

**SEMSAC Meeting  
June 4, 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** M. Kalish; D. Balthis; C. Wills; R. Berg; R. Simonds; R. Lipps; S. Haas; B. Johnson for J. Spearman; M. Meyers; A.J. McAndrew; B. Spicer for S. Edwards; A. Walker; W. Gaasch; K. Yamamoto; J. Fowler; J. Fillmore; J. Scheulen.

**Members Absent:** K. May; C. Mays; D. Graham; T. Scalea; S. Henry; J. Brown; K. Grote; W. Baxter; G. Delaplaine; D. Crane.

**MIEMSS Staff:** R. Bass; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; P. Hurlock; R. Alcorta; J. Brown; M. Beachley; S. Alban; W. Seifarth; L. Chervon; P. Gainer; R. Dubansky; R. Oliveira; J. Barto; J. New; B. Contee; J. Davis.

**OAG:** E. Fremont Magee

**Shock Trauma:** R. Hartsock; J. Radcliffe; J. Huggins

**Regional Affairs:** M. O'Connell

**MSFA:** F. Underwood; D. Cox; R. Powell

**MSP Aviation:** M. Gartland

The meeting was convened at 1:10 p.m.

**MIEMSS Director's Report-Dr. Bass**

- Dr. Bass introduced a new employee, Rae Oliveira from the Education and Certification Department.
- MSP is continuing discussion about the possible move of its Centreville base to Easton Memorial Airport. Major McAndrew indicated a Fire EMS Commission meeting is being held tonight (Thursday evening, June 4, 2009). Additional community meetings are also being scheduled.
- Dr. Alcorta presented a draft Minimum 12-Lead Curriculum that includes a minimum set of standards that will be required to be taught to all ALS providers in Maryland. The intent is to set a uniform minimum training standard for EMS providers performing 12 lead ECGs. The curriculum will be distributed to all training centers and will be available on the LMS. Dr. Alcorta provided an overview of the standards. SEMSAC approved taking the Curriculum forward to the EMS Board for approval.
- There continues to be discussion on prehospital transmission of 12 lead ECGs by EMS providers transporting STEMI patients. In a recent American Heart Association Scientific Statement, pre hospital 12 lead ECG transmission was not listed as a requirement. MIEMSS is neither discouraging nor encouraging

EMS jurisdictions to purchase pre hospital 12 lead ECG transmission equipment. Hospitals and EMS providers should work closely to ensure feedback is provided on EMS transported STEMI patients.

- “EMAIS® Next Generation” will be replacing EMAIS® 2.0. The EMAIS User’s Group met Wednesday, June 3, 2009 and support the direction MIEMSS is moving. Some funding challenges were discussed and will be taken to Regional Affairs.
- The American College of Surgeons has updated Criteria for Trauma Center Designation and MIEMSS will be convening a group over the summer to consider whether to update Maryland’s Trauma Center Regulations to be in line with the revised ACS Guidelines. The first meeting has been scheduled for 7/13/09.
- MIEMSS is continuing to monitor helicopter utilization. To date, EMS utilization of medevac transports remains below pre crash flight utilization.
- A Medical Quality Assurance Summit is being held on June 29, 2009. Medevac utilization will be reviewed by the Quality Assurance Officers and Regional Medical Directors.

**There was no SEMSAC Chairman’s report.**

**There was no National Study Center report.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **BLS Committee-William Seifarth**

The EMT refresher training course is expected to be released in Fall 2009. The focus will be on basic medical conditions and pathophysiology.

#### **ALS Committee-Scott Haas**

- 4 programs were approved for accreditation and all will be complete by 2012.
- Standards for accreditation of public safety academies were discussed.
- The Education Standards were reviewed. An Education Standards Committee is to begin meeting in Summer 2009.
- CRT 99 will continue in Maryland.
- Pre certification levels were reviewed.
- The ALS Committee saw a presentation of the new MIEMSS LMS and think it is a good system.

**There was no EMD Committee report.**

#### **Regional Affairs-Michael O’Connell**

- Regional Affairs did not meet this month.
- The only outstanding item for FY 09 is the DHMH bioterrorism grant.
- 50:50 matching grants will be the priority for the next Regional Affairs meeting.

### **SEMSAC By-Laws Committee-Melissa Meyers**

- The By-laws were last amended in 2003
- The By-Laws Committee met once and will be meeting again today after the SEMSAC meeting to review the existing By-Laws and make recommendations for amendments. The draft revisions will be presented to SEMSAC for review, comment and approval.

### **Old Business**

#### **Yellow Alert Update-Lisa Myers**

- Updated yellow and red alert graphs were presented. The graphs indicate that yellow and red alert utilization in regions III and V have drastically decreased over the last year.
- The Council would like to see updated EMS turnaround and reroute times at the next meeting.

#### **EMS Provider Status Report-William Seifarth**

- Mr. Seifarth provided an update on the # of providers certified by MIEMSS Office of Licensure & Certification as of June 3, 2009.

#### **EMS Education Standards & Accreditation-William Seifarth**

- Mr. Seifarth gave a presentation summarizing the national agenda for the future. New content is estimated for roll out in 2011 or 2012.
- A SEMSAC Education Standards Committee has been created and will include members from the BLS & ALS committees. Meetings are scheduled to begin in Summer 2009.

### **New Business**

#### **Approved Stroke Center Update-Mary Beachley**

- 32 primary stroke centers have been designated by MIEMSS including Frederick Memorial Hospital which was approved this month. MIEMSS anticipates an additional two centers to the list in the near future.
- Comprehensive Stroke center designation and integration will be considered for the future.

#### **Other**

- Mr. Charles Wills announced that this will be his last meeting representing the MSFA on SEMSAC. Mr. Wills was thanked for all of his years of service to SEMSAC.
- There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2009.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**