



State Emergency Medical Services Board

July 11, 2017

Meeting Agenda

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- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2017
- III. MIEMSS Report – Ms. Gainer
- IV. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Report – Ms. Doyle
- V. MSP Aviation Update – Captain Beck/Lt. McMinn
- VI. MSFA Update
- VII. Old Business
 - 30.08.15 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities – FINAL ACTION – Ms. Sette
- VIII. New Business
 - Phase II MIH Committee Recommendations – INFORMATION – Ms. Doyle
 - LAMS Stroke Research Protocol for Baltimore City Fire Department – INFORMATION - Dr. Alcorta
 - 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
 - Children’s National Medical Center MOU –ACTION – Mr. Magee
- 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

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Board Members Absent: Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Kyrle W. Preis III, NREMT-P

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Brown; Ms. Goff; Ms. Gilliam

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Ms. Doyle; Ms. James

MSPAC: Lt. McMinn; Mr. Wood

Mr. DeVries opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence in memory of MSFA Past President and former EMS Board member Richard Yinger who passed away on July 2, 2017.

Mr. DeVries welcomed everyone and asked for the approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting.

MIEMSS

A written copy of the MIEMSS Report was distributed.

Licensure

Ms. Gainer said that June 30th is the deadline for EMT renewal.

MIEMSS is aware of and working on the issues surrounding the “Taken/Not Taken” reports.

An eLicensure Steering Committee has been formed to discuss issues and solutions with the new eLicensure system. The first meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 10:00 am in room 212 at MIEMSS.

Legislative Studies

Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS has been tasked with three (3) Legislative Studies that are due by December 31, 2017: an AED Placement Recommendation Study, a Mobil Integrated Healthcare Evaluation Study and an ED Overcrowding (with HSCRC) Study.

Budget Process

Ms. Gainer said the Maryland Department of Budget and Management has indicated that agencies and departments will be limited to one (1) Over the Target budget request for FY18.

Ms. Gainer reported that the roof on the MIEMSS building has leaked for years, despite repeated attempts to repair. As a result, it has been determined that a new roof will be necessary. MIEMSS will be requesting capital funds for the roof replacement. Budgeting for capital improvements is a lengthy process.

Opioid Operational Command Center (OCCC)

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. There have been inquiries from schools and other entities on acquiring the cards; the card is on the MIEMSS website for anyone to reproduce at their own expense:

http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EMS_News/Opiod-Business-Card-V4A.pdf?ver=2017-06-27-080150-120

MIEMSS shares opioid overdose data with the Maryland Department of Health for treatment purposes.

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)

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. 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. Ms. Gainer, Dr. Alcorta and Ms. Mays attended a Commanders Briefing at WRNMMC and were provided a tour of the impressive facility and will be meeting with WRNMMC leadership to work on the specified collaboration. MIEMSS staff will update the Board as any developments occur.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

The CDC will be conducting CHEMPACK site visits during July and replacing the outdated Mark 1 kits.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC)

A copy of the written report was distributed.

Ms. Doyle reported that from July of 2016 through May of 2017, admissions to RACSTC were down by 280 patients, the CCRU volumes were up by 3 patients, the Lung Rescue Unit (which is the third busiest in the US and has received the Gold Award) had no volume change; Organ and Tissue donations have increased by 57% and the Go-Team was deployed 7 times.

Ms. Doyle said, although capacity is down, length of patients stays has increased. There is a struggle with getting patients out of the hospital to the appropriate skilled nursing facilities. Ms. Doyle added that is getting increasingly difficult to find space at an appropriate facility for traumatic brain injury patients.

The target date for the reopening of the refurbished RACSTC helipad is September 1, 2017.

MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC report was distributed.

Lt. McMinn introduced Mr. Lance Wood who joined MSPAC as the Director of Flight Operations on May 24, 2017.

Lt. McMinn said that there are (5) new troopers out of the last graduation class who are EMS providers.

Lt. McMinn reported that during the first week of July, MSPAC performed (2) hoists on July 4th and a dynamic rescue/hoist of an injured West Virginia hiker on July 7th.

MSFA

Mr. Hurlock said the MSFA Convention in Ocean City, Maryland went very well. He thanked Mr. DeVries, Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta for their participation and support.

The next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 26, 2017 at the Reece and Community Volunteer Fire Company located at: 1745 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, MD 21157.

Mr. Hurlock said the MSFA Leadership is looking forward to the regular meetings with MIEMSS and MFRI.

OLD BUSINESS

Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities

Ms. Sette presented the Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities 30.08.15 for approval to the EMS Board.

Upon the motion made by Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Adams, the EMS Board approved the COMAR 30.08.15 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities Regulation.

NEW BUSINESS

Phase #2 Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Recommendations

Ms. Doyle, Co-Chairperson of the SEMSAC Phase #2 MIH Committee, presented the recommendations of the committee to the EMS Board. Ms. Doyle said the recommendations are a consensus of broad stakeholder input and support.

Mr. DeVries thanked Ms. Doyle and Co-Chairperson, Dr. Tim Chizmar, for their time and commitment to the improvement of healthcare in Maryland.

LAMS Stroke Research Protocol for Baltimore City FD

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the Baltimore City Fire Department's, LAMS Stroke Research protocol being conducted in conjunction with Johns Hopkins, JHH Bayview and UMMC which have received IRB approval.

This research will assess EMS identification of patients in the field with severe stroke-like symptoms using in-field modified versions of two different stroke severity scales designed to predict the presence of a large vessel occlusion that may require specific intervention. The project will also assess whether if taking a patient directly to a facility that offer both IV tPA and mechanical embolectomy improves patient outcomes.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Showalter the Board approved the LAMS Stroke Research Protocol for Baltimore City FD.

COMAR 30.08.02.03 Initial Application Process & COMAR 30.08.02.10 Reverification of Trauma or Specialty Referral Center Designation Regulation

Mr. Magee presented the language changes made to both regulations removing obsolete language and including updated application designation process language.

Mr. Magee presented the MOU with Children's National Medical Center MOU for approval.

Upon the motion made by Ms. Adams, seconded Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved the MOU with Children's National Medical Center effective January 1, 2018.

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

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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Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta, Ms. Goff; Mr. Colbert

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

Present only for hearing exceptions: Joseph P. Lawrence, Esquire; Bryan Barnes

In closed session:

1. The Board discussed hospital designation;
2. The Board discussed a MFRI training and testing issue;
3. The Board considered an EMS provider disciplinary action; and
4. The Board discussed the Executive Director search.

The Board adjourned by acclamation.