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**State Emergency Medical Services Board**

June 9, 2020  
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
2. Approval of the May 12, 2020 EMS Board minutes
3. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
4. SEMSAC Report – Mr. Tiemersma
5. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
6. RACSTC Update – Dr. Snedeker
7. MSFA Update – Ms. Tomanelli
8. Old Business
9. New Business
  - Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and to update the Burn Data Dictionary – ACTION - Mr. Magee
  - Acute Stroke Ready Center Regulations – INFORMATION – Ms. Sette, Ms. Aycock
  - Primary Stroke Center Regulations – INFORMATION – Ms. Sette, Ms. Aycock
10. Adjourn to Closed Session

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).



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**Minutes**

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**Board Members Present:**

Clay Stamp, Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Dany Westerband, MD; James Scheulen, PA (arrived @ 9:17am); Sally Showalter, RN; Wayne Tiemersma; Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN

**Board Members Absent:** Dean E. Albert Reece, MD;

**Others Present:**

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri; Capt. McMinn

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycocock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Bilger; Mr. Brown; Ms. Chervon; Dr. Chizmar; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Huggins; Mr. Kelly; Ms. Mays; Mr. Linthicum; Mr. Buckson; Mr. Sidik; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Wright-Johnson; Ms. Goff

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

**RACSTC:** Dr. Snedeker

**MSFA:** Ms. Tomanelli

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Ms. Goff called the roll.

Mr. Stamp commended Dr. Delbridge and the MIEMSS team on their exemplary work during this COVID pandemic. He also recognized the MSFA, MFRI and RACSTC for their partnership and commitment to the well-being of the citizens of Maryland.

Mr. Stamp asked for approval of the May 12, 2020, Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy and unanimously approved to accept the May 12, 2020, minutes of EMS Board as written.**

**MIEMSS REPORT**

**COVID-19**

Dr. Delbridge highlighted information available through the MIEMSS Dashboard tracking, including staffed in-patient beds available statewide and mechanical ventilators in Maryland.

He said the number of acute care beds occupied by COVID patients has significantly declined since April.

Dr. Delbridge provided an overview of the numbers of PUIs treated and transported by EMS public safety and commercial services. He said that the number of PUIs have also dropped in the last 15 days.

Dr. Delbridge said that out-of-hospital cardiac arrests had risen slightly. He noted that it might never be known if the cardiac arrest was due patient avoiding hospital treatment or if they were suffering from COVID-19.

He said that ongoing data acquisition was continuing in coordination with CRISP and MDH.

Chairman Stamp asked if MIEMSS would be conducting a COVID-19 After Action report. Dr. Delbridge said MIEMSS is analyzing data for possible publication, but had not been asked to organize an after action.

Chairman Stamp asked for a report on the effect of COVID-19 on EMS.

Vice Chair Adams said MDH, in conjunction with MEMA, is working to hire contractors to conduct a COVID-19 after action. She will keep MIEMSS informed.

#### MIEMSS' @HA (Ambulances at Hospitals) Dashboard

Dr. Delbridge gave an update on the Hospital Dashboard “@HA” (Ambulances at Hospitals) platform to provide real-time information on the number of ambulances waiting at hospital which is an indication of offload / transfer of care times. He said MIEMSS continues to work on including additional jurisdictions to provide real time awareness of EMS-ED interface. He added that Montgomery County is in the process of securing a CAD update and cannot participate at this time.

Dr. Delbridge said that Yellow Alerts are starting to increase from the downward trend experienced during the height of the pandemic.

Dr. Delbridge said through MIEMSS' robust relationship with the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), an App is being developed for an Emergency Department Advisory based on ED patient census.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the intended uses, outcomes and possible unintended consequences of @HA and the Emergency Department Advisory applications.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS has processed 655 Clinical Nurse Externs, with another 121 pending and 82 Clinical Respiratory Externs with 1 additional pending.

Dr. Delbridge also said that MIEMSS had issued over 950 Provisional EMS licenses and certifications. He highlighted the components of a proposed regulation that would permit Provisional EMS clinicians to become fully certified or licensed.

