



## State Emergency Medical Services Board

June 13, 2017

### Meeting Agenda

State of Maryland

**Maryland  
Institute for  
Emergency Medical  
Services Systems**

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- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2017
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
- IV. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Update – No Report
- V. MSP Aviation Update – Captain Konold
- VI. MSFA Update – No Report
- VII. Old Business
  - COMAR 30.01.02.01 Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers - Incorporation by Reference – ACTION – Mr. Magee
  - MOLST (Revised) – ACTION – Ms. Sette
  - EMR to EMT Bridge –ACTION - Ms. Sette
- VIII. New Business
  - COMAR 30.08.02.03 Initial Application Process – INFORMATION - Mr. Magee
  - COMAR 30.08.02.10 Reverification of Trauma or Specialty Referral Center Designation Regulation (updated) – INFORMATION/ACTION – Mr. Magee
  - COMAR Licensure & Certification proposed regulation changes for renewal and reinstatement for CRT – ACTION – Ms. Sette
  - COMAR - Education Article, §13-516(d) - Definition Change “CECBEMS” to “CAPCE” – ACTION – Ms. Sette
- IX. Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (13).
- X. Reconvene in Open Session



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**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Kyrle W. Preis III, NREMT-P; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Murray Kalish, MD; George A. Cross, Jr.; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Sally L. D. Showalter, RN

**Board Members Absent:** David Hexter, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Sherry Adams

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Darchicourt; Ms. Oliveira; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Cantera; Ms. Goff; Ms. Gilliam

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

**RACSTC:** Ms. Doyle

**MSPAC:** Captain Konold; Lt. McMinn

Mr. DeVries welcomed everyone and asked for the approval of the minutes from the May 9, 2017, meeting.

**ACTION: Upon the motion Dr. Westerband, seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the May 9, 2017, meeting.**

Mr. DeVries congratulated Board member Chief Kyrle Preis on his appointment as the Acting Fire Chief of the Baltimore County Fire Department. He said that Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz has proposed to make the appointment permanent.

**MIEMSS**

A written copy of the MIEMSS Report was distributed.

**Opioid Crisis in Maryland**

Dr. Alcorta highlighted Governor Hogan's declaration of a State of Emergency to combat the heroin and opioid crisis in Maryland and MIEMSS' participation in Maryland's prevention efforts. He said that a document "Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations and Unknown Substance Precautions for Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement" has been produced in conjunction with MIEMSS, DHMH, and the Office of Preparedness and Response at DHMH. It provides guidelines for emergency responders on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) necessary for responding to and handling overdose cases. PPE used today by law enforcement and emergency medical services (EMS) responders is

adequate for overdose responses. EMS and law enforcement should not be handling these agents bare-handed as there is some contact absorption risk. The full memo may be found at:

[http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EMS\\_News/First-Responder-Guidance-6.02.2017.pdf?ver=2017-06-06-143921-823](http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EMS_News/First-Responder-Guidance-6.02.2017.pdf?ver=2017-06-06-143921-823)

MIEMSS has produced a two-sided (business size) card providing information for EMS to share with opioid overdose patients who refuse transport to a hospital. The card displays the Maryland Crisis Hotline “1-800-422-0009,” includes information on the Overdose Response Program (at NaloxoneMD.org) for procuring Naloxone, and provides the steps to take in the event of an opioid overdose. The cards have been distributed to be carried on all EMS ambulances for distribution as appropriate.

#### Statewide EMS Communication System Upgrade

Dr. Alcorta gave a brief update on the RFP for the Statewide Communications System. He said that the technical review of the submissions has been extended by 30 days.

#### NREMT Testing

Dr. Alcorta reported that Maryland’s NREMT BLS pass rate averages surpassed and have remained above the national NREMT BLS pass rate averages since changes were made to training, increasing financial support and the addition of testing sites.

#### Licensure

Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS is aware of the problems associated with the new eLicensure system and is diligently working with the vendor to mitigate the issues. An eLicensure Steering Committee is being formed to develop consensus on improvements and changes that are needed for the system. The first full day meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 20, 2017, at MIEMSS in room 212 at 10:00am.

#### Hospital Programs

Dr. Alcorta reported that the MIEMSS Office of Hospital Programs is in the process of conducting the fifty-seven (57) site survey visits scheduled for 2017 for various hospital designations, i.e., Base Stations, Stroke Centers, Cardiac Intervention Centers and Perinatal Centers.

