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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman (phone); Roland Berg; Fred Cross; Kyrle Preis; Dany Westerband, M.D; Mary Alice Vanhoy (phone).

Board Members Absent: Sherry Adams; Sally Showalter; David Hexter, MD; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Dr. Thompson; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Slack; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Goff.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MSPAC: Major Lioi; Captain Konold; Captain King; Lt. McMinn

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion Dr. Westerband, seconded by Mr. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting of the State EMS Board, as written.

MIEMSS REPORT

CARES. Dr. Seaman gave an update on CARES and said that Maryland is now in phase #3 of the implementation which includes Baltimore City, Carroll, and Somerset Counties. MIEMSS' goal is to have the entire state on board by fall of 2016.

CRISP. Dr. Seaman said that MIEMSS is investigating the possibility of data sharing, via eMEDS data, with CRISP. CRISP is Maryland's statewide health information exchange.

NREMT Testing. Dr. Seaman said that positive strides have been made in reducing the number of Students in Process (SIPs). Dr. Seaman said 170 students have completed the NREMT Test Prep course of which 75 students have tested. MIEMSS is reaching out to the students who have taken the course by have yet to test to identify any needed assistance they might need.

Communications Project. Dr. Seaman reported that MIEMSS has asked that DoIT reconsider its decision to regard the MIEMSS' EMS Communications Project as a Major IT Development Project due to possible increased costs and time constraints.

Legislative Update

Ms. Gainer said that the Joint Chairmen's Report directed the Office of Legislative Audits to conduct a financial audit of MEMSOF in order to ensure that it is being properly maintained. She said that the reasons for the requested audit included a significant discrepancy between the initial MEMSOF projections completed by the Department of Budget & Management and the Department of Legislative Services and the fact that the MEMSOF had never been audited since its creation over 20 years ago, despite a state requirement that such funds be audited every 3 years. She said that an auditor from the Office of Legislative Audits will be arriving at MIEMSS this week and will be meeting to discuss audit plans. Ms. Doyle asked that the MEMSOF partners could be included in the audit entrance/planning meeting.

SEMSAC

Mr. Berg said that the SEMSAC did not meet in June. The Minimum Equipment Standards Committee did meet and finalized the draft recommendations for stakeholder input. Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS is reviewing the document. Mr. DeVries noted that it is important to build consensus on the recommendations.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA (RACSTC)

Ms. Doyle submitted the quarterly written report. Ms. Doyle said that volumes were up but inter-facility transfers were down as the RACSTC had been at maximum capacity in several instances. She thanked MIEMSS and the site survey evaluators for their time during the RACSTC Base Station re-designation. She also reported that RACSTC now has an alternate landing zone and said that a simulation exercise for the new landing zone will begin on June 30, 2016

Ms. Doyle announced that Dr. Deb Stein is now a full Trauma Professor at RACSTC and that the Trauma Unit has received a Beacon Award.

Ms. Doyle said that the Gala had been a success and asked for any feedback or suggestions for improvements. Mr. DeVries remarked that the Gala was outstanding.

Ms. Doyle concluded by asking that everyone take a moment to recognize the efforts of our emergency colleagues during the recent shooting tragedy that occurred in Orlando.

MSPAC

A written report was disseminated.

Major Lioi said that Captain King is retiring from MSPAC on July 1, 2016, after 28 years of service. Major Lioi added that Captain King has been a tremendous asset with irreplaceable MSPAC and system knowledge. Major Lioi asked that Captain King give the MSPAC report to the Board.

Mr. DeVries said congratulated Captain King him on his retirement and thanked him for all his efforts on behalf of the statewide EMS system.

Captain King said that he is very proud to have been part of the aviation command and the EMS system.

Captain King said that MSPAC is struggling to maintain seven operational sections, noting that there were currently four helicopters down for heavy maintenance. He said that an engine from helicopter #384 is being transferred back to Maryland to be installed in helicopter #396 on June 15, 2016 to help alleviate the shortage.

Captain King gave an overview of the written report and said that the Flight Training Device (FTD) remains under construction with delivery tentatively scheduled for late July 2016. MSPAC has contacted the FAA in order to begin the process to apply for certification of the FTD once operational. Captain King noted that the having the FTD will reduce hours on the helicopters and, therefore, reduce maintenance down times.

Captain King also said there has been a delay in the construction of the Flight Training Building due to the inability to receive a waiver for the installation of an elevator to meet ADA requirements.

Final changes to the Request for Proposals for Master Services Agreements for heavy maintenance on the AW-139 airframes were submitted to DBM on June 7, 2016.

Captain King updated the Board on MSPAC personnel changes and retirements.

The Board discussed the logistics of helicopter deployment during periods when helicopter availability was constrained. .

MSFA

Mr. Cross said that President Roth was not in attendance at the Board meeting due to the upcoming MSFA Convention. Mr. Cross said an annual Air Show in Ocean City will occur on Friday and Saturday, so traffic will be heavier than usual during the start of the convention.

Mr. DeVries said a meeting of the EMS Board Committee on National Registry Testing will be held in August. Mr. Cross said that President Roth intends to continue working on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

30.03.06.02 Base Station Regulations - A copy of the proposed regulation was disseminated.

Ms. Aycock said that the proposed regulation had been submitted to stakeholders with no received recommendations or comments and asked for approval to submit to the AELR and publish in the Maryland Register for public comment.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Dr. Westerland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 30.03.06.02 Base Station Regulations publication.

SEMSAC MIH Phase #1 Report – The written report was distributed.

SEMSAC Chairman Berg said that the report was approved by SEMSAC and the included suggested protocol was forwarded to the Protocol Review Committee for review. Ms. Doyle, co-chair of the MIH Workgroup, said this was a framework for the move to Phase #2. Phase #2 will be a consensus building process with varying partners around the state. Dr. Alcorta said a generic protocol will be available for review by the EMS Board at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COMAR 30.01.02.01 Protocol Update - Incorporation by Reference

A copy of the proposed amendment was distributed.

Mr. Magee said the proposed amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01 is to update the protocol edition date to July 1, 2016, for the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers

ACTION: Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Incorporation by Reference of the Protocol Update.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted to go into 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).

In Closed Session:

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In closed session the Board:

1. Discussed an educational program;
2. Discussed a Trauma Center and Trauma Center re-designations; and
3. Considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.

Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Slack and Mr. Fiackos retired before the disciplinary cases were presented.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted to approve the Butler Medical Transport EMS Refresher Program for five years; the FreeState Ambulance EMS Refresher education program for five years; the United States Secret Service as a BLS Education Program for five years.

Upon the motion of Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted to approve a one-year provisional trauma designation to Johns Hopkins Bayview Burn Center and to Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Center.

The Board adjourned by acclamation.