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***Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)***

***AGENDA***

March 2, 2017  
1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Approval of November & December 2016 and January 2017 EMS Board / SEMSAC Joint Meeting minutes
- II. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
- III. Legislative Report – Ms. Gainer
  - Various Bills of Interest – Ms. Myers
- IV. SEMSAC – Dr. Kalish
  - Introductions of new members
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. MSPAC Update – Captain Beck
- VII. National Study Center – No Report
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - ALS – Dr. Fillmore
  - BLS – Mr. Tiemersma
  - EMD – Mr. Markey
  - MIH Workgroup Update – Dr. Chizmar & Ms. Doyle
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
  - Trauma Regulations – INFORMATION – Ms. Mays



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### **Meeting Minutes**

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**SEMSAC Members Present:** Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Karen Doyle (phone); Jack Markey; Eric Smothers; Steve Edwards; 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; Wade Gaasch, MD; Steve Edwards; Jonathan Lerner; James Fowler

**Members Absent:** Rosemary Kozar, MD; Tom Gianni; Karen Vogel; Jim Scheulen; Elliot Ganson

**Others Present:** Scott Wheatley; Roger Stone, MD; Bill Dousa; Mark Fletcher

**OAG:** Fremont Magee

**MIEMSS:** Richard Alcorta, MD; Pat Gainer; Anna Aycock; Carole Mays; Rae Oliveira; Lisa Myers; John Donohue; Jim Brown; Jon Bratt; David Goroff; Phil Hurlock; Ryan McDonald; Barbara Goff

Chairman Kalish opened the meeting at 1:02 pm.

**Action:** A motion was made, seconded and unanimously agreed upon to approve the minutes from the November & December 2016 meetings and the January 2017 EMS Board / SEMSAC Joint Meeting with one change under the STC report: change the completion date of the helipad from “September 2016” to “September 2017.”

#### **SEMSAC Report**

Dr. Kalish introduced two new SEMSAC members: Jason Day representing the Association of Critical Care Nurses; and Tim Burns, representing the Professional Firefighters of Maryland.

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

#### **MIEMSS Report**

Dr. Alcorta announced that John Donohue, Director, EMS Interagency Incident Planning & Response, is retiring from MIEMSS with over 30 years of state service. Dr. Alcorta commended John on his dedicated service to MIEMSS. Dr. Alcorta added that John will be taking a position as Deputy Director of the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services.

Dr. Alcorta updated SEMSAC members on the following projects and initiatives:

Statewide EMS Communication System Upgrade

MIEMSS continues to support the legacy equipment making repairs as necessary. Agency Communications Engineering staff is also continuing to make system improvements out of the agency operating budget to mitigate identified risks. The improvements include installing licensed microwave links, upgrading microwave links, replacing equipment that is no longer eligible for vendor support, adding network aggregation points to improve bandwidth utilization and addressing network Quality of Service.

The move to IP based operations and elimination of the remaining identified vulnerabilities will be completed under the System Integrator (SI) RFP. After consulting with DoIT, MIEMSS cancelled the first RFP on February 6th as cancellation was the best interests of the State. MIEMSS re-released the SI RFP on February 27th. We believe the majority of the work to complete the Communications Project will be accomplished before the end of FY 2019.

### National Continued Competency Program (NCCP)

Effective July 1, 2016, Maryland moved to the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) model for the National Registry certification renewal process. The NCCP model applies to EMR, EMT, and Paramedic providers renewing with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). The model consists of three categories of continuing education (National, Local, and Individual) and, for most levels, requires reduced hours and offers an increase in the amount of distributive education that can be used towards recertification.

ALS providers: Maryland Paramedics are required to maintain NREMT certification in order to be eligible for Maryland Paramedic licensure. Since the NREMT is in the process of phasing out the I-99 provider level and encourages the transition to Paramedic by the 2018-2019 recertification cycles, the NREMT will not switch over their current I-99 renewal to the NCCP model. Therefore, Maryland CRT/I-99 providers will have the choice of renewing through the NREMT at 72 hours, until the end their transition period, or renew as a Maryland CRT through a state process that will mirror the Paramedic NCCP requirement of 60 hours.

