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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Murray Kalish, MD; Sherry Adams; Sally Showalter, RN; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; David Hexter, M.D.

Board Members Absent: George A. Cross, Jr.; Dany Westerband, M.D; Kyrle W. Preis III

SEMSAC Members Present: Roger Simonds; Kathleen Grote; Wayne Tiemersma; Jennifer Anders, MD; Robert Pattison; Eric Smothers; Karen Doyle; Jeff Fillmore, MD; Brian Frankel; John Filer; Rosemary Kozar, MD; Michael DeRuggiero; Linda Dousa

Others Present:

MFRI: Mr. Cox; Mr. Radcliffe, Mr. Edwards (Ret.)

MSFA: Mr. Bilger

NSC: Dr. Kozar

RACSTC: Ms. Doyle; Dr. Snedeker

Procure Ambulance: Mr. Boone; Ms. Ailiff

Baltimore City FD; Jennifer Guyther

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Mr. Barto; Mr. Bratt; Ms. Myers; Mr. Brown; Mr. Cantera; Mr. Darchicourt; Michael Cooney; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Goff, Ms. Wright-Johnson; Dr. & Mrs. Walker

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

Mr. DeVries opened the meeting and thanked the EMS Board and SEMSAC members for their efforts during the past year and their continued spirit of cooperative excellence which makes the Maryland EMS System successful.

Dr. Kalish said he was looking forward to hiring a new Executive Director this year.

Mr. DeVries said an Executive Search Firm has been engaged. He 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.

MIEMSS

A paper copy of the MIEMSS Report and presentation was distributed.

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of some of the EMS System accomplishments during 2017 including extensive work to improve outcomes for opioid overdoses, the Cardiac Arrest Committees “High performance CPR for Call Takers”, the eLicensure Tool, the finalization of NEMSIS 3.4, the 37 Trauma and Specialty Center and 12 Base Station re-designations, the CRISP interface with EMS, the expansion of Mobile Integrated Health, and the MIH, ED Overcrowding and AED Legislative Reports. He provided a comprehensive summary of Maryland EMS research.

MIEMSS Legislative Update

Ms. Gainer said it has been a significant year for EMS in Maryland. MIEMSS was tasked with three (3) Legislative studies: (1) AED placement, (2) Mobile Integrated Health and (3) ED Overcrowding. Ms. Gainer gave an overview of the reports.

Two Bills MIEMSS is currently monitoring:

- SB 175-Emergency Medical Services-Emergency Medical Services Board-Would remove the statutory prohibition prohibiting from Governor appointing a member of the University of Maryland Medical System Board of Regents, Board of Directors, or an officer or employee of the Medical System or University.
- SB 682 Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance-EMS Providers-Coverage and Reimbursement of Services-Would require EMS providers to be reimbursed by Medicaid and private insurance providers for certain services including mobile integrated health services, treatment without transport, and transport to destinations other than a hospital for certain low-acuity patients.

MFRI

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Mr. DeVries introduced Michael Cox, the new Executive Director of MFRI.

Mr. Cox reported on MFRI’s 2017 statistics regarding student enrollment and the disciplines and programs in which they participated. He said during 2017, MFRI offered seventeen (17) new and revised courses, added the ParSystem test management software which allows feedback on test performance without compromising the integrity of the test, and enhanced Simulation software for all disciplines.

Allen R. Walker, MD, MBA, FAAP

Mr. DeVries recognized Dr. Walker who previously served as the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics representative to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC) from 1997 to

2014 the Pediatric Medical Director for MIEMSS. Mr. DeVries presented Dr. Walker with a plaque and thanked him for his many devoted years of service to the children of Maryland and the EMS System.

Steve Edwards MFRI Executive Director (Ret.)

Mr. DeVries recognized Steven Edwards' many years of leadership at MFRI and dedication to the fire service and the Maryland EMS System. He wished him the best in his future endeavors. Mr. Edwards thanked the Board.

MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC presentation was distributed.

Captain McMinn reported on the Maryland State Police Aviation Command's 2017 mission data, EMS Education Programs, current numbers of EMS providers and pilots, personnel recruitment strategies, and ongoing projects and initiatives.

Captain McMinn highlighted a mission involving an Anne Arundel County MVC on December 24, 2017; and a significant aerial rescue mission on the Chesapeake Bay at the Bay Bridge on January 3, 2018.

RACSTC

A copy of the RACSTC report was distributed.

Ms. Doyle introduced Dr. Kristie Snedeker, Director of Care Management and Clinical Operations.

Ms. Doyle highlighted the RACSTC's 2017 statistics on patient admissions, occupancy rates, OR volumes and clinic volumes. She summarized the RACSTC Go-Team missions and EMS Outreach & Education activities.

National Study Center (NSC)

A copy of the NSC report was distributed.

Dr. Kozar gave an overview of the 2017 NSC research projects for the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She said the new hires are getting up-to-speed since the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network grant has been refunded.

Dr. Kozar said the MIEMSS research and evaluation support continues with developing in-house performance measures for eMEDS data, support for the Trauma QIC and other statewide committees, and facilitating the Research Interest Group.

MSFA

President Bilger said that the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), which represents Fire/EMS volunteer companies, congratulates Mr. Edwards on his retirement and wishes Mr. Cox success in his new position as Executive Director of MFRI.

President Bilger reported that the MSFA has restructured by reducing the number of committees from seventy (70) to twenty (20). He added that the MSFA hired a full time contractual Director in December 2017.

President Bilger said it is a very active Legislative season and that the Friday morning Legislative meetings continue.

President Bilger said the focus for the future of the MSFA is the recruitment of volunteers.

Mr. DeVries thanked President Bilger and said that we could not do what we do without the volunteers. He asked President Bilger to please express the Board's appreciation to the MSFA membership.

Mr. DeVries thanked everyone for their informative reports. He said it was an outstanding year and that the EMS System partners can take pride in all of the accomplishments. He applauded the goals for the EMS system and commitment to making them a reality.

The EMS Board and SEMAC adjourned.