As previously reported, MIEMSS was contacted by Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) inquiring about application for designation as a trauma center within the state of Maryland. Ms. Gainer shared MIEMSS response letter to WRNMMC with the Board members. COMAR trauma center designation requirements provide that an applicant hospital that has not been previously designated by MIEMSS as a trauma center must demonstrate that it can generate sufficient patient volume without adversely affecting patient volumes at the other existing, designated trauma center. Other COMAR requirements require that related factors, such as minimizing duplication of services within close proximity, must also be considered in designation determinations. Consequently, MIEMSS responded to WRNMMC that MIEMSS was concerned that the addition of another trauma center so close to an existing trauma center could negatively impact the ability of that and our other existing trauma centers to maintain volume sufficient to maintain their designation status. MIEMSS expressed its interest, however, in exploring the potential for closer collaboration with WRNMMC in the areas of Statewide Disaster Response, Trauma Physician Training, Patient Rehabilitation and Trauma Research. MIEMSS Leadership and members of the Hospital Programs staff has been invited to meet and tour WRNMMC. MIEMSS staff will update the Board as any developments occur.

## MSFA – No Report

Dr. Alcorta said the MSFA Convention in Ocean City, Maryland starts June 17, 2017.

## R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC) – No Report

Mr. DeVries thanked Ms. Doyle and RACSTC again for hosting an outstanding Gala highlighting Maryland's system of emergency medical and trauma care. Ms. Doyle said the cases presented highlighted the entire System and thanked everyone for their continued support.

## MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC report was distributed.

Captain Konold reported The Flight Training Device (FTD) has been inspected by MSPAC personnel. Delivery of the FTD is being coordinated with Leonardo (formerly Agusta Westland) to plan the FTD arrival as the building that will house the FTD nears completion. Officials from Leonardo attended a progress meeting at Martins on June 13, 2017, to coordinate the delivery of the Flight Training Device. A detailed progress report was requested and is expected in the upcoming weeks as progress on the FTD building continues.

Captain Konold said that the Flight Training Building construction has begun. In its bi-weekly update meeting, DGS said that the current expected construction time frame for completion is late summer / early fall of 2017. Once the FTD is fully operational, it will be instrumental in reducing flight time on the AW-139 fleet.

Captain Konold announced that after a nationwide search, Mr. Lance Wood will be joining the MSPAC as the Director of Flight Operations on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wood has numerous fixed wing and helicopter ratings with thousands of hours and has an extensive aviation and management background. Mr. Wood holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics and Aviation Business Administration and a Master of Aeronautical Science and Quality Systems Management Degree.

Captain Konold reported that the fixed winged (Cessna) has been sold and a new fixed wing aircraft has been purchased. After the sale of the old Cessna aircraft, the additional cost for the new aircraft was approximately \$100,000.

Captain Konold said there have been two positive news stories regarding MSPAC that can be accessed at the following links:

<http://wjla.com/news/local/bipartisan-support-for-socialized-medicine-at-2000-feet-program-unique-to-maryland>

<http://video.mpt.tv/show/state-circle/>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Incorporation by Reference

Mr. Magee presented the updated Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients for Incorporation by Reference by proposed amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01.

**Upon the motion made by Mr. Cross, seconded by Dr. Reece, the EMS Board approved the proposal of an amendment to COMAR 30.10.02.01 to update the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients for Incorporation by Reference.**

### Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)

Ms. Sette gave an overview of the highlighted changes to the MOLST form distributed to the Board. Ms. Gainer suggested removing the “signature of patient or authorized decision maker” from the “certification for the basis of these orders” section. Ms. Sette explained that this was a formatting issue that she would correct.

**Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Ms. Showalter the Board approved the MOLST with corrected formatting.**

### COMAR Licensure & Certification proposed regulation change for EMT requirement

Ms. Sette submitted the proposed change in Education Article, §13-516, Annotated Code of Maryland .03 which would incorporate the EMR-to-EMT Bridge course that had recently been developed.

**The EMS Board approved the regulation by acclamation.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### COMAR Licensure & Certification proposed regulation changes for renewal and reinstatement for CRT

Ms. Sette gave an overview of a proposed regulation change for renewal and reinstatement for CRT. This will bring CRT in line with Paramedic renewal and reinstatement until 2019 when CRT will no longer be supported.

**Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Mr. Broccolino the Board approved the proposed change in regulation.**

### COMAR - Education Article, §13-516(d) - Definition Change “CECBEMS” to “CAPCE”

Ms. Sette said that the proposed definition change is to change “Continuing Education Coordination Board for EMS” (“CECBEMS”) to “Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education” (“CAPCE”) under Subtitle 04 Emergency Medical Services Education Programs and Courses .01 Definitions and .06 Other Courses.

**Upon the motion made by Ms. Showalter, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the proposed change in regulation.**

**Upon the motion made by Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Dr. Kalish, he EMS Board adjourned to closed session.**

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**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

**The Board returned to open session.**

**In closed session:**

1. The Board considered a hospital Designation;
2. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.
3. The Board discussed the Executive Director search.

**A motion was made by Dr. Kalish seconded by Dr. Reese, the Board JH Bayview as an Adult Burn Center for the remaining four years of the five year designation period.**

The Board adjourned by acclamation.