



State Emergency Medical Services Board

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Meeting Agenda

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- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2018
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
- IV. MIEMSS Legislative Update – Ms. Gainer and Ms. Myers
- V. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
- VI. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Update – Dr. Snedeker
- VII. MSP Aviation Command – Captain McMinn
- VIII. MSFA Update
- IX. Old Business
 - COMAR 30.08.01 Trauma & Specialty Center Regulations – Ms. Sette
- X. New Business
 - Naloxone “Leave Behind” Emergency Pilot Protocol – Revised - ACTION – Dr. Alcorta
 - Emergency Protocol – Verapamil – INFORMATION/ACTION – Dr. Alcorta

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to discuss the appointment of appointees and officials under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (1), 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

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Murray Kalish, MD; Dany Westerland, MD; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Kyrle W. Preis III; Sally Showalter, RN; David Hexter, MD; Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (phone); Jim Scheulen

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Alex Cardella

MSPAC: Director Lance Wood

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

MFRI: Larry Preston

MSFA: Johnie Roth

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Mr. DeVries asked for the approval of the minutes from March 13, 2018 meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meeting held on March 13, 2018.

Mr. DeVries announced the resignation of Fred Cross from the EMS Board; he said we are waiting on the Governor's appointment to represent the volunteer providers. He said that Jim Scheulen has been appointed to serve as the Hospital Administrator representative to the EMS Board. Mr. DeVries said that Chief Kyrle Preis and Dr. David Hexter's terms on the EMS Board have ended. Governor Hogan has appointed Chief John Butler and Dr. Bill Frohna to serve in their vacated positions.

Mr. DeVries, Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta presented Chief Preis and Dr. Hexter with plaques from the EMS Board and MIEMSS staff in appreciation of their many years of service on the Board and for their unwavering support of the EMS System.

MIEMSS

Dr. Alcorta highlighted several topics from the written copy of the MIEMSS Report that was distributed.

Baltimore 911 Center

Dr. Alcorta said that there had been a recent intrusion into the Baltimore City CAD system; but, 911 calls were not interrupted. Baltimore City reverted to their back-up paper system until they could return to the CAD. An investigation into the intrusion into the CAD system is ongoing.

CRT

Dr. Alcorta said that a Town Hall meeting will be held on April 17th to discuss the future of CRT Licensure in Maryland. Topics of discussion will include the loss of CRT – National Registry Testing, continuation of CRT Licensure and consideration of Advanced EMT as a state certification.

State EMS Medical Director

Dr. Alcorta said that he will be retiring as State EMS Medical Director on November 1, 2018. In order to maintain continuity, MIEMSS is currently seeking to hire a contractual Associate State Medical Director with anticipation to hire as the next Maryland EMS Medical Director.

Communications Upgrade Project

Dr. Alcorta said that the MIEMSS staff has met with the DoIT liaison and the Board of Public Works (BPW) staff in anticipation of presenting to the BPW in May 2018.

eMEDS® / Health Information Exchange

The CRISP/eMEDS integration project pilot program beta test has begun in Montgomery, Prince George's and Talbot Counties.

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)

Ms. Gainer said the Andrew Naumann, Region II Administrator, will be the liaison for MIEMSS to WRNMMC. Andrew will be working with WRNMMC on the four areas of interest: Statewide Disaster Response, Trauma Physician Training, Patient Rehabilitation and Trauma Research.

Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT)

Dr. Alcorta said there that the Town Hall meeting on April 17th to discussion the future of CRT Licensure in Maryland will be held at the Howard County FRS Training Center.

Opioid Crisis

Dr. Alcorta reported on the recently identified synthetic cannabinoids laced with rodenticides that has killed one person in Maryland.

Prevention

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month a united effort to recognize and eliminate preventable deaths from distracted driving. This year, a new component has been introduced. Drowsy driving is an issue with everyone however shift workers, such as emergency services and hospital workers are at a higher risk.

The week of May 20, 2018 is EMS Week.

Ms. Gainer added that MIEMSS, MFRI and the MSFA leadership is scheduled to meet in May 2018.

MIEMSS Legislative Report

Ms. Gainer said that the EMSOF and MIEMSS Budget hearings went well. The EMSOF is predicted to be solvent through 2024. The Senate Finance Committee asked when MIEMSS would start looking for an increase for the EMFOF.

SB 682 Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance-EMS Providers-Coverage and Reimbursement of Services

Ms. Gainer said that SB 682 requires the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), in consultation with specified entities, to jointly (1) develop a statewide plan for the reimbursement of services provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers to Medicaid recipients; (2) identify a process for obtaining Medicare reimbursement for such services; (3) study and make recommendations regarding the desirability and feasibility of reimbursement for such services provided to privately insured individuals; and (4) submit the plan and the study results to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2019. The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.

SB 175 (HB 371) Emergency Medical Services-Emergency Medical Services Board

Ms. Myers said that SB175/HB371 repeals the prohibition against the Governor appointing to the EMS Board a member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, or an officer or full-time employee of the Medical System Corporation or the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus. Instead, prohibits the Governor from appointing to the EMS Board more than two persons in total from the same health system, health system and medical school that are affiliated, or medical schools under the same governing board. The bill takes effect October 1, 2018.

