

STATE OF MARYLAND

STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2007

SEMSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chief Roger Simonds, NREMT-P (Chair); Murray A. Kalish, M.D., (Vice Chair); John Spearman (representing John Ashworth); Jeffrey L. Fillmore, M.D.; Scott A. Haas, EMT-P; Carole Ann Mays, RN; Kathleen Grote, EMT-P; Major A.J. McAndrew; Deputy Chief David H. Balthis; James Fowler III, EMT-B; Wade Gaasch, M.D.; James Scheulen; Rebecca Spicer (representing Steven T. Edwards); Joe Brown, RN, NREMT-P; Roland Berg, NREMT-P.

SEMSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Lipps; Zeina Khouri RN; Kathryn Yamamoto, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.; Wendell Baxter; Tom Reilly; David M. Crane, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.; Charles Wills; Tom Scalea, M.D., F.A.C.S.; Denise Graham; Allen Walker, M.D.; Sharon Henry, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.; Kenneth May; George Delaplaine.

MIEMSS STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Bass; John New; Lisa Myers; Chris Hyzer; John Donohue; Jim Brown; Dr. Alcorta; Dr. Doug Floccare; Leroy Marshall; Robert Dubansky; Sherry Alban; Beth Magee; Pat Gainer; Joe Davis; Chris Handley; Chad Packard; William Seifarth; Andy Trohanis; Page Trissell; John Barto;

OAG: E. Fremont Magee.

Shock Trauma Center/UMMS: Robbi Hartsock; Brenda Johnson; Jaime Higgins

Anne Arundel County Fire Department: Chief F X O'Connell; Lee Cornwell; Amy Kernan

Maryland State Police: Captain Cornwell

MSFA: President Sterling; Second Vice President Powell

Others present:

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

Action: Moved (Mr. Fowler), seconded (Major McAndrew), passed unanimously to support the minutes of the September 6 and October 4, 2007 SEMSAC meetings.

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Bass

Work on the cardiac intervention center regulations is continuing. A draft is expected to be ready by the spring of 2008 with the expectation the regulations will be in place by the late summer or fall of 2008.

Reports to the General Assembly on AEDs, ATVs, and Occupational Exposures are nearly finished and will be presented to the General Assembly shortly.

EMAIS® continues to progress and is being adopted by Prince George's County and Baltimore City .

Joe Brown is welcomed as the Metro Chiefs representative to SEMSAC.

Condolence goes out to Craig Coleman whose mother passed away last week.

Leonard King is working hard to recover from his recent stroke.

Three employees of MIEMSS, each of whom has served the agency and its predecessor for more than 30 years, will retire at the end of 2007 – Dave Ramsey, Andy Trohanis and Tom Miller. A reception in their honor will take place following the EMS Board meeting on December 11, 2007.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Chief Roger Simonds There was no November SEMSAC meeting.

National Study Center Director's Report-None

BLS Committee Report – Mr. Seifarth

Continued working on the EMTB instructor skills project, focused on lower extremity injuries. The purpose of the project is to develop resources for instructors to promote consistency in the methods of instruction

ALS Committee Report – Mr. Haas

Discussed the NREMT's requirement for accreditation of all paramedic programs which is a huge hurdle for many Maryland programs. The Committee is seeking solutions. Also, there's progress on the simulation technology committee which is focused on seeking supplements and possibly alternatives to clinical experiences in hospitals. We also discussed, at length, the role AEMT will have in Maryland, as well as the potential for keeping CRT99 in place.

Regional Affairs Report – Chief F X O'Connell

The Regional Affairs Committee meet today and adopted bylaws which are before SEMSAC for approval.

The Committee also approved the Maryland Mass Casualty Plan and the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Plan which are also before SEMSAC for approval.

The Committee reviewed proposed funding for HHS bioterrorism grants from DHMH, and several jurisdictions are concerned that the funding will not be available in time for them to use it due to budget planning deadlines.

Action: Moved (Mr. Haas), seconded (Mr. Fowler), passed unanimously to support bylaws as adopted by the Regional Affairs Committee.

Old Business

EMS Provider Status Report– Mr. Seifarth

Mr. Seifarth reviewed the most current Maryland EMS provider statistics.

New EMS Education Standards – Mr. Seifarth

Mr. Seifarth made a PowerPoint presentation describing the proposed NHTSA national standards for EMS providers.

There was a discussion of what input Maryland would have in deciding whether and how to implement the proposed standards.

There was a discussion regarding how to provide the clinical practice requirements which are increased for BLS education under the proposed standards in light of the current scarcity of resources available to meet present ALS training requirements.

Dr. Alcorta explained that while the national scope of practice is a model, Maryland implementation is a state issue and matters of state concern will be addressed individually.

Dr. Bass noted two issues confronting Maryland EMS in connection with the national scope – how to position the intermediate level provider in Maryland and how to maintain accreditation of Maryland EMS educational programs under the National Registry requirements.

Helicopter MOU & SYSCOM protocol – Dr. Floccare

Dr. Floccare reviewed the experience of the use of commercial air ambulance services as back up to the Maryland State Police MEDEVAC program since 2005. Mr. Scheulen will

be heading the medical review committee which provides quality assurance review for the MEDEVAC operation.

Dr. Bass reviewed the inquiries from the 2007 General Assembly concerning operation of the MEDEVAC program and the integration of commercial air ambulance service into the operation.

A video of a recent WBAL TV report on the subject was shown and discussed.

There was further discussion as to whether the current Memorandum of Understanding under which commercial air ambulance services provide scene MEDEVAC services required any modification, and it was suggested that any proposal for a modification, should one be needed, should first come from the MEDEVAC medical review committee.

Maryland Mass Casualty Catastrophic Incident Plan – John Donohue

The Maryland Mass Casualty Catastrophic Incident Plan drafted by MIEMSS has been reviewed by all of the Regional Councils, the MSFA, and the Metro Fire Chiefs with no adverse comments. It was approved today by the Regional Affairs Committee. The next step will be presentation to the EMS Board and the GEMAC Health and Medical Committee.

Action: Moved (Mr. Fowler), seconded (Major McAndrew), passed unanimously to support the Maryland Mass Casualty Catastrophic Incident Plan.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program – Chief Simonds

The Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program, which is a voluntary effort to insure that public safety ambulances are properly equipped, has been updated. The medical directors and the EMS subcommittee of the MSFA and the executive board of the MSFA have approved the updates. Dr. Alcorta supports the changes.

Action: Moved (Mr. Scheulen), seconded (Dr. Fillmore), passed unanimously to support the updated Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program.

Nomination and Election of 2008 SEMSAC Officers

Action: Moved (Mr. Haas), seconded (Dr. Fillmore), passed unanimously to re-elect the current Chair and Co-Chair.

Drunk Driving Media Campaign – Jim Brown

Mr. Brown showcased the media materials prepared and circulated under a grant from the National Highway Safety Administration through the Maryland Department of

Transportation and MIEMSS for the 2007 Impaired Drivers Awareness Media Campaign. The materials have been created and distributed throughout the state via TV spots, posters, mass transit advertising, Ravens games materials and public vehicle signage as result of the efforts of the successful vendor, Pinnacle Communications Resource Company, LLC, MIEMSS' employees and public safety personnel throughout the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.