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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA

April 6, 2017

1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Approval of the March 2, 2017 meeting minutes
- II. SEMSAC – Dr. Kalish
 - Introduction of new Region V EMS Advisory Council member
- III. MIEMSS Report – Ms. Gainer
- IV. MSFA Update
- V. MSPAC Update – Captain Konold
- VI. National Study Center – Dr. Kozar
- VII. Committee Reports
 - ALS – No Report
 - BLS – Mr. Tiemersma
 - EMD – No Report
 - MIH Workgroup Update – Dr. Chizmar & Ms. Doyle
 - Draft Recommendations - INFORMATION
 - Regional Affairs – Mr. Smothers
- VIII. Old Business
 - Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities – Ms. Sette & Ms. Myers
- IX. New Business
 - Reversing the Deadly Highway Trend; Moving Maryland Toward Zero Deaths – Mr. Gianni



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Meeting Minutes

SEMSAC Members Present: Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Karen Doyle; Jim Scheulen (phone); Jack Markey; Eric Smothers; Jeffrey Filmore, MD; Melissa Meyers; Wayne Tiemersma; Roger Simonds; Jennifer Anders, MD; Lisa Tenney; Linda Dousa; Tim Chizmar, MD; Kathleen Grote; Scott Haas; Elizabeth Beck for Scott Lowman; Wayne Dyott; Michael DeRuggiero; Rosemary Kozar, MD; Tom Gianni; Karen Vogel; Wade Gaasch, MD (phone); Steve Edwards; Jonathan Lerner; James Fowler; Brian Frankel

Members Absent: Elliot Ganson; Steve Edwards

Others Present: John Donohue; Larry Preston for Steve Edwards

OAG: Fremont Magee

MIEMSS: Richard Alcorta, MD; Pat Gainer; Anna Aycock; Carole Mays; Rae Oliveira; Lisa Myers; Jim Brown; Jonathan Bratt; Phil Hurlock; Tessa Smith; Sean Britton; Barbara Goff

Chairman Kalish opened the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Action: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting as written.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish introduced Chief Brian Frankel as the new Region V EMS Advisory Council representative to SEMSAC.

Dr. Kalish circulated a SEMSAC Committee sign-up sheet to the members.

MIEMSS Report

Ms. Gainer and Ms. Myers gave an update on the bills of interest during the 2017 legislative session and highlighted the Public Safety Bill. Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS has been tasked with providing two studies to the legislature, by November and December 2017 respectively, regarding the impact on response times due to Emergency Department overcrowding and the financial impact of existing MIH programs and the potential for expansion.

Opioid Operational Command Center (O OCC)

Governor Larry Hogan has signed an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency in response to the heroin, opioid, and fentanyl crisis in Maryland and across the country. Heroin-related deaths have nearly doubled in the last year in Maryland. This declaration activates the

Governor's emergency management authority and enables increased and more rapid coordination between the state and local jurisdictions.

Maryland State Incident Management Team

Mr. Bratt, MIEMSS' Director of Regional Programs, gave an overview of the Maryland State Incident Management Team program. He said that the mission of the multi-jurisdictional State Incident Management Team (IMT) is to be an all hazards multi-functional, team to support the local jurisdictions and/or the State for complex multi-operational period incidents or events with a fully credentialed and qualified IMT.

Mr. Simonds suggested that Mr. Bratt reach out to the Metro Fire Chiefs.

Communication System Upgrade

MIEMSS determined that it was in the best interest of the State to cancel the original Statewide EMS Communication System Upgrade RFP released August 29, 2016 and release an updated RFP at a future date. The Agency released an updated RFP on February 27, 2017 with a closing date of June 1, 2017.

Trauma

Prevention:

Ms. Mays reported that in recognition of April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Maryland Trauma Quality Improvement Committee (TQIC), made up of representatives from the Maryland Trauma Centers, held a Distracted Driving Prevention Awareness day, April 5, 2017, at trauma centers across the state. Distracted driving continues to be a dangerous, escalating problem on Maryland's roadways. The following trauma centers have prepared events to bring statewide awareness to distracted driving and how it can be prevented: The Johns Hopkins Hospital Adult Trauma Center, Johns Hopkins Children's Center, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital Wilmer Eye Center, Suburban Hospital Trauma Center - Johns Hopkins Medicine, Peninsula Regional Medical Center, Prince George's Hospital Center, Sinai Hospital, Western Maryland Health System, Meritus Medical Center, Children's National Health System, and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

Ms. Mays said that this May, National Trauma Awareness Month celebrates its 29th anniversary supporting efforts to *StopTheBleed*. *StopTheBleed* is a nationwide campaign to empower individuals to act quickly and save lives.

Trauma Regulations

Ms. Mays submitted the draft changes to the Trauma Regulations to SEMSAC for review.

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Ms. Gainer said that early discussions have begun with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center regarding possible avenues for civilian and military entities to integrate. Ms. Gainer and Ms. Mays will be attending the Military Trauma Conference on April 18 & 19, 2017.

Burn Center Regulations

Ms. Mays said that the Burn Center Regulations are currently under review for any needed updating.

