



State EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

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Meeting Minutes

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SEMSAC Members Present: Jim Scheulen, Vice Chairman; Tim Chizmar, MD; Lisa Tenney; Jennifer Anders, MD; Michael DeRuggiero; Murray Kalish, MD; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Melissa Meyers; Elliot Ganson; Wayne Tiemersma; Karen Vogel; Wade Gaasch, MD; Tom Gianni; Roger Simonds; .

In attendance by phone: Joe Brown; Eric Smothers; Kathleen Grote; James Fowler; Alan Faden, MD; Linda Dousa; Frank Lioi; Scott Haas; Wayne Dyott;

Members Absent: Roland Berg, Chairman; Jack Markey; Jonathan Lerner; Marian Muth; Nathaniel McQuay, MD

Others Present: Bill Dousa (phone); Jim Radcliffe for Steve Edwards

OAG: Fremont Magee; Sarah Sette

MSFA: President Johnie Roth

MIEMSS: Kevin Seaman, MD; Richard Alcorta, MD; Pat Gainer; Jim Brown; Anna Aycock; Carole Mays; Mike Deckard; Rae Oliveira; Doug Floccare; Barbara Goff.

Mr. Scheulen opened the meeting at 1:06 pm.

Action: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Mr. Simonds the SEMSAC unanimously approved the minutes of the April 7, 2016 SEMSAC meeting.

Mr. Scheulen said that MIH Workgroup Report will be presented today for final discussion and action.

MIEMSS Report: Dr. Seaman

Dr. Seaman expressed his condolences to Mr. Roth on the passing of two volunteer members of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief Jack Hartley and life member Dan Strickler.

A paper copy of the Executive Director's report was distributed to attendees.

Dr. Seaman noted following EMS Week events:

- EMS Star of Life Awards – May 18, 2016
- EMS Strong Night at Camden Yards – May 18, 2016
- EMS Memorial Bike Ride (Annapolis, MD to Arlington, VA) – May 20, 2016
- EMS Memorial Service, Arlington, VA

Dr. Seaman said that Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) is the biggest change to healthcare and EMS in 30 years. This is a great opportunity for EMS community and MIEMSS is committed to the success of this initiative. Dr. Seaman thanked Mr. Haas and Ms. Doyle for chairing the MIH Workgroup during phase #1. Dr. Seaman added that he has asked Dr. Alcorta to take the phase #1 report containing the proposed protocol to the Protocol Review Committee. Ms. Doyle and Dr. Chizmar will be chairing the MIH Workgroup during phase #2 with Mr. Haas lending his expertise to the process. During phase #2 the Workgroup will define the how Maryland can fill the gap between available healthcare resources and patient need, define the scope of community paramedicine and look at existing programs. Work has begun on the membership invitation list for the MIH Workgroup phase #2.

Dr. Seaman said the Maryland State Highway Safety Plan includes the safety of EMS/Public Safety personnel on the scene of emergency incidents as an area of focus. Mr. Deckard will represent MIEMSS as this initiative develops and will ask the Ambulance Safety Taskforce members for participation in the workgroups. Please contact Mr. Deckard if you are interested in participating mdeckard@miemss.org

Dr. Seaman gave an update on the National Registry testing and said that the number of students in process has been reduced to 496 from 719 in November 2015. At this time, costs to support NREMT testing is \$138,569.00. MIEMSS anticipates an additional \$30,000.00 in associated costs moving forward.

Dr. Seaman reported that a verbal agreement has been made with the National Registry to extend the time between course completions and taking the NR test for the SIPs; this will leave additional time for SIPs to take the Test Prep course. There are currently two Test Prep courses in progress.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report: No report.

MSFA – President Roth

President Roth thanked the partners for their hard work regarding National Registry EMT Testing. He added that work continues with the possibility of an enhanced EMR in Maryland and an EMR to EMT Bridge course.

President Roth said he attended the Traffic Incident Management class which will be a required course by January 2018.

The MSFA Cancer Support walk will be held on May 22, 2016. All proceeds will be for educational purposes and support to fire fighters suffering from cancer and their families.

President Roth said that the MSFA Convention is scheduled for June 18 – 24, 2016 at the Ocean City Convention Center and highlighted some of the events that will take place during the convention. President Roth said everyone is most welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BLS Committee: Mr. Tiemersma

Mr. Tiemersma said SEMSAC tabled the discussion regarding proposed changes to the BLS reciprocity requirements at the last meeting. Committee members are working with MIEMSS to determine the best solutions for streamlining the process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mobile Integrated Health Workgroup: Mr. Haas

Mr. Haas said the Workgroup's phase #1 report had previously been submitted for review to SEMSAC and the EMS Board and asked if there were any additional comments. After several very positive comments by Mr. Scheulen and other SEMSAC members regarding the MIH Workgroup phase #1 report and the work conducted by the Workgroup, Mr. Haas submitted the report for endorsement and recommendation for approval by the EMS Board.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Ms. Dousa the SEMSAC endorsed and recommended sending the Mobile Integrated Health phase #1 report to the EMS Board for approval.

Dr. Alcorta added that he is taking the report to the Protocol Review Committee on May 11, 2016. Committee members will be reviewing the MIH report and the Queen Anne's pilot protocol for any additional recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

30.03.06.02 Base Station Regulations – Ms. Aycock & Dr. Alcorta

A paper copy of the draft Base Station Regulation amendments indicating proposed changes was distributed.

Ms. Aycock said the amended regulations have been vetted through the Base Station Coordinators, Base Station Medical Directors, the Emergency Department Medical Director and the Regional Medical Directors. Ms. Aycock asked for SEMSAC to recommend approval of the Base Station Regulation by the EMS Board.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Meyers, seconded by Ms. Doyle the Base Station Regulation with changes was recommended for approval by the EMS Board.

COMAR 30.01.02.01 Protocol Update - Incorporation by Reference

A paper copy of the document was distributed.

Mr. Magee said this was to update the protocol edition to July 1, 2016 for the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Dousa the SEMSAC recommended sending to the EMS Board for approval.

MHSO International Traffic Records Forum Scholarship – Mr. Gianni

Mr. Gianni said that injury surveillance is the most difficult piece within traffic records; the Highway Safety office is linking eMEDS® with traffic reports for more accurate data. The Maryland Highway Safety Office is offering two scholarships to the to SEMSAC members to attend the International traffic records forum in Baltimore; a three day forum August 7-10, 2016. The forum will include information on how traffic records data is handled globally.

There being no further business, SEMSAC adjourned.