

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
December 11, 2012
Minutes**

Board Members Present by Telephone: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Sherry Adams.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass (by telephone); Ms. Gainer (by telephone); Ms. Goff.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President John Denver.

The Board met by telephone on December 11, 2012, 2012. Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board approved the minutes of the November 13, 2012.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish said that SEMSAC had not met during December.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bass reported that migration to narrow banding and expansion of the use of eMEDS among the jurisdictions are both going well. The Joint Meeting will be held on January 22, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer said that Mr. DeVries and MIEMSS staff had met with the Secretary of the Department of Budget & Management to discuss the options for addressing the anticipated insolvency of the EMS Operations Fund in FY14. She said the meeting had gone well. She also reported the House EMS Workgroup will meet on Thursday, December 13 at 1:30 to hear an update from MSP Aviation on progress toward Part 135 and to be briefed by Legislative Services on the status of the EMS Operations Fund.

Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had been contacted by Delegate Kevin Kelly seeking support for "Yellow Dot" legislation that he had sponsored last year and would again be sponsoring in the

upcoming legislative session. Dr. Bass said that the bill would establish a program whereby an individual would put a decal on their vehicle to alert responders to search their glove box for medical information in the event of an emergency. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had had a number of concerns with the bill, including medical and privacy issues. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had discussed these concerns with the sponsor and the House Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, but had not testified against the bill in the House bill last year. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS has the same concerns with the new bill that is to be introduced. The Board discussed the issue and indicated that MIEMSS should maintain the same posture for this year's bill.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

No report.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

A written report was submitted.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION UPDATE

President Denver reported that the Association continues to work on communications, marketing and recruitment and retention. He said that he and the officers were also preparing for the upcoming legislative session.

NEW BUSINESS

Revisions to Licensure & Certification Regulations. Ms. Sette presented a draft of proposed revisions to the regulations that will clarify for returning military veterans the procedures to be completed to obtain licensure or certification in Maryland. She said that the procedures were already in operation and that the draft changes would codify those procedures. She explained that most returning veterans seeking licensure / certification in Maryland were already National Registry certified or licensed / certified in another state and so were able to obtain Maryland licensure / certification under existing reciprocity regulations. Veterans without National Registry certification or licensure / certification in another state, however, are treated like other health care providers, e.g., nurses. These individuals, who have received some core content for EMS licensure / certification, but need training in other areas, may be tested for licensure / certification in those areas where core content requirements have been met, and must obtain required training in care components where they have not received previous training. Ms. Sette said that the draft regulations will be presented to the Board in February for approval as proposed regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

AED Regulation Revisions. Ms. Sette reported that the proposed revisions to the AED regulations had been published. She reminded the Board that the proposed regulations streamlined the registration process for facilities to participate in the AED Program. She said that one comment had been received: the American Heart Association had submitted a letter of support for the proposed regulations. She said the regulations were ready for final action.

Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved the proposed AED regulation revisions as final regulations.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508(a) (13).

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The Board approved the closed session minutes from the November 13, 2012, meeting.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board was briefed on an issue regarding a designated specialty center.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.