



State of Maryland
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

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Chairman, EMS Board

Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
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State EMS Advisory Council
Virtual meeting
December 4, 2025
Meeting Minutes

SEMSAC Members Present: Eric Smothers, Chairperson; Scott Haas, Vice Chairperson; Jeffrey Sagel; Kathleen Grote; Michael Tagliaferri; Tim Kerns; William Teeter; Kathryn Burroughs; Tony Rose; Ben Kaufman; Danielle Katz; Lisa Tenney; Jeffrey Fillmore; Justin Orendorf; Elliott Haut; Doug Beitzel; Matthew Levy; Susan Mott; Farheen Qurashi; Michael Cox; Bruce Klein; Linda Young; Eric Zaney;

SEMSAC Members Absent: Erik Abrahamson; Lisa Lisle; Danny Platt; Kristie Snedeker; Wayne Dyott

OAG: Mr. Malizio; Ms. Pierson

MIEMSS: Ted Delbridge; Tim Chizmar; Mark Bilger; Abby Butler; Aaron Edwards; Doug Floccare; Pat Gainer; Kelly Hammond; Jeff Huggins; Dwayne Kitis; Scott Legore; Randy Linthicum; Christian Miele; Michael Parsons; Luis Pinet-Peralta; Patrick Tandy; Todd Abramovitz; Todd Tracey; Wayne Tiemersma; Elizabeth Wooster; Cyndy Wright Johnson; Barbara Goff

Chairman Smothers called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. The role was called and a quorum was determined.

Chairman Smothers called for the approval of the November 6, 2025 SEMSAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: A motion was made by Ms. Mott, seconded by Mr. Kaufman, and voted unanimously to approve the November 6, 2025 SEMSAC minutes as written.

SEMSAC

Chairman Smothers congratulated Scott Haas and Kathi Burroughs on their election to be Chair and Vice Chair respectively for calendar year 2026. He thanked the members of SEMSAC for the support during his tenure as Chair for the last three years. He also thanked Scott, backing him up as the Vice Chair. Additionally, Chairman Smothers thanked Dr. Delbridge and the MIEMSS staff for moving EMS forward by supporting the work of SEMSAC.

Vice Chairman Haas thanked Chairman Smothers for his leadership over the last few years and to expect a phone call or two during the coming year. Chairman Smothers was thanked by various members of SEMSAC for his leadership.

Chairman Smothers said that the ALS Workgroup letter regarding students being charged fees for clinical rotations was sent to the EMS Board for review. He added that there was no further action required by SEMSAC.

MIEMSS Report

EMS Transports

Dr. Delbridge said that EMS has transported approximately 537,321 patients to emergency departments so far this year which is on par from 2024 statistics. He added that the commercial ambulance services have transported approximately 260,00 patients; 33,344 ALS, 211,971 BLS, and 13, 220 critical-care.

Transfer-of-Care Intervals

The goal remains that 90% of the time hospitals receive patients within 30 minutes with an additional five minutes to get the patient out of the ambulance, leaving 30 minutes for the ED to accommodate the patient. At this time approximately 48% of hospitals are attaining this goal; which is a dramatic improvement over the two-year period. Hospitals are updated on a weekly basis as to its status of EMS to hospital staff transfer times.

Emergency Department Advisory System (EDAS)

Dr. Delbridge said that EDAS has had a few glitches over the past few weeks, especially with ambulance data, related to ImageTrend updates and CAD linkages. EMS is encouraged to promptly report discrepancies between what EDAS is displaying and what the hospital seems to be experiencing. Ultimately, it's the emergency department staff's responsibility to accurately reflect current status. He reminded everyone that hospitals need to manually update EDAS status.

MIEMSS continues to develop the reporting tools for generating reports for hospitals and EMS. Thus far, the feedback has been very good with several suggestions being added to the list for EDAS 2.0. MIEMSS continues to work on reporting capabilities within EDAS.

Licensure and Reciprocity

Dr. Delbridge said that 2600 clinicians are eligible for the January 31, 2026 recertification cohort and that 1200 have already recertified. Clinicians must submit renewal applications, even if education is complete, to recertify.

MIEMSS has received requests for reciprocity from 75 applicants, from 15 states, since November 1, 2025. The average processing time for the requests was 6-days.

EMS Compact

Dr. Delbridge said that due to legislative and commercial ambulance services interest, the EMS Compact has been revisited. The current consensus remains not to join the EMS Compact due to concerns regarding added requirements, unclear funding, and limited benefit to in-state clinicians.

Legislative Update

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS legislation regarding the Public AED statute will streamline and simplify the process for registering. .

MIEMSS continues to monitor suggested legislation regarding mandatory standardized equipment on ambulances.

Dr. Delbridge announced that after 35 years of service, Rich Berg, Director of Communications Engineering Services at MIEMSS will be retiring at the end of the year.

Dr. Delbridge reminded everyone to get their flu shots!

MSPAC

A written report was distributed.

Major Tagliaferri announced the change of command to Colonel Michael Jackson as MSP Superintendent.

Major Tagliaferri highlighted items from the written report including current personnel staffing and recruitment efforts, mission statistics, whole blood transfusions, and aircraft maintenance. He added that allied agencies and commercial asset missions were up due to maintenance issues.

Major Tagliaferri reported in the increase of whole blood administered over 2024 and that mission statistics were consistent with the prior year.

MSFA

Ms. Mott submitted a written report. There were no questions regarding the report.

SEMSAC Committee Reports

ALS Committee

Dr. Fillmore said that Melissa Myers along with the ALS subcommittee have begun work on the 2026 content courses.

BLS Committee Report

Ms. Mott said that reporting on the BLS Committee was included in the MSFA written report.

MIH Committee

Reporting for Chief Matz, Chief Knatz said that the MIH Committee is planning to meet in December and has nothing to report at this time.

Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)

Mr. Kitis said that the Regional Affairs Committee discussed the cardiac devices FY25 grant and the unresolved equipment issues. The RAC has awarded the FY26 grant requests and final prioritization were made at this morning's meeting.

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026.

Old Business N/A

New Business

Ms. Goff said that the Governor's Appointment's office notified MIEMSS that Board and Commission membership are being limited to two terms. There are currently three general public

member term, one in a county of less than 175,000 that have expired. She asked for nomination recommendations along with CV/resumes to be sent to her email at: bgoff@miemss.org

Ms. Goff announced that the joint EMS Board/SEMSAC meeting would be virtual and held on January 13, 2026 at 9am. A calendar invite will be forthcoming including meeting access information.

Upon the motion by Ms. Mott, seconded by Dr. Sagel, SEMSAC unanimously voted to adjourn.