



**State Emergency Medical Services Board  
March 10, 2015  
Minutes**

State of Maryland

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Emergency Medical  
Services Systems**

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**Board Members Present:**

**Attended in person:** Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Sherry Adams; Kyrle Preis; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy

**Via phone:** David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter

**Board Members Absent:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Fred Cross

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Deckard; Mr. Darchicourt; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Schaefer.

**OAG:** Ms. Sette

**MSPAC:** Major Lioi

**MSFA:** First Vice President Roth

**RACSTC:** Ms. Doyle

Mr. Broccolino called upon Ms. Alban, Finance Director - MIEMSS, who informed the Board that on February 5, 2014 Maxine Dougherty (Accounts Payable Specialist) unexpectedly passed away at home. Mr. Broccolino asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ms. Dougherty and asked Ms. Alban to convey the EMS Board's condolences to her family and the MIEMSS staff.

Mr. Broccolino called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Preis, seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written of the December 9, 2014, and January 13, 2015, meetings of the State EMS Board.**

**MIEMSS REPORT**

Dr. Seaman highlighted items on the distributed MIEMSS Report.

National Registry Training. National Registry testing for initial EMR and EMT has begun. Dr. Seaman reported that Harford Community College now has a Pearson VUE testing site. Dr. Seaman said, based on initial review of a limited number of test results, Maryland EMT National Registry testing first attempt pass rate is 68% and 71% within three attempts which is slightly lower than national statistics show a first time pass rate of 70% with a 78% pass rate within three attempts. Dr. Seaman said that MIEMSS will continue to monitor test results which will likely change as more test results become available. He also said that the BLS subcommittee will be developing best practices for educational courses.

SYSCOM/EMRC. Dr. Seaman said that the SYSCOM / EMRC upgrade is nearing completion of Phase I and that the project is on time and on budget.

Reverification. MIEMSS continues to work on the re-verification process for EMS Operational Programs. The re-verification process will ensure that jurisdictions remain compliant with requirements contained in COMAR regulations.

Ebola. Dr. Seaman said the Ebola situation is winding down. He said that the partnerships with DHMH, MEMA and other entities helped ensure that the State is better prepared to deal with this type health event.

Ms. Adams reported that EMS jurisdictions are eligible for federal funding for preparedness activities related to Ebola through DHMH. There may be some state level preparedness activities also eligible for reimbursement.

Chief Pries asked “who is the point of contact for the Maryland Ambulance Strike Teams at MIEMSS”. Dr. Seaman responded that John Donohue, Chief of Field Operations is the point of contact regarding Maryland Ambulance Strike Teams.

Legislature. Dr. Seaman’s reported that the EMSOF and MIEMSS budget hearings went well.

eMEDS®. Dr. Seaman said all jurisdictions have committed to eMEDS® and anticipate full implementation by the end of 2015.

### **Legislative Update:**

Ms. Gainer said the EMSOF and MIEMSS budget hearings went well and that MIEMSS is involved in several bills including a bill that would make an assault on an EMS provider a felony instead of a misdemeanor; a bill that would add a “Good Sam” protection for police officers who administer Narcan® (naloxone) to someone suffering an overdose. She also reported that a bill had been introduced (HB 1264) that would eliminate the requirement to have sprinklers installed in new single family dwellings.

### **SEMSAC REPORT**

Mr. Berg reported that due to weather concerns, the February and March meetings of SEMSAC were cancelled.

Mr. Berg said the SEMSAC Minimum Equipment Standards Workgroup has drafted a list of equipment it will recommend to be standard on ALS Transports, BLS Transports and ALS Chase Cars. Next steps include drafting standards for quantities, inspection, implementation and assurance of compliance.

Mr. Berg said the ePCR Workgroup continues to work solutions to EMS patient hand-off and compliance with leaving patient care reports.

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi reported that Governor Hogan appointed Colonel William M. Pallozzi as the MSP Superintendent. Colonel Pallozzi is a retired MSP trooper who has attained every rank within the Department. The MSP is very pleased with this appointment and looks forward to working with Colonel Pallozzi in continuing to provide outstanding public safety services to the citizens of Maryland.

Major Lioi said the transition to the AW-139 aircraft was completed five months ahead of schedule on January 30, 2015. All Second in Command (SIC) pilots hired prior to January 1, 2015, have been trained and released to crew status. There are currently five SICs in training.

MSPAC and DGS are working together and DGS has begun the process to sell the legacy Dauphin fleet. Two aircraft were sold in early January 2015, and an additional five airframes are currently in an online auction at Gov.deals.

MSPAC Technical Team is working with Agusta Westland on the initial review of requirements and critical design phases of the Flight Training Device (FTD). Custom high resolution photographs are being forwarded for inclusion in the high resolution areas of the FTD. Critical design review is expected to last until May. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2015 with tentative delivery scheduled for May 2016. Full FTD operation is expected in August 2016.

Major Lioi said that MSPAC is working with UMD Procurement and MDOT to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for master services agreements for heavy maintenance on the AW-139 airframes to coincide with warranty expiration in 2016. Scopes of work have been completed in four functional areas and forwarded to UMD Procurement for review. The RFP is anticipated to be available for release in April 2015.

