



## State Emergency Medical Services Board

February 12, 2019

Meeting Agenda

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- I. Call to Order
- II. MIEMSS Report – Ms. Gainer
- III. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
- IV. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2019
- V. MSPAC Report – Captain McMinn
- VI. RACSTC Update – Dr. Snedeker
- VII. MSFA Update
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
  - 50/50 Regional Grant Funding – INFORMATION – Mr. Smothers and Mr. Tiemersma



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**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Murray Kalish, MD; Stephen Cox; William J. Frohna, M.D. Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.; James Scheulen, NREMT P; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN. (Clay Stamp, NRP - incoming Chairman)

**Board Members Absent:** Sally Showalter, RN.

**Others Present:**

**MFRI:** Mr. Michael Cox; Mr. Marlatt

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri; Director Woods

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Brown; Mr. Cantera; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Naumann; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

**SEMSAC:** Mr. Smothers; Mr. Tiemersma

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

**RACSTC:** Ms. Reed-Carlson

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order and announced his retirement from the Emergency Medical Services Board after 24 years of service. He also announced the appointment of Clay Stamp as the new Chairman. Mr. DeVries said he could not be more pleased with the Governor's appointment of Mr. Stamp, as he has a great breadth of knowledge of and experience with the EMS System.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Mr. Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meetings held on January 15, 2019.

**MIEMSS Report**

Ms. Gainer reminded everyone that Dr. Delbridge's would begin his first day as MIEMSS' Executive Director on February 13, 2019.

Ms. Gainer said that the EMSOF and MIEMSS budget hearings in Annapolis went well. Ms.

Abramson said there was a difference in the projected insolvency date of the EMSOF: the Governor's budget shows the EMSOF solvent until 2025 with the Department of Legislative Services analysis showing solvency until 2023. Ms. Abramson said that actual end of solvency would likely be somewhere in between the two projected dates, most likely in 2024. Ms. Abramson added that these analyses' do not account for any additional budgetary items.

#### Communications Project

Ms. Gainer said that work on the Communications Project to upgrade the communications system from analog to digital is continuing.

Opioid Crisis. Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS leadership has met with Mr. Schuh the new Opioid Operational Command Center (OCC) Executive Director. The OCC is providing another \$200,000 in grant funds for MIEMSS to pass through to EMSOPs to offset unrecoverable naloxone costs they incurred in FY19. Grants requests are due by March 1, 2019.

#### SB 682 EMS Reimbursement

Ms. Gainer said that Senate Bill 682 directing MIEMSS and MHCC to study and report on the issue of reimbursing three models of EMS care, which was approved by the EMS Board in January, was submitted to the Legislature. Ms. Gainer anticipates further interest from the Legislature on the progress toward securing EMS reimbursement for the three models of care: EMS treat and release (release/refer without transport), EMS transport to an alternate destination and EMS mobile integrated health services.

#### **MSPAC Report**

Major Tagliaferri said that progress has been made regarding the hiring of pilots. The Easton section will be back to 24/7 operation on February 13, 2019. MSPAC is still in the hiring process for the Cumberland Section.

#### **RACSTC – No Update**

#### **MSFA**

Mr. Cox said that the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 6 & 7, 2019, at the Friendsville VFR in Garret County. Partners will give reports on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business**

Dr. Frohna inquired about the eMEDS®/CRISP program. Mr. Naumann said that the eMEDS® data from participating jurisdictions is transferred into CRISP in a near-real-time data feed that is triggered when the eMEDS® report meets certain criteria that signal the completion of the report. The EMS care summaries are available in the transcription section of the CRISP provider portal to any healthcare provider with access. All EMS jurisdictional operational programs are eligible to participate and are encouraged to do so this calendar year.

## **New Business**

### 50/50 Regional Grant Funding – INFORMATION – Mr. Smothers and Mr. Tiemersma

A paper copy of the presentation was distributed (electronic copy available upon request).

Mr. Tiemersma gave an overview of the history of the 50/50 grant funding for EMS cardiac monitors, including the evolution of equipment and cost increases since the inception of the grant in 1998. He added that although funding has remained at a constant level, equipment costs have increased approximately 200%.

Mr. Tiemersma said that the grant distribution of funds has been discussed at length at the Regional Affairs Committee (RAC) meetings. The RAC recommends exploring avenues to increase the total grant amount and leverage buying power with manufacturer purchasing to include an allowable equipment specification for reimbursement.

Mr. Tiemersma and Mr. Smothers thanked Mr. DeVries his leadership and dedicated service to Maryland EMS and the citizens of Maryland.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted to support the effort of the Regional Affairs Committee in pursuing an increase in the amount of the yearly 50/50 Grant.**

Mr. Stamp said he looks forward to working with the EMS Board members. He said Mr. DeVries has served Maryland well by building a consensus within the EMS System.

Mr. Stamp said that Governor Hogan wants to emphasize the importance of the EMS System by recognizing and thanking Mr. DeVries as Board chair for 25 years. Mr. Stamp said that he is honored and humbled that the Governor selected him to succeed Mr. DeVries. He said he was looking forward to working with the EMS Board and Dr. Delbridge and helping to write a new chapter in EMS while staying true to the basics of right patient, right pace and right time.

Mr. Stamp said that the future of Maryland EMS is bright only because of the foundation created by Mr. DeVries.

Mr. DeVries said that the cooperative excellence will continue under Mr. Stamp's leadership.

Dean Reece echoed Mr. Stamp's sentiments and said that Mr. DeVries is owed a huge debt of gratitude for his balanced, reasoned and democratic leadership. He said that the Trauma System has benefitted greatly during his tenure, and he thanked Mr. DeVries for his leadership and commitment.

Ms. Gainer thanked Mr. DeVries on behalf of MIEMSS. She said that Mr. DeVries' leadership had ensured that EMS System had been able to successfully deal with the myriad of challenges that had arisen over the years. She said that during his tenure as Board Chair, Mr. DeVries had immersed himself in all aspects of the EMS system and was a strong advocate for and constant stalwart to the system. She said he had devoted many, many hours building a strong statewide EMS system in Maryland. She said he had been great to work with and hoped that he would continue his involvement in the system.

Ms. Vanhoy said that Mr. DeVries has been a great leader.

Mr. DeVries thanked everyone for their kind words and said it has been a privilege working with the Board and EMS partners through the years.

Ms. Gainer added that there will be a reception in April for Mr. DeVries, Dr. Delbridge and Mr. Stamp.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn 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).

**In Closed Session:**

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**Board Members Absent:** Sally Showalter, RN.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Goff; Mr. Fiackos; Mr. Naumann.

**In closed session:**

1. The Board considered a SEMSAC nomination; and
2. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.

**The Board returned to open session.**

**In open session:**

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**The Board voted to approve by acclamation five-year Base Station designations of the Good Samaritan Hospital, Harford Memorial Hospital Howard County General Hospital and Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Emergency Departments.**

**The Board approved by acclamation a two-year provisional Base Station Designation of the Carrol Hospital Center Emergency Department.**

**The Board approved by acclamation a one-year provisional Base Station designation of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Adult Emergency Department and Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department.**

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