*Note: Maryland CRTs who do not renew through the NREMT 72-hour process will be allowing their National Registry certification to lapse. CRTs must maintain their Maryland licenses. If a Maryland CRT allows their state license to lapse, they will be required to reinstate their CRT license in order to function at the CRT level. The reinstatement process for Maryland CRT requires retesting the NREMT I-99 cognitive examination.*

BLS providers (EMR and EMT): BLS providers will continue to renew through the current Maryland renewal process. However, BLS providers who choose to obtain or maintain NREMT certification will fall under the new NCCP model for National Registry as well.

A breakdown for each Maryland provider level and information on the NCCP model can be found at [bit.ly/2a0Dcy](http://bit.ly/2a0Dcy) for under the EMS Providers tab on MIEMSS' website ([www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org)).

### Opioid Operational Command Center (OOC)

To better enable state and local coordination to respond to the Opioid Overdose crisis, Governor Hogan has declared a State of Emergency in all counties and Baltimore City. This order elevates the OOC to reside within Maryland Emergency Management Agency to coordinate more closely, effectively, and rapidly with emergency management personnel in all 24 jurisdictions across the state.

The governor is appointing his Senior Advisor for emergency management, Clay Stamp, to manage these coordinated efforts. Governor Hogan is committing \$50 million over five years in additional funding to directly address this crisis.

### Maryland Medical Protocols

The EMS Update 2017, including the new revisions for the 2017 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers, is in final production and will be available through the Online Training Center and a DVD version that can be requested through the MIEMSS Regional Offices for use at company-level drills. Remember, all Maryland EMS providers must complete the EMS Update 2017 before July 1, 2017.

### Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities Regulations (FEMF)

Comments on the proposed published FEMF regulations have been received and being compiled for the final draft proposal. It is anticipated that the comments on the proposed regulations will be presented at the next meeting.

### Legislative Report – Ms. Gainer

Ms. Gainer said the MEMSOF and MIEMSS Budget hearings on February 24 and March 1, 2017, went well.

Ms. Gainer said that in order to address the concerns raised during the 2016 session regarding differences between the DBM and DLS projections for MEMSOF, the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) performed an audit of the EMSOF. The results of the audit which were released in January have provided assurance that the entities funded by the MEMSOF appropriately expended the funds allocated to them and that the EMSOF is projected to be viable through 2023. In the audit report, the OLA recommended designating an administering agency for the MEMSOF to ensure that accountability over all fund transactions and year-end reconciliations. The EMS Board, MIEMSS and the EMSOF partners all concurred with the recommendation.

### MIEMSS Bills of Interest – Ms. Myers

**HB 216/SB 269** - Emergency Veterinary Care-Immunity from Liability; Both bills have had committee hearings; HB 216 has passed the House and moved over to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. MIEMSS testified in support of the bill.

HB 216 would allow individuals other than veterinarians, specifically first responders, to provide aid to animals at the scene of an emergency and would provide immunity from civil liability when doing so. Under current Maryland law, only persons licensed, registered or authorized by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may practice veterinary medicine, which includes “treatment of any nature.” Providing such treatment without this authorization is a misdemeanor, and individuals doing so are subject to a fine and imprisonment. Additionally, civil immunity for Good Samaritan emergency aid would only be afforded to persons licensed to provide veterinary care or who work under the direct supervision of a veterinary practitioner.

### **SB 427/HB 522** - Food Services Facilities-Automated External Defibrillator

SB 427 will require certain restaurants with annual gross income of greater than \$400,000 or seating for greater than 50 patrons to establish an automated external defibrillator (AED) program that meet the requirements of Maryland’s Public Access AED Program.

Both bills have had committee hearings and SB 427 has passed out of the Senate. MIEMSS provided data and a letter of information to the committees.

### **SB570/HB658 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program-Telehealth Requirements**

SB570/HB 658 would alter the requirements for reimbursement by Medicaid to expand where telehealth may be provided, what services may be considered telehealth, and who may be approved as a telehealth provider. MIEMSS provided a letter of information that included background on Mobile Integrated Health Programs and existing reimbursement requirements for EMS providers. Both bills had committee hearings on February 22.