2017 Maryland Medical Protocols

The 2017 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers is in final production and will be available through the Online Training Center. Once the training is online, DVD versions may be requested through the MIEMSS Regional Offices for use at company-level drills. All Maryland EMS providers must complete the EMS Update 2017 before July 1, 2017.

EMR – EMT Bridge

The BLS Committee developed a process to streamline the transition of EMR - Emergency Medical Responder (formerly known as FR-First Responder) level providers to an EMT- Emergency Medical Technician certification. The EMR to EMT Bridge Process will still require the Maryland certified EMR to enroll in and successfully complete an EMT Course, but not all course sessions would require attendance. The BLS Best Practices subcommittee identified portions of the EMT program that can be credited towards the education and experience of the Maryland Certified EMR. The Bridge will reduce the in classroom time by 21 hours.

Ms. Gainer introduced two new MIEMSS employees; Tessa Smith, EMS Infectious Disease Program Coordinator and Sean Britton, EMS Preparedness Planner.

MSFA

Mr. Hurlock reported on the recent passing of the father of MSFA Past President and former EMS Board member Gene Worthington.

Mr. Hurlock said the next meeting of the MSFA Executive Committee will be held on April 22 & 23 at Water Witch Fire Department and that the MSFA Convention in Ocean City starts on June 17, 2017. All are welcome.

MSPAC Captain Konold

Captain Konold reported that Major Lowman retired effective April 1, 2017. Captain Konold will be the acting commander of the Aviation Command until a replacement is named by the Superintendent.

The FTD has been constructed and inspected by MSPAC personnel. Delivery of the FTD is being coordinated with Leonardo (formerly Agusta Westland) to plan the FTD arrival as the building nears completion. This is important as the FTD needs to be temperature and humidity controlled.

Construction of the flight training building has begun. DGS reported at the last progress meeting that the expected construction completion date is currently late summer / early fall of 2017 assuming no additional and unexpected delays occur. The MSPAC is briefed every two weeks by DGS and we will provide additional information as it becomes available. Once the FTD is fully operational, it will be instrumental in reducing flight time on the AW-139 fleet.

NATIONAL STUDY CENTER (NSC)

Dr. Kozar gave an overview of the projects that NSC staff is working on with MIEMSS and the Maryland Highway Safety Office. She said that Cynthia Burch, NSC Senior Epidemiologist, is in

residence at MIEMSS one day a week to work with the MIEMSS Data Management office to develop standard reporting mechanisms and automate analyses using core data.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALS Committee – No Report

BLS Committee – No Report

EMD Committee – No Report

Mobil Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup: Dr. Chizmar & Ms. Doyle

(A paper copy of the MIH Recommendations Document was distributed for review)

Ms. Doyle reported that the MIH Workgroup has finalized the MIH Recommendations document for review by SEMSAC and if there are no requested changes, will be seeking endorsement of the document at the next meeting for submission to the EMS Board.

Dr. Chizmar gave an overview of the MIH Recommendations including scope of practice, the current pilot MIH programs, and the need for jurisdictional needs assessments.

Ms. Doyle said that there are currently no sustainable funding sources for MIH; but there are innovative grants that jurisdictions can explore. UMMC and UMMS have expressed interest in partnering with local EMS on MIH initiatives.

Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS will be working with participants on the MIH workgroup on the Legislative MIH work study group.

Regional Affairs

Mr. Bratt gave an overview of the 50/50 grants status, the extension of the AED grant, and the State Highway (SHA) Active Assailant equipment grant which unfortunately does not adequately fund all programs. An additional grant request is being sent to SHA for funding the replacement of expired equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities Regulation (FEMF)

(A paper copy of the proposed changes were distributed)

Ms. Sette gave an overview of the comments received after the draft FEMF Regulation was published in the Maryland Register and submitted proposed changes to the FEMF Regulation. Ms. Sette said if recommended by SEMSAC and approved by the Board the updated regulation will be republished in the Maryland Register. Ms. Sette asked for the endorsement and recommendation by SEMSAC of the FEMF Regulations with changes to the EMS Board.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Filmore, seconded by Ms. Meyers, the SEMSAC voted unanimously to recommend the EMS Board consider the updated FEMF Regulations for re-publication in the Maryland Register.

NEW BUSINESS

Reversing the Deadly Highway Trend: Moving Maryland Toward Zero Deaths – Mr. Gianni

Mr. Gianni highlighted information in his distributed presentation regarding statistical crash and fatal crash trends in Maryland; including crash causation i.e. seatbelt usage, impaired driving and speed/aggressive driving. Although fatal crashes saw a considerable downturn between 1960 and 2015; Maryland has seen an uptick in 2016. Mr. Gianni illustrated a comparison in unemployment and crash data; the lower unemployment rates showed an uptick in the crash rate.

Mr. Gianni closed his presentation by saying that better data on trauma outcomes would assist SHA in obtaining more accurate crash data. He gave a brief overview of a “Trauma Band Project” being conducted in Arkansas.

SEMSAC adjourned by acclamation.