

## SEMSAC Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2009

SEMSAC Members Present: M. Kalish; J. Fowler; R. Lipps; G. Delaplaine; R. Berg; S. Haas; M. Meyers; K. Grote; S. Edwards; J. Scheulen; W. Gaasch; J. Brown; R. Simonds; A. McAndrew; J. Fillmore; W. Baxter.

SEMSAC Members Absent: K. Yamamoto; J. Spearman; S. Henry; K. May; C. Mays; D. Graham; A. Walker; D. Crane

MIEMSS Staff Present: R. Bass; L. Myers; S. Alban; P. Hurlock; R. Fechter; J. Brown; P. Gainer; C. Hyzer; W. Seifarth.

AAG: F. Magee

MSFA: R. Powell; D. Lewis

MSPA: C. Cosgrove

STC: R. Hartsock; J. Radcliffe

Howard County Fire & Rescue: R. Harne

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m.

Changes to the September meeting were requested to include correction of Roland Berg's title and of the Education Committee chair representation. The September meeting minutes were approved with the requested changes.

### **Executive Director's Report-Dr. Robert Bass**

- Schools are seeing an increase in H1N1 cases since the new school year began. Emergency departments are crowded, but at this point, the number of inpatient cases is below the CDC "Flusurge" modeling estimates.
- MIEMSS is conducting daily bed counts including ICU capacity.
- Alert utilization remains low at this time.
- FRED and CHATS have been consolidated into HC Standard. Internal training is in progress. Training in the regions is scheduled to begin October 13, 2009. The tool can be used for patient tracking if necessary and hospitals will be able to place themselves on alert without calling EMRC.
- The Trauma Regulations Committee has almost completed the draft of revised regulations to be reviewed. The document should be available shortly and will be presented to SEMSAC for comment.
- Major McAndrew reported that the relocation of Trooper 6 from Centreville to Easton should be completed by December 2009.

- The draft of the new Electronic Patient Care Reporting System for the State of Maryland RFP is almost complete. A federal matching fund grant through the Maryland Highway Safety Office will be used to fund this project which will help the state become NEMSIS compliant.
- Half of the 50-50 matching grant funds will be made available for the purchase of LP 12 monitor/defibrillators . A decision on the remaining half of the funds will be made as soon as possible.

#### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish**

- The FY 2011 EMSOF agency budgets were presented to the EMS Board and recommended for approval at the September 2009 EMS Board meeting.

#### **There was no National Study Center Report**

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

- The BLS Committee met on September 17, 2009.
- Review of the EMTB curriculum continues and should be completed by January 2010 and ready for implementation by July 2011.
- Transition to the new instructor education and training standards for EMT and EMR are also anticipated to occur in July 2011.

#### **EMD Committee-William Seifarth**

- The EMD Committee met on September 16, 2009.
- H1N1 protocols were discussed.
- Available education initiatives were presented.
- The funding application process was reviewed.

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

- A meeting is scheduled for October. The ALS Committee will have 2 meetings before the Standards and Education Committee meets. ALS is one of three committees that will report to the Standards and Education Committee.

#### **Regional Affairs-Michael FX O'Connell**

- 50% of the matching grant funds will be available immediately for the regions to prioritize.
- The Highway Safety grant will be used for the EMAIS® replacement project.
- Pre-hospital and hospital coordination plans for the bioterrorism grant are complete in Regions III and V. Regions I, II, and IV need to develop plans.

### **By-Laws-Melissa Meyers**

- A draft of revision to the SEMSAC By-Laws was presented for information only.
- It was noted that several of the organization names have changed; however, in order to change the names in the By-Laws, the statute would first have to be changed.
- The Council indicated there should not be term limits for members as the draft proposed.
- The SEMSAC Vice Chairman should not be required to chair the Finance Committee.
- The document will be edited and presented for a vote at the next SEMSAC meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Mr. Seifarth provided an updated EMS provider status report.

### **New Business**

- The Open Meetings Act was presented for information by Monty Magee.
- Volunteer Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP)-Chief Roger Simonds reported that a final document is near completion and will be presented for review when complete.
- Major McAndrew reported that the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recently issued recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that underscored the increased safety with use of two pilots on each flight. The NTSB recommended that the FAA require that EMS transport helicopters be equipped with autopilots and that the pilots be trained to use the autopilot if a second pilot is not available. The NTSB is an advisory body to the FAA.

The next SEMSAC meeting is November 5, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.