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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq. Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg (phone); Fred Cross; Sherry Adams (phone); Sally Showalter; David Hexter, M.D. (phone); Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD(phone); Dany Westerland, M.D. (phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy.

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Barto; Mr. Brown; Mr. Buckson; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Linthicum; Ms. Mays; Mr. McDonald; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Slack; Ms. Goff.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MSFA: President Roth

MSPAC: Major Lioi; Captain Konold; Lt. King

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

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting of the State EMS Board, as written.

MIEMSS REPORT

A paper copy of the MIEMSS Executive Director's report was distributed.

Dr. Seaman said that positive strides are being made in reducing the number of Students in Process (SIPs). MIEMSS has worked to increase flexibility in scheduling students for taking the National Registry exam through group scheduling. MIEMSS is reaching out to each SIP to ascertain their current status and intentions for continuing with the EMT process. Dr. Seaman added that MIEMSS is in negotiations with the National Registry in an attempt to secure an extension to test for the SIPs.

Dr. Seaman reported that CARES is going well and we are moving to phase #3 which will include Baltimore City, Carroll, and Somerset Counties. MIEMSS' goal is to have the entire state on board by fall of 2016.

Dr. Seaman added that the EMS Night at the Ball Park (Orioles vs. Mariners) is Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:30 pm. \$5.00 from each ticket will be donated to the National EMS Memorial Foundation.

Legislative Update: Ms. Gainer

A paper copy of the MIEMSS Legislative update was distributed.

Ms. Gainer said that the 2016 session of the Maryland Legislature ended at midnight yesterday and the next Legislative session will begin on January 11, 2017.

Ms. Gainer reported that the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) current projection for the MEMSOF had indicated the last year of solvency will be in 2019. The Joint Chairman's report has directed that the EMS Operations Fund be audited by December 2016 and once every three years thereafter.

Ms. Gainer and Ms. Myers discussed the "Freestanding Medical Facilities – Certificate of Need, Rates and Definition" legislation, which allows hospitals wishing to convert to Freestanding Medical Facilities to do so without a Certificate of Need (CON) under certain circumstances. Because of the potential impact of such conversions on EMS services, pre-hospital emergency care, and the statewide EMS System, the legislation requires that the EMS Board must determine whether the proposed conversion will "maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system." The Board's finding would be reported to the Maryland Health Care Commission which would make the determination of whether to require a CON in order for the conversion to occur.

The Board discussed the potential impact of the bill on EMS operations and hospital surge capacity.

Ms. Gainer thanked everyone for their collaboration and assistance during the 2016 legislative session.

SEMSAC

Mr. Berg announced that Dr. Faden will be stepping down as the Director of the National Study Center (NSC), as his responsibilities as Director of the Shock, Trauma and Anesthesiology Research organized research center (STAR-ORC) have expanded. The NSC serves as the research arm for the STAR-ORC, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, and provides research and educational support to faculty and students of the School of Medicine. A nationwide search will begin for a new NSC Director.

Mr. Berg said that the BLS Committee had discussed requirements for reciprocity of EMTs.

The Montgomery County FRS proposed pilot protocol for alternate destinations has been tabled for more study.

The IT outage recently suffered by MedStar Health was discussed.

MSPAC:

Major Lioi said that the Flight Training Device (FTD) remains under construction. Pre-delivery inspection is tentatively scheduled for July 2016. A new imaging system is being employed by Agusta Italy, which has delayed preparation for pre-delivery inspection. This delay in acceptance testing is not anticipated to affect the actual delivery tentatively scheduled for late-July 2016. MSPAC has contacted the FAA in order to begin the process to apply for certification of the FTD once operational. Major Lioi

reported that the Board of Public Works approved the project on March 23, 2016. The Department of General Services is finalizing the permit process and the notice proceed was granted on April 7, 2016.

Major Lioi added that the Request for Proposals for the master services agreements for heavy maintenance on the AW-139 airframes has been submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). On March 21, 2016, DBM met with MSP and the consultant to reconcile all proposed changes. It is anticipated that solicitations will be sometime in July 2016.

Major Lioi said that the season for strategic forward deployments is fast approaching. MSPAC Flight Operations is preparing for the Trooper 1 deployments to Harford County Airpark for peak periods beginning on or about April 15, 2016. Trooper 4's peak period deployments to Ocean City are anticipated to begin during the Memorial Day weekend. Forward deployments have proven beneficial for reducing response times to areas of peak volume of requests.

MSFA: President Roth

President Roth said that he is unaware of any additional jurisdictions willing to use EMRs on ambulances. President Roth has requested that all member companies provide a status list of their students in process.

