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**State EMS Board / SEMSAC
Annual Joint Meeting
January 17, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries, EMS Board Chairperson
Dr. Kalish, SEMSAC Chairperson
- II. MIEMSS Executive Director’s Report – Ms. Gainer
 - MIEMSS - Email Encryption – Mr. MacDonald
- III. MFRI – Mr. Steve Edwards
- IV. MSFA – President Davis
- V. MSP Aviation Command – Captain Konold
- VI. The National Study Center for Trauma and EMS – Dr. Kozar
- VII. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma – Ms. Doyle
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business



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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. Chairman; Fred Cross Kyrle Preis; Dany Westerland, M.D; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, MD; Jim Scheulen; MD; Mary Alice Vanhoy

Board Members Absent: Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Dean E. Albert Reece; Sally Showalter;

SEMSAC Members Present: Karen Doyle; Jack Markey; Eric Smothers; Steve Edwards; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Wade Gaasch, MD; Kathleen Grote; Scott Haas; Murray Kalish, MD; Wayne Dyott; Melissa Meyers; Tom Gianni; Rosemary Kozar, MD; Wayne Tiemersma; Roger Simonds; Lisa Tenney; Tim Chizmar, MD; Michael DeRuggiero;

SEMSAC Members Absent: Jonathan Lerner; James Fowler; James Scheulen; Jennifer Anders, MD; Linda Dousa

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Alcorta (phone); Ms. Gainer; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Brown; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Oliveira; Ms. Mays; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Myers; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Cantera; Dr. Thompson; Mr. Donohue

MSPAC: Captain Konold; Lt. McMinn

MSFA: PP Johnie Roth; President Mike Davis; 2nd VP Rick Blair

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

Mr. DeVries welcomed everyone and said that the Joint meeting of the EMS Board and SEMSAC reflects the depth and breadth of the Maryland EMS system and highlights the broad and varied functions of the statewide system. He said all the participants in the statewide system are critical for preserving and upholding Maryland as the best EMS system in the country.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish said that the SEMSAC MIH Workgroup continues to work on recommendations. He said that SEMSAC members looked forward to participating in the interview process for the new MIEMSS Executive Director.

MIEMSS

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Ms. Gainer highlighted the 2016 major agency efforts, the current legislative issues and agency program focus for 2017.

The 2016 agency efforts included National Registry (NR) testing for BLS providers. She said that the EMS Board had convened a Committee on National Registry Testing to ensure that individuals seeking Basic Life Support level EMS certification in Maryland are well-prepared and able to pass the national testing that leads to Maryland certification. She said that the Committee was comprised of Board members, EMS providers, educators and stakeholders and, over the past 18 months, have examined ways to improve testing and pass rates for Maryland students. Eighteen (18) months later, Maryland's BLS test pass rate average is well above the national pass rate average, a direct result of this hard work and initiative.

Ms. Gainer also said that significant efforts had been directed toward the Statewide Communications System upgrade. She said that Licensing and Certification had continued its efforts to transition to an electronic system purchased from ImageTrend. She also noted the many designations completed by the MIEMSS Hospital Program, as well as, research and data initiatives, the re-organization of MIEMSS' Interagency Planning, Emergency Operations and Regional Program departments and increased focus on cyber security.

Regarding legislative issues, Ms. Gainer said there were no MIEMSS departmental Bills for 2017. MEMSOF budget hearings are scheduled for February 27 & 28, 2017.

MIEMSS program focus areas for 2017 include the Statewide Communications upgrade, an EMR to EMT Bridge, heroin & opioid overdose initiatives, freestanding medical facilities, mobile integrated healthcare, emergency department overcrowding, completion of revisions to the Trauma and Burn standards, e-Licensure for Commercial ambulance licensing, updates to the EMS Plan Objectives & MIEMSS Continuity of Operations plans, and the impact to Maryland of possible changes to the Affordable Care Act.

MFRI

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Mr. Edwards recognized Mr. DeVries for his 100% participation and leadership addressing the National Registry testing issues.

Mr. Edwards highlighted MFRI's educational efforts in 2016 including the number of courses for Fire and EMS, student enrollment, student feedback tools, student pass rates, student and instructor safety policies and the updated Fire Officers Series. He gave an overview of the purchases resulted for the Fire Act Grant award of \$500,000.00.

MSFA

President Davis said that the Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), which represents 30,000 Fire/EMS volunteers with 355 departments, celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2017. He added that 62% of Maryland first responders are volunteers with 8% career/volunteer departments.

President Davis said that there are still challenges with the increase training hours and the National Registry test for EMS providers.

The MSFA received monies from the SAFER grant for the development of recruitment and retention courses, firefighter cancer support and firefighter physicals.

The MSFA is current working on upgrading the MSFA website.

The MSFA legislative committee is working on a bill that would permit responders to provide life-saving treatment for animals during a fire or other event, since animals are not currently covered under the Good Samaritan Act.

Mr. DeVries thanked President Davis and all the volunteers for all they do to protect the citizens of Maryland. He said "...although it has been said before; we cannot do what we do without the volunteers."

MSPAC

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Captain Konold highlighted the Maryland State Police Aviation Command's 2016 mission data, EMS Education Programs, current numbers of EMS providers and pilots, personnel recruitment strategies, and ongoing projects and initiatives including the Flight Training Device and Building.

Lt. McMinn showed an aerial rescue mission at Chimney Rock, Thurmont, MD, via video.

Captain Konold said 2017 goals and objectives include meeting or exceeding transport efficiency and improving training including the development of an FAA approved flight training device program.

National Study Center (NSC)

A copy of the NSC report including a list of articles published in 2016 was distributed.

Dr. Kozar gave an overview of the NSC research activities involving motor vehicle-related injuries, alcohol related injuries and training activities. She said that the NSC has recently undergone a few leadership changes with the recent retirement of Pat Dischinger. Dr. Kozar and Dr. Lauerman are the current faculty for the NSC and staff members.

The NSC has conducted some strategic planning efforts and is focused on expanding research in two main arenas: internally with the STC and externally with state partners. Outreach is being conducted throughout the STC with support from Drs. Kozar and Lauerman and Mark Scarboro to provide epidemiological and statistical support to trauma research projects. Concurrently, outreach efforts are being conducted to state agencies with interests in injury research and prevention with support from Tim Kerns and current research partners (MIEMSS, MSP, MHSO, MVA, etc.). This two-pronged approach is meant to expand the visibility and scope of the NSC to build the STAR-ORC into the premier trauma research entity.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC)

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Ms. Doyle highlighted the RACSTC's 2016 statistics on patient admissions, occupancy rates, OR volumes and clinic volumes. She summarized the RACSTC Go-Team missions and FY17 EMS Outreach & Education activities.

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the Shock Trauma Helipad Refurbishment which is anticipated to be completed in September 2017.

Mr. DeVries thanked everyone for their informative report and expounded on the sustained cooperative excellence of leadership.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session by acclamation, and the Joint Meeting ended.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session in order to carry out administrative functions, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(a) (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 (a) (13).

In Closed Session:

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Board Members Absent: Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Sally L. D. Showalter, RN; Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta (by phone); Ms. Goff.

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In closed session the Board discussed a disciplinary case.

The EMS Board adjourned by acclamation.