

**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**May 15, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Ph.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira.

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

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** President John Denver; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David Keller.

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy; Lt. Keith McMinn.

**1199 SEIU:** Girume Ashenafi.

Mr. Broccolino called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and reminded Board members to declare any conflicts of interest.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved the minutes of the March 12, 2013, meeting of the State EMS Board.**

**REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Kalish said that SEMSAC met on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He said the only action item was the endorsement of the initiative to reduce road traffic injury deaths in Maryland, called "Toward Zero Deaths Maryland." He said information on the initiative could be found at: [www.towardszerodeathsmd.com](http://www.towardszerodeathsmd.com).

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board endorsed the "Toward Zero Deaths Maryland" initiative.**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

EMS Week. Dr. Bass said that National EMS Week will be celebrated on May 19 – 25. He said that MIEMSS will honor EMS providers and Maryland citizens at The Star of Life / Right Care When It Counts Awards ceremony which will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Annapolis.

eMEDS. Dr. Bass said that eMEDS implementation continues statewide. He said that MIEMSS is encouraging jurisdictions to apply for the CAD interface grants, which will soon expire.

Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee. Dr. Bass reported the Committee is working hard on cardiac arrest issues, including dispatch-directed CPR, high performance CPR for EMS providers and improving access to CPR and AEDs. He said that a Resuscitation Academy would be held in Howard County and would include information on using available data to improve outcomes from cardiac arrest. He said that MIEMSS was a co-sponsor for the Academy.

Legislative Session. Dr. Bass said that the recently-concluded legislative session had been very productive and had addressed the issue of the long-term solvency of the EMS Operations Fund.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Gainer reported that the Governor's "Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013" had passed the General Assembly. The bill, which proposed an increase motor fuel taxes, also included a \$3.50 increase in the vehicle registration fee surcharge, the revenue from which is credited to the Maryland EMS Operations Fund. She said that the final version of the bill also included uncodified language indicating the intent of the General Assembly on how the surcharge increase should be used to support the statewide EMS system. She said that the items listed included the upgrade and maintenance of the MIEMSS Communication system, a salary increase for MSP pilots and maintenance technicians, hiring an additional 20 MSP pilots, purchasing high temperature tiles for MFRI and increasing MFRI field instructor salary, and an increase to the Amoss Fund and to the Shock Trauma Center. She thanked the MSFA, MSP Aviation Command, the Shock Trauma Center, and MFRI for working collaboratively to ensure passage of the bill.

Ms. Gainer also provided the Board with a written Legislative Report on the final status of various bills of interest to EMS that were considered during the 2013 Legislative Session. She thanked MIEMSS staff members for their hard work during the Session.

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi reported that seven (7) of the new AW139 helicopters have been delivered. He said he anticipates that two more helicopters will be delivered in July, with the final helicopter delivered by the end of the year. He said that MSPAC has been focused on training Instructor Pilots, vendor training for AW139 systems (e.g., communications), crew resource management training and syllabus development. He said that MSPAC had two free training slots / month with the training school at RotoSim, and that MSPAC hoped to have a training simulator by January 2015.

Major Lioi said that Trooper 3 (Frederick section) will be the first section to transition to the new aircraft. He said that the transition should begin in early June and will likely take approximately five (5) weeks to complete. He anticipates that Trooper 3 will be fully AW-139 operational by mid-July. Trooper 4 would be the next section scheduled for transition after the Trooper 3 transition is completed.

Major Lioi also reported that MSPAC will be flying the AW-139 helicopters with two pilots 24/7. He said that MSPAC had made the decision to require two pilots because of several factors. In addition to the MSPAC's initial experience in flying the new helicopters, the FAA has put a second-in-command type rating on MSPAC helicopter pilot certification for the AW-139s; the new helicopters are longer, wider, and have a busier cockpit than the current helicopters; and there is a wall separating the cockpit and the cabin, removing the option of someone in the cabin coming forward to assist in an emergency.