President Roth gave an overview of the bills of interest during the 2016 legislative session.

President Roth said that the MSFA Convention is scheduled for June 18 – 24, 2016 at the Ocean City Convention Center and highlighted some of the events that will take place during the convention. President Roth said everyone is most welcome to attend.

President Roth said his last MSFA Executive Committee meeting as MSFA President is April 16 & 17, 2016 at Level VFC. Mr. Roth added it is great to know that the partners are all working collaboratively in serving the best interest of the citizens of Maryland.

Mr. DeVries congratulated President Roth on a successful legislative session.

OLD BUSINESS

30.02.02 Licensure and Certification Testing Time Regulation Change

Ms. Sette said that the Licensure and Certification Time Regulation Change removes certain time limitations for BLS testing. The regulation was published in the *Maryland Register* with no comments received. Ms. Sette submitted for final approval.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, seconded by Chief Preis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the regulation as written.

Queen Anne's Freestanding Medical Facility Pilot Transport of Priority 2 Patients -- Final Report

Dr. Alcorta complimented Ms. Vanhoy and Mr. Wheatley on their dedication to this program and gave an overview of the pilot. Individual aspects of the pilot were discussed. Dr. Alcorta submitted a copy of the final pilot protocol report.

Alternate Destination Protocol

Dr. Alcorta said that after internal and external comments received, MIEMSS is working with Montgomery County FRS to make revisions in the proposed document.

NEW BUSINESS

Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)

A copy of the MOLST with highlighted revisions was distributed for review.

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the four proposed modifications to the MOLST and said the Board of Physician had approved the revisions. Dr. Alcorta asked the Board for approval of the modifications to the MOLST.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, seconded by Chief Preis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the changes to the MOLST.

30.03.06.02 Base Station Regulations

A copy of the Base Station Regulations highlighting proposed changes was submitted for review.

Ms. Aycock said that the changes to the regulations add greater specificity to the requirements for designation of hospital base stations. The changes were vetted by MIEMSS, Regional Medical Directors, Base Station Medical Directors, ED Medical Directors and Base Station Coordinators with very few comments.

Hospital IT Outages

Dr. Alcorta introduced Mr. Linthicum, MIEMSS Director of Emergency Operations, and Mr. MacDonald, MIEMSS Information Security Officer.

Dr. Alcorta highlighted the events surrounding MedStar Health's hospital computer outages after a cyberattack on its systems. Dr. Alcorta said that this was a "ransomware" attack intended to hold MedStar's computers hostage. MedStar said no patient care information had been compromised and was able to continue providing patient care using paper systems. MedStar's IT professionals continue working to rid the network of malicious computer software present on its system.

Dr. Alcorta said that, at the same time, several Hopkins facilities IT systems had also gone down for about 15 minutes; however, that outage was not a cyberattack

MIEMSS is working collaboratively with DHMH on an After Action process and will be working on best practices for any future similar scenarios.

Mr. MacDonald gave a history of ransomware viruses and how they are usually from foreign countries demanding untraceable bitcoins as ransom payments. He said it is can sometimes be easier and cheaper for entities to pay the ransom in order to regain control of their IT systems quickly. Mr. MacDonald recommends good cyber hygiene by patching often, backing-up daily, registries and end-of-life software and hardware replacement.

Mr. Linthicum added that during the MedStar outage, hospitals were requested to refrain from using yellow or red alert status, and non-MedStar facilities were asked to surge their capabilities to accommodate more patients. MIEMSS will be reporting on the alert numbers during this incident at the After Action meeting. Another aspect of the situation was that our Federal partners were asking for

information on Maryland hospital bed capacities in preparation for the Nuclear Summit in Washington DC.

MIEMSS New Licensure System

Ms. Oliveira gave an overview of the new Licensure System and said that this is a web based system designed by ImageTrend which will be more efficient and user friendly. Benefits will include a completely automated applications process for providers. There will be a dedicated telephone number and email address for user support. Paper applications and processing will still be available for those who are more comfortable with that process.

MIEMSS has sent notices that providers should log in to the system to assure that their provider information is correct prior to the migration to the new licensure system.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn 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).

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In closed session the Board:

1. Discussed an educational program;
2. Discussed Primary Stroke Center re-designations;
3. Reviewed EMS provider disciplinary actions; and
4. Discussed National Continued competency Program (NCCP) Renewal Model Overview.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted to approve the Howard County DFRS ALS Education Program for five years; provided that the Program remains accredited and in good standing with the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for EMS Professions of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted to approve a five year re-designation for Washington Adventist Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center.

Upon the motion of Chief Preis, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board adjourned.