### **HB 1410 - Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle riders-Exception**

HB 1410 would repeal Maryland Universal Motorcycle Helmet law for riders and their passengers from wearing protective headgear if the driver is at least age 21, has been licensed for a minimum of two years, and has completed a specified motorcycle safety course. Hearing is scheduled for March 9. MIEMSS will provide a letter of information that will include data and statistics from the Maryland Trauma Registry and NHTSA.

### **SB 466 - Public Safety 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System-Revisions**

SB 466 would do several things including establishing a 9-1-1 Advisory Council to provide recommendations to the ENSB on Next Generation 9-1-1. It also would expand workers' compensation for certain heart related illnesses to EMDs if the EMD follows the "protocol". The bill hearing was February 14 and has not been voted upon by the committee. There was much discussion at the hearing, including by the bill sponsor for there to be a workgroup and/or summer study on which MIEMSS would plan to participate to monitor the EMD protocol discussion and provide information as needed.

### **HB 1380 – Public Safety – State Fire Marshal – Appointment and Term**

HB 1380 would repeal the requirement that the Secretary of the State Police appoint the State Fire Marshal; requiring instead that the Governor appoint the State Fire Marshal with the advice and consent of the Senate; reducing the term that the State Fire Marshal serves and requiring that the term of the State Fire Marshal under certain circumstances after following certain procedures. Ms. Gainer said that the MSFA was opposing the bill.

### **MSFA**

Ms. Dousa said that at the recent MSFA Executive Committee meeting concerns were again raised regarding the National Registry testing of EMTs and EMRs.

Ms. Dousa said the next meeting of the MSFA Executive Committee will be held on April 22 & 23 at Water Witch Fire Department. All are welcome.

### **MSPAC Captain Beck for Major Lowman**

Captain Beck said that the Flight Training Device (FTD) is awaiting shipment pending final resolution of issues detected during pre-delivery inspection in July 2016. Delivery of the FTD is being coordinated with Leonardo (formerly Agusta Westland) to plan the FTD arrival as the building nears completion.

Captain Beck said construction of the flight training building has begun, and the FTD building components have arrived at Martins. Barring any additional and unexpected delays, DGS anticipates construction completion by July 2017. The MSPAC is briefed every two weeks by DGS and will provide regular updates as available. Recurrent training for pilots continues to be outsourced to RotorSim. Once the FTD is fully operational, it will assist in reducing flight time on the AW-139 fleet.

Captain Beck announced the retirement of Major Lowman effective April 1, 2017. Captain Konold will assume the role of Acting Commander.

## **NATIONAL STUDY CENTER (NSC) – No report**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ALS Committee

Dr. Filmore said the ALS Committee met in January. Online registration was discussed. Anyone needing assistance with the online registration should contact Terrell Buckson [tbuckson@miemss.org](mailto:tbuckson@miemss.org) or call: 410-706-3666.

#### BLS Committee

Mr. Tiemersma said that the BLS Committee continues to monitor the National Registry (NR) EMT and EMR pass rates. NR pass rates have improved significantly, but there are still jurisdictional concerns regarding testing.

The new language for BLS reciprocity is complete.

The BLS Committee has been working with MIEMSS Licensure to create scenarios for medication testing as well as piloting a same day re-testing policy for students who have failed a station during their practical testing.

The next BLS committee meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2017.

#### EMD Committee

Mr. Markey said the EMD Committee met on February 21, 2017, and received an informative briefing on Cyber Security by Mr. David Crossley, currently with MCAC.

A plan to hire a contractor to assess the needs and capabilities for the NEXTGEN 911 was approved by the Numbers Board. The target for completion is 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017; Montgomery County will host.

#### MIH Workgroup: Dr. Chizmar & Ms. Doyle

Dr. Chizmar and Ms. Doyle reported that the MIH Workgroup is finalizing a MIH recommendations document and anticipates presenting to the SEMSAC at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: N/A**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Adult Trauma Standards

Ms. Mays distributed the Adult Trauma Standards to the members. She said that representatives from the Adult Trauma Centers in Maryland formed a workgroup in 2015 to consider updates to the trauma regulations. She said that the document being distributed is a consensus of that effort and that she would request SEMSAC to approve the draft document at a later date.

SEMSAC adjourned by acclamation.