HB 359 (SB 309) Health-Reporting of Overdose Information

Ms. Myers said the HB359/SB309 allows EMS providers and law enforcement officers (LEOs) to report location information when they encounter individuals suffering from an overdose to help identify geographic areas where higher incidences of overdose are occurring. The information is to be submitted via a secure technology platform, including the Washington / Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) overdose mapping application (known as "OD Map") or other programs operated by federal, state, or local governments. The bill also requires MIEMSS to submit location information from EMS patient care reports submitted to MIEMSS. The location information to be provided is: 1) date and time of overdose; 2) approximate address where overdose occurred or where victim was encountered; 3) whether an opioid reversal drug was administered; and 4) whether the overdose was fatal or nonfatal. Exact addresses of the overdose location may not be published by LEOs without a valid public safety concern. Information provided may not be used for criminal investigations or prosecutions and providers and MIEMSS are immune from civil and criminal liability. The Opioid Operational Command

Center must provide a report to legislature by January 1, 2019. The bill takes effect July 1, 2018. Ms. Myers added that MIEMSS is working on compliance with the Bill.

HB 106 (SB475)-Emergency Vehicles-Organ Delivery Vehicles

Ms. Myers said that HB106/SB475 adds organ delivery vehicles to the list of emergency vehicles in the Transportation Article and stipulates that operators of organ delivery vehicles may not exercise the privileges for emergency vehicles in the Transportation Article unless they complete an emergency vehicle operator course approved by MFRI. The Transportation Administration may only designate organ delivery vehicles registered to a federally-designated organ procurement organization or a professional organ transport organization. The bill takes effect on October 1, 2018.

HB 634 (SB 285) Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland

Ms. Myers said that HB634/SB285 establishes the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation, management, operation and ongoing development of NG 9-1-1 emergency communications system and other factors. The bill takes effect June 1, 2018.

Ms. Myers highlighted a few of the “Unfavorable-Withdrawn-No Movement” Bills from the session, including HB 139 EMS Motorcycle Response Unit, HB 140 EMS Bicycle Response Unit, and HB 1764 Public Health-Overdose Response Program-Dispensing of Naloxone by Paramedics.

Mr. DeVries and Ms. Gainer thanked MIEMSS Partners, EMS Jurisdictions and MIEMSS staff for their work on all the 2018 legislative initiatives.

Dr. Hexter said he would assist in any way with the MIH initiative moving forward.

SEMSAC

Dr. Kalish announced the resignation, as a SEMSAC member, of Tom Gianni who is retiring from the Maryland State Highway Office in May 2018.

Dr. Kalish said that the 2018 PDTree Project Research Protocol, the Emergency Verapamil protocol, the Naloxone “Leave Behind” pilot protocol, and the Baltimore City Stabilization Center Pilot Project were approved for recommendation to the EMS Board.

MSFA

Mr. Hurlock recognized the MSFA Legislative team of Cox, Smith and Roth for their work during the 2018 session. He said that all three members are retiring from the MSFA Legislative Committee. He also thanked the EMSOF partners for the cooperative work during the session.

Ms. Gainer thanked Mr. Hurlock for his work during the session.

RACSTC

Dr. Snedeker highlighted the number of patient visits, the loss of inter-facility transfers, length of patient stays, usage of the hyperbaric chamber, the Stop the Bleed campaign and EMS Outreach programs within the distributed written R Adams Shock Trauma Center report. She added that the RACSTC Gala will be on April 28, 2018.

MSPAC

Director Wood, MSPAC Flight Operations, gave an update on the status of the Flight Training Device (FTD) and invited the EMS Board to hold an upcoming Board meeting at the MSPAC hanger at Martins State Airport to see a demonstration of the FTD.

Director Wood said that after a nationwide search, interviews for Deputy Director will be held on April 24th and 25th. He added that the process has begun to fill 8 of the 12 pilot with interviews to begin in May.

OLD BUSINESS

COMAR 30.08.01 Trauma & Specialty Center Regulations

Ms. Sette said after publishing in the *Maryland Register*, no comments were received. Ms. Sette asked for approval.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Naloxone “Leave Behind” Emergency Pilot Protocol (Updated)

A copy of the protocol was distributed.

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the change (following evaluation by a crisis intervention team at a fire/EMS station (e.g. Safe Station for opioid treatment referral) that has identified an opioid dependent individual when immediate placement cannot occur and the individual is released) to the optional protocol and asked for approval to implement.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Chief Preis, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Naloxone “Leave Behind” Emergency Pilot Protocol upon the completion of the MOU with the MDH.

Emergency Protocol – Verapamil

Dr. Alcorta said due to the shortage of diltiazem, Mr. DeVries, EMS Board Chairman, approved Verapamil as a substitute. EMS Operational Programs will have the option of addressing this shortage by 1) Using verapamil on an emergency bases for the diltiazem indications or 2) for jurisdictions that have

refrigeration units on their ambulances, or are willing to exchange supplies of the liquid diltiazem every 30 days, may continue to use diltiazem.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Dr. Kalish the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve the decision for the Emergency Protocol for Verapamil.

Mr. DeVries presented Dr. Hexter and Chief Preis a plaque in appreciation for their years of service to the EMS Board and the EMS system.

Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, seconded by Dr. Westerband, the EMS Board adjourned to closed session.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to discuss the appointment of appointees and officials under General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1), 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).

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Board Members Not Present: George A. Cross, Jr.;

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

In closed session:

1. The Board considered a Primary Stroke Center designations;
2. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions; and
3. The Board discussed the Executive Director position; and
4. The Board discussed plans for orientation for the three new members of the EMS Board.

The Board returned to open session.

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The Board approved by acclamation the re-designation of Howard County General Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center for 5 years.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.