

## ***State EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)***

October 2, 2014

### **Meeting Minutes**

**SEMSAC Members Present:** Jim Scheulen, Vice Chair; Wayne Dyott; Eric Smothers; Steve Edwards; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Scott Haas; Frank Lioi; Michael DeRuggiero; Alan Faden, MD; Roger Simonds; Melissa Meyers; Tim Chizmar, MD.; Murray Kalish; MD Lisa Tenney; Jennifer Anders, MD; Michael DeRuggiero; Nathaniel McQuay, MD; Will Bethea; Joe Brown; Wade Gaasch, MD; Jack Markey; Elliott Ganson; Tom Gianni; Kathleen Grote; Jay Fowler; Joe Brown.

**Members Absent:** Roland Berg, Chair; Karen Doyle; Joan Fortney; Wayne Tiemersma; Linda Dousa; Marian Muth.

**Others Present:** Lt. Pat King; Lt. Steve Konold; Mike O'Connell

**MIEMSS:** Richard Alcorta, MD; Carole Mays; Barbara Goff; Jeannie Abramson; Anna Aycock; Rae Oliveira; John Donohue; Randy Linthicum; Dave Balthis; Jim Brown; Cyndy Wright Johnson; Lisa Myers; Bill Adams; Sherry Alban; Mike Deckard; Andrew Pisano; Allen Walker, MD; Jim Brown.

Mr. Scheulen called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**Action: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014, meeting of SEMSAC.**

Mr. Scheulen said the Council will be going into closed session today to discuss the EMSOF Budgets.

**MIEMSS Report:** Dr. Alcorta

Dr. Alcorta said the MIEMSS Annual report and MFRI Annual report are included in the member packets.

Dr. Alcorta said the Star Spangled Spectacular went well. Mr. Donohue said there were 142+ patient encounters with 20+ patient transports.

Ebola & EV D68. Dr. Alcorta said, this morning, DHMH and MIEMSS briefed the press regarding the current Ebola (no cases in Maryland) and EV D68 situations and Maryland's preparedness. The Press Conference included personnel from Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland. Dr. Alcorta reinforced the use of standard "droplet precautions" utilized by EMS. Dr. Alcorta also encouraged all personnel to receive influenza vaccinations and for those age sixty and over to receive the pneumonia vaccination. Dr. Alcorta added that cases of EV D68 have been confirmed in Maryland and that a paralytic component to EV D68 is being investigated. Mr. Scheulen encouraged all Emergency Departments to test their screening systems regarding infectious diseases and areas of travel.

Emergency Medical Services Operational Programs (EMSOPs). Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS staff continues to meet with Jurisdictional EMSOPs on the re-verification process which needs to be completed in 2015 to remain compliant with COMAR standards. Applications for re-verification as an EMSOP are due to the Medical Director's Office at MIEMSS by November 15, 2014.

Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident. Dr. Alcorta said that distribution of the final guidance document, which includes the Governor's cover letter, will begin today. Mr. Donohue added that the online Awareness Learning Management System (LMS) program for the Active Assailant Incident should be completed by the beginning of November 2014. Regional "Rollout" Seminars for EMS, Emergency Managers and Law Enforcement are in the planning process. Cost factors for implementation of the recommendations within the guidance document for each jurisdiction are being assessed.

Patient Tracking. Mr. Donohue said MIEMSS is currently investigating integration between HC Standard (Patient Tracking) and eMEDS. Dr. Alcorta added that MIEMSS is doing a comparison of the GER and ImageTrend integration products.

## **SEMSAC REPORT**

Mr. Scheulen said that Chairman Berg had requested that Mr. Scheulen, if SEMSAC members were in agreement, form and Chair a sub-committee of SEMSAC to assess rolls and responsibilities of the SEMSAC. Mr. Scheulen asked the members for approval and suggestions for this subcommittee. Mr. Scheulen added that having SEMSAC members involved in activities and committees within the EMS Plan may be a good place to start. Ms. Grote said every organization should review and reassess its vision and mission and this may be the time for SEMSAC to do so. Mr. Edwards said it would be helpful if a Board member attended the subcommittee to assure a clear understanding of the expectations EMS Board has regarding Advisory Council processes.

**ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to establish a Subcommittee of the SEMSAC for assessing roles, responsibilities and processes.**

Mr. Scheulen introduced Dr. Celeste Lombardi as the newly appointed representative for the Maryland Board of Physicians to the SEMSAC. Dr. Lombardi is the Director, Interventional Pain Medicine Service for the Department of Neurology/Pain Management and Physician Advisor at the Center for Performance Veterans Administration Maryland Healthcare System. Dr. Lombardi graduated from George Washington University, School of Medicine and was an EMT before Medical School.

Mr. Scheulen said, although it is a sad occasion, he has the privilege and honor representing SEMSAC members in presenting a plaque for years of service to Dr. Allen Walker. Dr. Walker recently resigned from SEMSAC after representing the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics since 1997. Dr. Walker wished everyone well and said that Jennifer Anders, MD, will serve SEMSAC well. Dr. Alcorta added that Dr. Walker continues to be Maryland's Pediatric Medical Director.

Mr. Scheulen said, at the September 9, 2014 meeting, the EMS Board adopted the proposed amendments to COMAR 30.01.02.01 to include the most current EMS Protocols, as well as the most current Trauma Registry Adult and Pediatric Data Dictionaries, as published in the Maryland Register.

The Board also approved the re-designation of Anne Arundel Community College (Paramedic Program: Renewal),

Anne Arundel County Fire Department (EMT Program with ALS Refresher: Renewal),

The College of Southern Maryland (Paramedic Program: Renewal), LifeStar Response of Maryland (ALS and BLS Refresher Program: Renewal), the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (EMT Program with ALS Refresher: Renewal), and the Montgomery County Fire/Rescue Training Academy (Paramedic Program: Renewal subject to approval by CAAHEP) as Educational Programs for five years.

**NATIONAL STUDY CENTER REPORT (NSC)**

Dr. Gordon Smith, representing Dr. Faden, said the National Study Center is hosting eight physicians from Egypt as part of an NIH funded training program in Trauma Research. The successful collaboration with the State Highway Administration on traffic records assessment and the Highway Safety Office on injury surveillance data continues. Dr. Smith added the NSC is submitting a drugged driving research proposal to NIH.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ALS Committee:** Ms. Oliveira

The ALS Committee is monitoring the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Taskforce for any potential changes in curriculum. Ms. Oliveira added that the ALS Committee is also working on an online Protocol Study Guide.

### **BLS Committee:** Ms. Oliveira

The BLS Committee is currently focusing on the upcoming National Registry testing. There is an instructional webinar to assist with signing up instructors and students which includes a power point for student instruction.

### **Jurisdictional Advisory Committee (JAC):** Dr. Alcorta

Dr. Alcorta said JAC discussed the EMS Operational Program re-verification process.

## **MARYLAND STATE POLICE AVIATION COMMAND**

Major Lioi said that the AW139 Transition continues and Trooper 5, Cumberland, completed their transition training on September 20, 2014. This marks the 6<sup>th</sup> Section in the State to fully transition. The Baltimore Section, Trooper 1, is scheduled to begin transition training on October 27, 2014. MSPAC has scheduled the Trooper 5 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cumberland Section on Wednesday October 15, 2014 at 1:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Major Lioi hopes all of MSPAC partners will be able to attend the dedication.

The MSPAC Personnel Unit has reviewed over 150 applications and, to date, the MSPAC Personnel Unit has interviewed 54 candidates. There are nine (9) Second-In-Command (SIC) Pilots in the hiring process.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

EMS Plan. Dr. Alcorta said the EMS Plan Goals and Objectives were approved by SEMSAC on March 6, 2014 and by the EMS Board on April 8, 2014. The EMS Plan Action Steps was distributed to the SEMSAC members for approval.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Dyott, seconded by Mr. Edwards and unanimously passed approving the EMS Plan Action Steps.**

Minimal Equipment Standards Workgroup. Mr. Simonds reminded everyone that the first meeting of the Workgroup is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at MIEMSS starting at 1:30 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

FY 2015 Protocol Updates. A copy of the 1015 Protocol changes was distributed to the SEMSAC for review. Dr. Alcorta highlighted some of the recommended changes such as the use of backboards and the Active Assailant protocol and said to contact the Office of the Medical Director for any questions or comments. The Protocols will be submitted for approval at the November 2014 SEMSAC meeting.

**A motion was made and seconded to move to closed session.**

SEMSAC will adjourn to closed session under State Government Article §10-503(a)(1)(i) and 508(a) (13) to carry out an administrative function, and to comply with a specific constitutionally imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

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