Dr. Delbridge said that much of MIEMSS' work is occurring on a virtual basis, which includes meetings, inspections and testing. MIEMSS will also be conducting some specialty center designation site visits virtually, modeled in part, on the Joint Commission's experience in conducting these types of visits virtually.

As stated by the Governor, the State of Maryland is to continue telework and social distance as possible.

## **SEMSAC REPORT**

SEMSAC Chairman, Mr. Tiemersma, reported that SEMSAC met on June 4, 2020. He said that SEMSAC is anxious to reinvigorate current SEMSAC committees. He added that SEMSAC is considering adding an ad hoc committee for MIH in Maryland to share current best practices. He added that SEMSAC would like to address lessons learned from COVID-19.

Mr. Tiemersma said that the BLS Committee Co-Chair, Linda Dousa, is assuming the role as Committee Chair.

The Regional Affairs committee reported that the unused monies from the 50/50 grant were reallocated, leaving \$1,000.00 unused.

Mr. Tiemersma added that Dr. Delbridge said that work to finalize the EMS Plan will resume and a version should be ready to share in the coming weeks.

## **MSPAC REPORT**

(A copy of the written report was distributed)

Captain McMinn said that consistent with the overall decrease in EMS call volume, MSPAC has seen a 27% decrease in medevac mission requests since the beginning of the pandemic. However, the last two weeks have shown a trend toward a return to normal summer operational tempo.

MSPAC has evaluated and implemented several pandemic-related service bulletins from Leonardo to isolate the aircraft cockpit from the cabin where patient care takes place.

Captain McMinn said that the Salisbury Section has returned to a 24/7 operational posture and the Cumberland Section has returned to a near 24/7 posture.

Captain McMinn advised that on May 1, 2020, MSPAC awarded a five-month contract to Arkenstone Technologies from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to conduct a helicopter basing study. MSPAC and MIEMSS Leadership agreed on the contract scope of work.

## **MSFA**

Ms. Tomanelli said that the MSFA leadership continues to work on the virtual MSFA convention and thanked MIEMSS and MFRI for their presentations. The MSFA plans to hold a two-day convention in the Fall.

Ms. Tomanelli added that the MSFA appreciated its partners, MIEMSS and MFRI, for getting volunteers trained during this pandemic.

## **R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA**

(A written report distributed via email)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and to update the Burn Data Dictionary

(Distributed via email)

Dr. Delbridge and Mr. Magee asked the EMS Board to approve a proposed amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01 to update the protocol edition date to August 1, 2020, for the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services and to update the Burn Data Dictionary edition date to May 21, 2020, for the Maryland State Trauma Registry.

**Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve the Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and to update the Burn Data Dictionary.**

### Acute Stroke Ready Regulations

Ms. Sette and Ms. Aycock presented the proposed new Acute Stroke Ready Regulation distributed via email. They said that this new regulation will allow hospitals that are currently designated as a Primary Stroke Center (PSC) to maintain a stroke designation as they downsize from an Acute Care Hospital to a Freestanding Medical Facility and allow hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities, currently not designated as a Primary Stroke Center, to obtain designation and be an added resource to both EMS and the community. Ms. Sette gave an overview of the process and the participants who drafted the regulation.

Mr. Scheulen asked if there was a cost associated with the new regulation. Ms. Aycock said there was a one-time cost to purchase the RAPID application. She added that approximately 80% hospitals have already completed the purchase.

### Primary Stroke Center Regulation Update

Ms. Sette and Ms. Aycock presented for review the updated Primary Stroke Center regulations, distributed by email. She said the changes update the PSC COMAR regulations with the most current recommendations/guidelines from the American Heart Association /American Stroke Association, The Joint Commission and the Brain Attack Coalition for care of the stroke patient population. Ms. Sette provided an overview of the process for drafting the updated regulation.

### Ready Responders

Dr. Delbridge provided an overview of a Ready Responders, which uses EMS clinicians.

## **OLD BUSINESS - NA**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy the EMS Board adjourned to closed session.**