MSPAC has plans to hold the Trooper #1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony sometime after the Legislative Session, which ends the second Monday in April.

MSP is working with DBM to assess areas where reductions can be made due to the mandatory 2% budget cuts.

## **MSFA UPDATE**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Roth said the EMSOF Coalition partners had a short meeting with Speaker Busch on February 23, 2015.

Mr. Roth gave an overview on a few of the bills currently under consideration including the "Hometown Heroes Bill," proposed by the governor, which will allow increased tax deductions for First Responder Volunteers and "Carrie's Bill" which will require multiple-line telephone systems to have the capability to connect to 911 without the user having to dial a prefix number, e.g., a "9" to get an outside line.

The MSFA Convention will be held on June 20 - 26, 2015 in Ocean City.

Maryland has identified April 12, 2015, as Maryland Volunteer Day; the MSFA is hosting a "Maryland First" statewide volunteer recruitment open house on April 12, 2015 (details to follow).

The Maryland Statewide Community Risk Reduction days are May 16-17, 2015, and October 17-18, 2015.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need to defeat HB 1264 - Building Performance Standards - Fire Sprinkler System Exemptions to assure the safety of Maryland citizens and firefighters that single-dwelling sprinklers provide.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Perinatal Regulations. Ms. Sette said the Perinatal and Neonatal Referral Center updated Standards had been published in the Maryland Register; having received no comments, the Standards are ready for final action.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve Perinatal and Neonatal Referral Center Standards.**

Protocols. Dr. Alcorta highlighted needed grammatical and consistency modifications to the 2015 Protocols, as contained in a one-page document which was distributed to the EMS Board for review.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted unanimously to approve the requested changes in the 2015 Protocols.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

MIEMSS Title 30 regulations relating to public access to MIEMSS records. Ms. Sette said certain state statutes, including certain sections of the Maryland Public Information Act, have been relocated from the State Government Article of the Maryland Code to a new article, the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code. MIEMSS Title 30 regulations relating to public access to MIEMSS records refer to certain of those relocated statutes. A draft of the amendments to those Title 30 regulations to correct the statutory reference in light of this change was distributed to the EMS Board.

Requirements for Designated Trauma or Specialty Referral Centers. Ms. Sette said that Standards changes can occur mid designation cycle of a Specialty Center and said the distributed changes to regulation was to ensure hospital compliance within six months of the adoption of new standards instead of waiting until the next verification/designation cycle. This proposed regulation change has been vetted with the Perinatal Group, the Stroke Group, the Cardiac Group and the Trauma group. MIEMSS has the authority to go into the hospital at any time to assure compliance; but, this would be a specific regulation that puts the hospitals on notice and makes clear the expectations for compliance within six months.

In response to Ms. Vanhoy inquiry regarding budget cycles, Ms. Sette said specialty centers are aware when a standard change is forthcoming almost a year before the end of the six month period, but if a hospital shows the reasons for noncompliance at the six month mark and has a specific action plan for coming into compliance it would be accepted. The intent of the regulation is not to be punitive.

**Upon the motion of Dean Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board adjourned to Closed 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 discuss certain site reviews and maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (13).

The closed session was attended by:

**Board Members Present:**

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**Via phone:** David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter

**Board Members Absent:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Fred Cross

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Ms. Goff; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Oliveira.

**OAG:** Ms. Sette.

In closed session the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meetings of December 29014 and January 2015;
2. Considered Educational Program Designations;
3. Considered CIC Designations;
4. Considered a Trauma Reverification;
5. Considered nominations to fill vacancies on the Statewide EMS Advisory Council; and
6. Reviewed EMS provider disciplinary actions.

**The Board reconvened in Open Session which was attended by:**

**Board Members Present:**

**Attended in person:** Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Sherry Adams; Kyrle Preis; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy

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**OAG:** Ms. Sette.

**Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted unanimously to approve:**

- **All American Ambulance, as a BLS Educational Refresher Program for a 5 year designation.**
- **The Maryland State Police Aviation Command as an ALS and BLS Refresher program for a 5 year designation**
- **TransCare Maryland as ALS & BLS Educational Refresher Programs for a 5 year designation.**
- **Cecil County as an ALS Educational Program for a 5 year designation.**
- **Frederick County DFRS' accreditation status from an ALS Educational Program to ALS and BLS Refresher Education Programs only for the remainder of their 5 year approval.**

**Upon the motion of Ms. Adams, which was seconded by Mr. Preis, the Board voted unanimously to approve:**

- **Anne Arundel Medical Center for a 5 year designation as Cardiac Interventional Centers**
- **Peninsula Regional Medical Center for a 5 year designation as Cardiac Interventional Centers**
- **Frederick Memorial Hospital for a 5 year designation as Cardiac Interventional Centers**

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted unanimously to remove the provisional status and to approve the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (JHBMC) as a Level II Trauma Center for the remaining four years of the five year designation.**

The Board adjourned by acclamation.