Major Lioi said that in order for MSPAC to accommodate this need, an additional 20 pilots will be required. He said that MSPAC is currently down 12 pilots, for a total of 32 positions to be filled. He said that pilot salaries would increase in July, but would still be below industry average. He said that the minimum level of required flight hours for new hires had historically added to hiring difficulties, but that MSPAC had implemented a new "second-in-command" program. The new program requires a second-in-command hire to have had a minimum of 1200 flight hours, as opposed to 2000; after three years and an additional 300 flight hours, the pilot could then be a pilot-in-command. If the new hire wanted to come in as pilot-in-command, however, the 2000 flight requirement would still apply. He said that this new program should help with recruiting new pilots.

Dr. Kalish asked about progress toward achieving Part 135 status. Major Lioi said that the issues that led to the work stoppage with the consultant remained unresolved, but that MDOT was working toward a resolution.

## **MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION REPORT**

President Denver said that the Annual MSFA Convention was fast-approaching. He said that he had enjoyed his tenure as President and thanked the EMS Board for their support. Mr. Broccolino thanked President Denver for his hard work, leadership and dedication.

## **SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT**

No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed COMAR Changes. Mr. Magee presented for informational two proposed changes to COMAR regulations.

- Proposed COMAR 30.03.04.04 would require all EMS Operational Programs to provide eMEDS patient care reports and set requirements for EMS documentation delivered to the receiving facility.
- Proposed COMAR30.08.15.02 would remove the prohibition that freestanding emergency medical facilities cannot be base stations.

Mr. Magee said that the proposed changes would be voted on at an upcoming Board meeting.

Hospital MOU. Ms. Myers reported that MIEMSS had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Nanticoke Memorial Hospital to provide pPCI to patients experiencing a ST-segment myocardial infarction (STEMI). She said that the MOU required Nanticoke, an out-of-state hospital, to meet all the requirements met by in-state STEMI centers. She said that the MOU would be particularly helpful for STEMI patients in Caroline County.

**Upon the motion of Ms. Adams, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Nanticoke Memorial Hospital.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mr. Broccolino announced that the Board would be adjourning to closed session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board adjourned to Closed 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:

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**Others Present:**

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

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy; Lt. Keith McMinn.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the March 12, 2013, meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding the MSPAC budget.

The Board was provided information regarding approval of educational programs.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of perinatal centers, primary stroke centers, and comprehensive stroke centers.

The Board considered nominations to fill vacancies on the Statewide EMS Advisory Council.

The Board considered provider disciplinary matters.

**The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:53 a.m.**

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

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved the ALS Education Programs as follows:

- **Community College of Baltimore County – Essex -- Advanced Life Support Education Program – for a period of five years;**
- **Wor-Wic Community College – Advanced Life Support Education Program for a period of five years; and**
- **Frederick County DFRS Advanced life Support Education Program for the remainder of a five-year period.**

Mr. Worthington called for consideration of MIEMSS Perinatal Referral Center designation determinations.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the following hospitals as Level IIIB Perinatal Referral Centers for a period of five (5) years as follows:

- **Franklin Square Medical Center**
- **Anne Arundel Medical Center**
- **St. Agnes Hospital**

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the following hospital as a Level III B Perinatal Center for a period of five (5) years, with Mr. Broccolino recusing himself from this matter:

- **Howard County General Hospital**

Dr. Kalish called for consideration of MIEMSS Primary Stroke Center designation determinations.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved the re-designation of the following hospitals as Primary Stroke

**Centers for a period of five (5) years, with Ms. Showalter recusing herself from consideration of Calvert Hospital:**

- **Shady Grove Hospital**
- **Calvert Hospital**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Adams, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved the following hospital as a primary stroke center for a period of five (5) years, with Mr. Broccolino recusing himself from this matter:**

- **Howard County General Hospital**

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