

State Emergency Medical Service Board
May 10, 2011
Minutes

Board Members Present: Victor Broccolino, Vice Chair; David Hexter, MD; Murray Kalish, MD; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, MD; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Gene Worthington; Dany Westerland, MD

Board Members Absent: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; David Fowler, MD

Others Present:

Robert Bass, MD; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Brown; Ms. Gilliam, Ms. Goff; Mr. Fiakos, Mr. Schaefer; Doug Floccare, MD

MSP Aviation Command: Major Mark Gibbons

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President Doyle Cox; 1st Vice President Dave Lewis

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Karen Doyle, Jim Radcliffe, Jaime Huggins

OAG: Mr. Magee, Ms. Sette

Mr. Broccolino called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Dr. Westerland, the Board approved the minutes of the April 12, 2011, open meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

eMEDS Pilot: The pilot phase has been completed and the state rollout will begin soon.

Protocol Update: At the request of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, MIEMSS will be sending reminders to the providers and jurisdictions of the need for providers to take the Protocol Update. On July 1, 2011, each jurisdiction will be sent a list of providers who have not taken the Protocol Update.

EMS Week: Dr. Bass announced that the Stars of Life Awards will be presented on May 17, 2011, at 10:00 am in the Miller Senate Building and extended an invitation to all.

The EMS Board will not be meeting in June or August of 2011. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish advised that SEMSAC did not meet in May; therefore, there is no report.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Doyle reported that STC admissions for FY11 year to date are increased over FY10, as well as the number budgeted and stated that OR cases are also increased over FY10. Ms. Doyle said that STC was on capacity alert for approximately an hour and diverted three patients. Ms. Doyle stated that April and October are their busiest months. Dr. Westerband stated that STC has the TRU and the capability to direct admit to specialty units. Ms. Doyle said that the majority of patients go through the TRU; but, with the new building STC will be looking to do more direct admissions for inter-facility transfers. Ms. Doyle stated that STC acuity continues to be high with ECMO and Critical Care patients.

Ms. Doyle thanked everyone who was in attendance at the Shock Trauma Gala.

Shock Trauma was recertified as a Base Station in April.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES

Maryland State Firemen's Association: Mr. Cox advised that this would be his last EMS Board meeting as President of the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA). Mr. Cox invited everyone to the MSFA Convention in Ocean City starting on June 18, 2011.

Mr. Cox stated that there is a great relationship with the EMS Board, MIEMSS and the MSFA. Although there is still work to be done to strengthen the EMSOF, progress has been made in the last year. Mr. Cox thanked the EMS Board.

Mr. Broccolino thanked Mr. Cox for his commitment to the EMS System and the great partnership the EMS Board shares with the MSFA.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Stroke Center Regulations: Ms. Aycock stated that there were no written comments or concerns on the proposed draft regulations creating a new chapter 17 in COMAR 30.08 and proposed that the new regulations be added as submitted.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the draft regulations as submitted for publication and comment.

Incorporation by Reference: Mr. Magee proposed to amend COMAR 30.01.02.01 as submitted to incorporate by reference the latest medical protocols and adult and pediatric data dictionary and to correct the contact telephone number.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the draft regulation as submitted for publication and comment.

Designation of Trauma and Specialty Centers Regulations: Mr. Magee proposed the following regulation amendments as submitted be published in the Maryland Register for comment:

30.08.02.03 to allow for filing applications in electronic format;

30.08.02.04 to recognize a waiver of certificate of need;

30.08.02.07 to provide a variable provisional period of designation; and

30.08.02.10 for purposes of reverification of trauma and specialty centers in lieu of a full designation on-site review, to allow MIEMSS to accept verification from nationally recognized organization such as the American Burn Association, to conduct an on-site review with a reduced team, or to forgo an on-site review if MIEMSS determines there is enough data on hand that a site review is not necessary.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the draft regulations as submitted for publication and comment.

Educational Program Approval: Mr. Magee proposed that COMAR 30.04.02.12 ALS, 30.04.03.17 BLS, and 30.04.04.50 EMD, be amended as submitted to provide flexibility to provisional Educational Program designations.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Worthington, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the draft regulations as submitted for publication and comment.

