

**SEMSAC Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2010**

**Members Present:** K. Doyle; D. Crane; G. Delaplaine; J. Fillmore; J. Fowler; W. Gaasch; K. Grote; S. Haas; W. Bernard for M. Gibbons; M. Kalish; E. Mowbray; M. Meyers; R. Lipps; A. Faden; K. May; J. Scheulen; R. Simonds; C. Mays; A. Walker; R. Berg; K. Yamamoto; S. Edwards; J. Markey by telephone.

**Members Absent:** L. Dousa; S. Henry; M. Grossman; J. Brown; W. Baxter.

**MIEMSS:** R. Bass; L. Myers; P. Hurlock; A. Aycock; L. Rowe; D. Floccare; R. Alcorta; C. Hyzer; J. Kelly; M. Beachley.

**OAG:** E.F. Magee

**MSFA:** D. Cox; J. Denver

**STC:** R. Hartsock

**Region III Council:** M. O'Connell

Dr. Kalish opened the meeting with an introduction to new member Erica Mowbray.

The September 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

**Executive Director's Report-Dr. Bass**

Electronic Patient Care Record, "EMEDS"

Progress continues with the implementation of the new database for ePCR, EMEDS. There is the ability for CAD interface as well as a dashboard option. Three jurisdictions are piloting EMEDS with rollout to all jurisdictions planned for early 2011. Highlights of the enhanced ePCR include better access to data, the ability to generate maps, reports, graphs, and mobile applications.

Trauma Center Study

The study has been delayed because of challenges obtaining certain data. MHCC anticipates completion in March 2011. Proposed revisions to the trauma regulations require data from the study in order to proceed.

MSP Helicopter Basing Study

A report on the recommended number of MSP helicopters and bases is nearing completion for submission to the Maryland General Assembly. Once complete, results from the report will be shared with SEMSAC.

### Ambulance Safety Task Force

The committee met over the summer. No highway safety funding is currently available but other funding options may be available. The goal of the Task Force is to make recommendations for ambulance and emergency scene safety that will be rolled out at a statewide summit in the spring of 2011.

### CDC Reminder

The CDC has posted an update on the treatment of patients with blast injuries that is posted in the CDC website under “What’s New”.

### FCC Narrowband Frequency Requirement

The FCC mandated a change from wideband to narrowband frequency by 2013 which will require converting the existing radios and towers. The cost of radios in January 2011 is anticipated to increase significantly. Jurisdictions are being encouraged to purchase radios in advance. A MIEMSS grant is available for the purchase of mobile/portable radios up to \$1,300 per radio.

### STEMI

Several applications for cardiac interventional center designation have been received and MIEMSS staff are in the process of conducting site surveys. Regional planning is underway and the need to include out of state hospitals has been identified in some of the regions. MIEMSS will announce all the hospitals that have been designated, as well as the out of state hospitals after all the site surveys have been completed in early spring 2011.

### CRT-I99

The national registry has agreed to continue providing the CRT-I99 test which is good news for Maryland, however the CRT-I99 will not be nationally recognized.

### Education, Licensure, Certification Department Vacancy

Applications for the Director vacancy have been submitted and are being reviewed.

### Telemedicine

Planning by several stakeholders for the use of telemedicine, primarily for stroke is underway in Maryland. The ability for a neurologist to provide remote consultation for acute stroke patients when a neurologist is not available onsite would allow patients in certain areas of the state to have access to critical time sensitive treatment not currently available. There may be opportunities for other specialties to utilize a telemedicine network of care as well. A Task Force is meeting to develop recommendations for a telemedicine system in Maryland which MIEMSS has been asked to coordinate.

### MSP Helicopter Procurement

The Board of Public Works approved the purchase of new Agusta Westland AW139 helicopters for the MSP. The BPW approved the purchase of 6 helicopters over 18 months with an option for the purchase of up to 6 more in the future depending on the

outcome of the Basing Study. The new helicopters are faster and have more capabilities than the existing helicopters. The Expert Panel report included recommendations for a second provider and MSP is recommending the addition of a second pilot to the aircraft which will have budget implications due the increased personnel costs. Initial training will be conducted by the factory in lieu of a flight simulator.

