

**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**June 8, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Balthis; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Ms. Beachley; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Donohue; Mr. Fiakos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Myers; Ms. Seifarth; Mr. Thompson.

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

**MSP Aviation Command:** Warren Bernard; Corie Cosgrove; Major A.J. McAndrew; Mike Gartland.

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** President Roger Powell; Second Vice President David Lewis.

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center:** Jamie Huggins; Brenda Fosler Johnson; Jim Radcliffe.

**SEIU:** Andrew Tonelli

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Mr. Maloney, the Board approved the minutes of the May 11, 2010, meeting.**

Mr. DeVries said that the MSFA's Annual Meeting in Ocean City would begin in a few days. He said that the annual meeting marks the transition of leadership. He congratulated President Powell on a successful year. President Powell thanked the Board for their efforts.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**IT Update.** Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had recently reported to the State Department of Information Technology its IT projects and initiatives that had been completed over the past two years. He said that these accomplishments included the following:

HC (Healthcare) Standard 3.0 – HC Standard 3.0, implemented in the fall of 2009, provided an integrated emergency medical services communications network, to include the integration and upgrade of the existing CHATS (County Hospital Alert Tracking System) and FRED (Facility Resource Emergency Database) applications; incorporated the hospital bed reporting feature associated with the federally mandated Hospital Preparedness Program through DHS and added two new features – the County Hospital Request System (CHRS) and the HC Patient Tracking System.

Learning Management System (LMS) – MIEMSS developed and implemented an Online Training Center that seamlessly interfaces with MIEMSS’ current Licensure and Certification application and can be expanded to meet the needs of other EMS agencies.

Electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) System – Through a competitive procurement process MIEMSS has identified Image Trend to provide a commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) electronic patient care reporting system to replace its obsolete custom-developed system known as eMAIS (electronic Maryland Ambulance Information System). Implementation of the system makes MIEMSS compliant with the National EMS Information System (NEMESIS) data standard.

Public Safety Interoperability Network (PSInet) - PSInet is a statewide private IP-based public safety network composed of fiber, microwave, and wireless links supporting critical data and voice communications managed by MIEMSS. PSInet is a state and county network deployed to MSP Barracks, MIEMSS regional operating centers, jurisdictional emergency operations centers (EOCs) and primary/backup public safety answering points (PSAP/911), state and jurisdictional health departments, and other allied agencies. Applications that currently are operating on PSInet include: Digital Emergency Medical System Telephone (DEMSTel), Central Maryland Area Radio Communications (CMARC), Maryland Eastern Shore Interoperability Network (MESIN), Washington-Allegany-Garrett Interoperable Network (WAGIN), Coordinated Highways Action Response Team (CHART), Maryland Incident Management Interoperability Communications System (MIMICS), Maryland First, and systems monitoring/controlling the state’s public safety microwave network and tower infrastructure.

Digital Emergency Medical System Telephone (DEMSTel) – DEMSTel, deployed and administered by MIEMSS, is an application that runs on the state’s Public Safety Interoperability Network (PSInet). The system connects together the MIEMSS/MSP Operational Coordination Center (EMRC/SysCom), jurisdictional PSAP centers and emergency operation centers (EOCS), hospitals, health departments, MEMA, and other allied agencies. DEMSTel is a high reliability system, independent of the public switch telephone network (PSTN), providing both primary and backup communications capabilities.

STEMI Summit. Dr. Bass reported that the statewide meeting “STEMI Systems of Care in Maryland,” sponsored by the Maryland Chapter of the American Heart Association and other stakeholders had been held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said that the meeting brought together interested health care providers from across the state to help focus on various

aspects of statewide STEMI care. He said that the meeting served as a kick-off to the MIEMSS regional planning process for implementation of Maryland's STEMI system and that MIEMSS would soon be designating Cardiac Interventional Centers. He said that MIEMSS will soon hold regional meetings for coordination of STEMI issues and activities.

EMS Week. Dr. Bass reported that the Stars of Life Awards had been held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Annapolis. He said that the awards ceremony, which occurred during EMS Week had been well-attended and had been covered by the media.

Ambulance Safety. Dr. Bass said that the Ambulance Safety Task Force would be meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss various ambulance safety issues.

### **STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Kalish reported that SEMSAC did not meet in June.

### **R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER**

Ms. Johnson reported that year-to-date patient admissions were 431 above the same period last year and 600 above budget. She said that the Center was at full capacity, but there had been no instances of fly-by capacity alert. She said that one speaker from the STC will be teaching "Trauma Cases for EMS" at the upcoming MSFA convention.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Gainer said that there was no new legislative information to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Revisions to Perinatal Regulations. Dr. Bass said that the Board had previously reviewed a draft of the updated Perinatal Designation Regulations. He said that, several months ago, the regulations had been revised by the Perinatal Advisory Committee which is comprised of perinatal stakeholders throughout the State. He said that the Board had received a copy of and had been briefed on the revised standards in October 2009 and that the draft was ready to be published for comment as proposed regulations.

Ms. Sette said that the Perinatal Advisory Committee, which is chaired by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene had revised the standards which are based on national guidelines. She said that the draft regulation was a consensus document that would bring the current standards up-to-date. She said that the primary areas of

change were the required specialists, required lactation consultants (or trained nurses), and the data collection tool for QA monitoring. She said that at the present, there were only two hospitals that did not currently meet the requirements in the draft revised regulations and that MIEMSS is working with these hospitals.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved the draft regulations for publication as proposed regulations.**

RAMPART Study Protocol. Dr. Alcorta asked the Board to approve a modification to the RAMPART Study Protocol to allow CRTs to participate in the study protocol. He said that previously the Board had approved paramedic participation and that, in order for Baltimore City to participate in the study, CRTs would need to be approved for participation.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved addition of CRTs to the RAMPART study protocol.**

Pain Management Protocol. Dr. Alcorta said that the standard container of acetaminophen in EMS drug boxes had been identified as a potential problem. He said that a 325 mg. dose could mistakenly be used to treat a pediatric patient, for whom the smaller dose of 160 mg. would be appropriate. He recommended that the jurisdictions purchase dosing in multiples of 160 mg., instead of 325 mg. to address this potential risk. He said that this change would need to be phased in, since jurisdictions already had supplies of the 325 mg. doses.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board voted to approve a policy that, effective July 1, 2010, jurisdictions should purchase acetaminophen in doses of 160 mg., instead of 325 mg., for their drug boxes.**

Mr. Worthington, who serves as President of the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial Foundation thanked Brian Slack, Nando Tosi and Jim Brown for their help with the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial. He presented plaques for all three individuals on behalf of the Foundation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mr. DeVries announced that the Board would be retiring to Executive Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.**

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7) and to discuss certain site reviews and maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508(a) (13).

The closed session was attended by:

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Gainer; Ms Myers; Mr. Seifarth; Mr. Schaefer.

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

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the May 2010 meeting.

The Board was provided information on requests for approval of educational programs.

The Board was provided information regarding helicopter quality assurance matters.

The Board considered appointments to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

**The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:04 p.m.**

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

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the EMS Refresher education program of Transcare Maryland, Inc., as an approved educational program for a period of five (5) years.

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