within their ePCR documentation. Maryland hospitals that receive patients that have on-going care in the emergency department will then enter outcome data into the CARES record.

Dr. Seaman said that the upgrade and renovations to SYSCOM/EMRC is complete and the MIEMSS Communications Engineering staff and Administrative staff are actively working on

the upgrade to the Statewide EMS Communications Systems Project.

MSFA: President Roth

President Roth said he has participated in the Polar Bear Plunge event for the last six years and added that his son is a Special Olympics athlete. On Friday, January 29th, there will be a Fire/Rescue/EMS plunge at 12:30pm.

President Roth thanked MIEMSS and all of the partners for attending the MSFA Executive Committee on Saturday, December 5, 2015 in Berlin, MD.

The MSFA Convention committee met with the Mayor of Ocean City to discuss the 2016 MSFA convention. The air show will take place the first weekend of the convention, so MSFA advises to book hotels early. Safety matters for the mass gathering of first responders during the convention were also discussed.

President Roth announced that the MSFA Legislative Reception is scheduled for January 19, 2016 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in West Room One at the Miller Office Conference Center in Annapolis. It is anticipated that a side by side burn demonstration (one with and one without sprinklers) will be available to show to the legislators. President Roth extended an invitation to the EMS Board and MIEMSS staff to attend the reception. President Roth said proposed legislation to opt out of the residential sprinkler law is forthcoming.

President Roth added that the MSFA has a cancer support network that supports firefighters, EMS and their families. There has been a steady increase of cancers within the firefighter communities; some leading back to the toxins accumulated on running gear. The MSFA continues to promote education on the proper maintenance of running gear.

President Ross said that the LAMSFA President Darby Byrd, whose mother has recently passed away, lost her brother-in-law due to a trailer fire over the weekend.

Chairman DeVries encouraged everyone to support the Polar Bear Plunge and attend the MSFA Holiday Open House.

Chairman DeVries asked Dean Reece to expound on the article regarding Project Feast. Dr. Reece said that for the past 26 years Project Feast is organized by the University of Maryland Medical Students to provide Thanksgiving dinner to Baltimore's underprivileged communities. Each year, students feed about 400 homeless and needy individuals at the Booker T. Washington Middle School in Baltimore, an outreach effort that demonstrates the connection the School of Medicine students feel with their local community. The event is sponsored by the University Student Government Association, the Medical Alumni Association, Hungry Harvest, and the School of Medicine Student Council. Dr. Reece added it is a most gratifying thing to do on Thanksgiving Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Maryland Medical Protocols

The proposed updates to the Maryland Medical Protocols were distributed to the members. Dr. Alcorta highlighted some of the additional proposed changes to the Maryland Medical Protocols including the addition of the pediatric sepsis alert, high performance CPR as standard of care, the removal of the impedance threshold device, an adjustment in atropine dosing and the addition of a repatriation protocol for taking patients back to the same hospital, if possible, if the patient had been treated within the last 30 days. A proposed pilot program with Sinai Hospital based on the Helsinki model for expediting patient treatment by having a 24/7 Neurologist linked in to the EMS consults in order for the Neurologist to contact the family of the patient. This is Sinai and Baltimore City FD only pilot. Measurement of intervals to be captured will be for EMS/EMRC/Neurologist consult and door to needle time at the hospital.

Dr. Hexter recommended and the Board concurred to include “where last admitted” to the repatriation protocol.

Dr. Hexter commended Dr. Alcorta and the Protocol Review Committee for on the research pilot programs; adding the programs that work and rejecting those programs that do not work.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes to the 2017 Maryland Medical Protocols.

NEW BUSINESS

Protocol Review Committee By-laws

The Protocol Review Committee By-laws discussion was tabled until the EMS Board members have the opportunity to review.

COMAR 30.02.02.05

Ms. Sette provided the draft proposed revisions to COMAR 30.02.02.05 regarding examinations and re-examinations for EMS providers. Ms. Sette said this particular regulation removes perceived barriers addressing time limits other requirements regarding testing and re-testing for ALS and BLS providers. Ms. Sette said in the proposed regulation brackets [] indicate language to be removed and italics indicate new language.

Mr. DeVries said it was recommended by the EMS Board Committee on National Registry Testing to change the regulation allow more flexibility between taking a course and testing for licensure.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes with the suggested grammatical changes to COMAR 30.02.02.05.

Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn 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).

In Closed Session:

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by phone); Dany Westerband, M.D.; Fred Cross; Sherry Adams; Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Mary Alice Vanhoy (by phone).

Board Members Absent: Roland Berg;

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Goff; Mr. Brown; Mr. Slack; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Oliveira

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSFA: President Roth

In closed session the Board:

1. Discussed arefreshner education program
2. Reviewed EMS provider disciplinary actions;
3. Discussed commitment to facilitating transition to NREMT.

The Board returned to open session.

In Open Session:

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by phone); Dany Westerband, M.D.; Fred Cross; Sherry Adams; Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Mary Alice Vanhoy (by phone).

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Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approved Life Star as an ALS and BLS refresher education program.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.