#### 2011 Legislative Session

The viability of the MEMSOF is anticipated to be a key focus area for the upcoming legislative session. Without any additional costs, MEMSOF is projected to be insolvent in FY 2013. With additional costs, the fund is projected to be insolvent in FY 2012. The vehicle registration fees allocated to MEMSOF are not keeping up with inflationary operating costs of the agencies whose budgets have remained flat for the last 5 years. Long-term viability of the MEMSOF must be addressed.

Other possible areas of focus may be the results of the basing study, the addition of a new level trauma center, and ambulance safety requirements.

#### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Kalish**

Dr. Kalish reported on the July and September 2010 EMS Board Meeting Action items as follows:

#### **National Study Center-Dr. Faden**

- A ten year report on fire engine and ambulance crashes was completed for MIEMSS.
- A report on ambulance transports is also being completed.
- Dr. Gordon Smith is receiving an APHA award next week.
- A paper on Traumatic Brain Injury as a chronic disorder was submitted.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **BLS-Rae Oliveira**

- Skills Competency Verification: A copy of the matrix for the Skills Competency Verification evaluation as well as examples of skill check-off sheets was distributed. The first pilot will be held in January at MFRI-SMRTC. The program is expected to be available to all by March 2011
- NREMT-B for Maryland renewal: The required forms (EMT-B Certification Renewal form and the updated Affiliation and Student Application Release form) are available for use on the MIEMSS website.
- EMT Pilot programs: Visited with both sessions of the Anne Arundel Community College Program. The student advised all is going well, only concern was the difficulty of the module quizzes.
- Next meeting: 11/18/2010 – Main agenda is to finalize the procedure manual for the Skills Competency Verification

### **ALS-Leona Rowe**

- Andy Bluestein was chosen to be the new ALS committee chairperson.
- Next meeting: 11/17/2010

### **EMD-Leona Rowe**

- An update was provided on the number of currently licensed MD EMDs (1643) and the number affiliated with a dispatch center (909).
- Meetings will be held quarterly on the last Tuesday of the month
- Continuing to work with SYSCOM and Dr. Floccare on an on-line continuing education program.
- Requests for EMS con-ed funding must be received by June 30, 2011.
- Jurisdictions must notify MIEMSS of funds not utilized from the previous fiscal year by June 15.

### **EMS Education-no report**

### **Regional Affairs-no report**

### **Old Business-none**

### **New Business**

#### **SEMSAC Bylaws-Action item-Lisa Myers**

Revisions to the SEMSAC Bylaws in accordance with legislation that added two members to the SEMSAC during the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly were submitted for final approval. The Bylaws were approved with a note to change the number of a quorum to “sixteen”.

#### **2011 EMS Protocols-Action item-Dr. Richard Alcorta/Jeff Kelly**

An overview of revisions to the EMS protocols was given. A point of clarification was requested on the implementation date of the capnography and pulse oximetry protocols. SEMSAC voted for a defined date for protocol-based mandates. These mandates must be fulfilled by the protocol implementation date (generally July 1) of the state fiscal year. The 2011 EMS protocols were approved by SEMSAC to be taken to the EMS Board for consideration.

#### **Comprehensive Stroke Regulations-Information-Anna Aycock**

Ms. Aycock provided an overview on draft regulations and guidelines for comprehensive stroke center designation. The draft regulations and guidelines have been reviewed and approved by the Stroke Quality Improvement Committee and published in the Maryland Hospital Association newsletter and on the MIEMSS webpage for informal comment.

**Recess to closed session to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-503(a)(1)(i).**

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The SEMSAC approved the closed session minutes of the September 2010 meeting.

The SEMSAC elected the officers for calendar year 2011.

**SEMSAC reconvened into open session at 2:05 p.m.**

The 2011 SEMSAC officers were announced as follows:

Murray Kalish-Chairperson  
Roland Berg-Vice chairperson

**The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**