Licensure and Certification: Ms Sette proposed that the draft amendments to COMAR 30.02.02 relating to provider recertification and online based testing fee increases which were published in the Maryland Register on February 11, 2011, no comments having been received, be adopted as final as published to be effective 10 days from publication of notice of final adoption.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board adopted as final the amendments to COMAR 30.02.02 as published in the Maryland Register February 11, 2011.

MedEvac Update – Dr. Bass

Dr. Bass presented statics regarding utilization of helicopters via power point presentation. Dr. Bass noted the initial decrease in MedEvac transports after the change in protocols in 2008. The trend is now increasing slightly.

Dr. Bass stated there are several other trends to watch; under triage in categories C&D, percentage of C&Ds, percentage of helicopter cancellations, ED transfers to Trauma Centers, and scene transfers to Trauma Centers.

Dr. Bass stated that the majority of ED transfers to Trauma Centers in Region III came from the Baltimore City metro area. Dr Bass and Dr. Hexter noted that many ED transfers are not due to under triage by providers but by the lack of availability of specialty doctors in the facilities.

Dr. Bass indicated there is no significant increase in Commercial Service helicopter transports for trauma.

Aviation Command Update – 2011: Major Gibbons

Major Gibbons thanked Dr. Bass for his leadership and the evaluation of the protocols and the day to day analysis.

Major Gibbons gave an overview and distributed a presentation on Year to Date Performance, Planning for the peak season for helicopter dispatch (Aircraft Deployment and System Status Management), Part 135 Update, and new Aircraft progress.

Major Gibbons stated that during the peak season, helicopters will be deployed (during peak days and times) to statistically heavy dispatch areas in Worcester County for quicker response times. Major Gibbons also noted the time savings regarding maintenance by having maintenance teams going to the helicopter instead of the helicopter going to Martins.

The General Assembly has authorized purchase of eleven aircraft with anticipated delivery of the first two aircraft in May of 2012. Field provider training is targeted to begin prior to delivery.

Major Gibbons stated that the Prince George's Hospital rooftop helipad has been upgraded for landing of the new helicopters.

Mr. Broccolino congratulated the Maryland State Police Aviation Command on their rescue during the April flooding.

Ms. Vanhoy stated that the early activation policy has been positively received by providers in her jurisdiction.

Helicopter Early Activation Update: Dr. Floccare

Dr. Floccare stated that he has presented an Early Activation update to the Region III Council, the State Medical Director's Symposium and SEMSAC to update these committees.

Dr. Floccare said that Early Activation is the ability of 911 Centers to dispatch helicopters on information received from the scene regarding the patient prior to the arrival of EMS. Pre-launch has been utilized in Maryland for years by law enforcement; but was formalized in protocol in July of 2010.

Patients will be reassessed by EMS upon arrival, and helicopters will be cancelled if the transport is not needed.

The Helicopter Utilization Database (HUD) will be used for early activation trends and monitoring early activation appropriateness. An educational module for early activation of a helicopter is being developed for the Learning Management System on the MIEMSS website.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Board.

Mr. Broccolino announced that the Board would be retiring to Executive Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session. The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions and consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under State Gov't. Art. §10-508(7), to consult with staff and counsel on pending litigation under State Gov't. Art. §10-508(8), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under State Gov't. Art. §10-508 (13).

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

The closed session was attended by the following:

Board Members Present: Victor A. Broccolino; Dany Westerbands, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.;

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the April 2011 meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of a primary stroke center and a base station.

The Board was provided information regarding an EMS training program.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board returned to open session by acclamation.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:58 a.m.

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Mr. Worthington stated that the eMEDS pilot has been completed in Harford County and asked if there was a recommendation on type of laptops to be purchased. Dr. Bass advised Mr. Worthington to speak with Joe Davis. Mr. Worthington also asked if there would be any financial grant assistance in purchasing laptops for ambulance units. Dr. Bass stated that it would be investigated.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted to approve Washington Adventist Hospital for a 5 year designation as a Comprehensive Stroke Center.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted to approve for 5 years ProCare Ambulance's educational refresher program.

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