

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2009

Members Present: M. Kalish; A. Walker; R. Berg; S. Edwards; S. Haas; K. May; G. Delaplaine; D. Crane; C. Mays; L. Dousa; J. Scheulen; M. Meyers; R. Simonds; K. Grote; K. Yamamoto; T. Kerns for A. Faden; A. McAndrew; W. Gaasch; J. Fillmore; R. Lipps.

Members Absent: S. Henry; D. Graham; J. Brown; W. Baxter; J. Spearman; J. Fowler.

MIEMSS Staff: R. Bass; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; D. Floccare; A. Aycock; R. Alcorta; J. Barto; M. Beachley; S. Alban; R. Dubansky; L. Chervon; R. Meighen; P. Hurlock; W. Seifarth.

OAG: E. Fremont Magee

Others Present: W. Dousa; J. Meurrens; D. Lewis; M. FX O'Connell

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m.

The November 5, 2009 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Robert Bass

- Reported cases of H1N1 are declining however a second wave could occur during the holidays. Healthcare providers are still urged to get vaccinated for both seasonal influenza and H1N1 as soon as possible. Everyone else is encouraged to be vaccinated for both seasonal influenza and H1N1 as soon as vaccine is available.
- There have been a few reported cases of Tamiflu resistance in patients that have been hospitalized with H1N1.
- The EMAIS® Next Generation RFP has been completed and submitted to the Department of IT for review.
- MIEMSS hoped to receive funding sufficient to cover the cost of EMAIS® Next Generation for all jurisdictions, however was not initially awarded as much as anticipated. MDOT subsequently awarded additional funds that may be adequate to cover the cost of EMAIS® Next Generation however, until the final cost is determined, MIEMSS is holding a portion of the FY 2010 equipment matching grant funds. Awards have been made to all jurisdictions that have applied for priority funding and the remaining funds will be released as soon as the final cost of EMAIS® Next Generation has been determined.
- The Stroke Program Coordinator position has been filled by Anna Aycock, RN. Ms. Aycock is initially focusing on quality assurance by working with the hospital stroke coordinators.
- MIEMSS has upgraded to a more comprehensive version of HC Standard to monitor hospital resources including bed status as well as the administration of the County Hospital Alert Tracking System (CHATS). The upgraded version of HC Standard allows hospitals to go on alert directly without entry by an EMRC operator. HC Standard also has a patient tracking tool that was recently used for

the merger of Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Braddock Hospital to the new Western Maryland Regional Medical Center. The hospitals transferred patients to the new facility on November 21, 2009. A dashboard is being developed that when completed will be able to integrate all information onto one screen.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish

Dr. Kalish reported on the following items from the November 10, 2009 EMS Board meeting:

- The proposed revisions to the SEMSAC By Laws were approved and will become effective in January 2010.
- The EMS data submission regulation was discussed but no action was taken. The implementation date for the regulation is to be pushed back to October 2010.
- The STEMI regulations were discussed for informational purposes only.

National Study Center Report-Tim Kerns (on behalf of Dr. Faden)

- A CODES update took place the past two days at NHTSA
- A grand rounds webinar was hosted yesterday to include other states' data sets related to highway safety; the goal is for the program to be useful for other states to evaluate their programs.

ALS Committee-No report

Regional Affairs-Michael FX O'Connell

- 50:50 matching grants were prioritized to fund requests for LifePak 12's since production of the units will end on December 31, 2009.
- Federal FY '09 Bioterrorism grant has been changed to allow a three year expenditure of funds from the original requirement of a one year expenditure. There is a new condition that pre hospital and hospital providers must coordinate the expenditure of funds on a regional level.
- Regional Affairs will monitor federal legislation.

BLS Committee-William Seifarth

- The BLS committee is continuing to work on education standards for EMR and EMT.
- The final version of the EMT refresher curriculum was presented and approved unanimously to be taken to the EMS Board for consideration. If approved by the EMS Board, the curriculum would become effective July 1, 2010.

EMS Education Standards Operations Committee-meeting December 4, 2009.
The committee is reviewing COMAR Title 30 to see what regulations need to be modified in order to implement the Education Standards by 2012.

EMD Committee-scheduled to meet later this month

Old Business

- Major McAndrew reported the helicopter procurement technical review is complete and financial review of proposals is underway. The Centerville to Easton Base move is in progress with plans to move by mid-late December 2009. NTSB released the final report on the September 28, 2008 medevac helicopter crash. The report is consistent with the information contained in the preliminary report. The complaint filed by American Eurocopter has been withdrawn.
- Dr. Bass gave an overview of the third draft of the Cardiac Interventional Center Standards (proposed COMAR 30.08.15) and reported that there may still be some opposition but this version has achieved the greatest consensus of any of the drafts distributed for public comment. The system will have to work with the community hospitals that do not provide primary PCI to assure patients are appropriately transferred to hospitals that perform primary PCI when possible, using the *Interhospital Transfer Resource Manual* for guidance. The EMS protocol is in place and the 30 minute drive time rule applies to STEMI patients being transported by ground units to a hospital that performs primary PCI. Drive-times of greater than 30 minutes to a primary PCI center will result in the patient being transported to the closest emergency department for evaluation and potential transfer. Utilization of helicopters from the scene will have to be considered on a regional basis. The proposed regulations were approved unanimously to be taken to the EMS Board for consideration.
- Dr. Alcorta reviewed the changes to the 2010 protocols that were presented at the November 5, 2009 SEMSAC meeting for information. The protocols were approved unanimously to be taken to the EMS Board for consideration,
- Chief Simonds reported that the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program is to be presented to the MSFA in February 2010.

New Business

- Phil Hurlock presented the names of the jurisdictional advisory council officers to SEMSAC for approval. Both officers were unanimously approved by SEMSAC.
- The annual Joint EMS Board-SEMSAC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2010 @ 9 a.m. at MIEMSS.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.