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***Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)***

***AGENDA***

October 4, 2018

1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Approval of the September 6, 2018 meeting minutes
- II. SEMSAC Chair Report
  - I. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
  - II. MSFA Update
  - III. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
  - IV. National Study Center – No report
  - V. Committee Reports
    - ALS – No Report
    - BLS – Mr. Tiemersma
    - EMD – No Report
    - Regional Affairs – Mr. Smothers
  - VI. Old Business
    - Incorporation by Reference of the Maryland Medical Protocols for 2018 – ACTION – Mr. Magee
  - VII. New Business
    - Minor Definitive Care Now Program Pilot – INFORMATION/ACTION - Dr. Alcorta
    - Call for SEMSAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Nominations – Ms. Goff
  - VIII. Adjourn to Closed Session



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### Meeting Minutes

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**SEMSAC Members Present:** Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Karen Doyle, Vice Chair; Michael Cox; Eric Smothers (phone); John Filer; Keith McMinn; Wayne Dyott; Jason Day (phone); Melissa Meyers; Wayne Tiemersma; Roger Simonds; Brian Frankel; Linda Dousa; Lisa Tenney; Rosemary Kozar; Scott Haas; Jay Fowler (phone); Jennifer Anders; John Filer.

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Michael DeRuggiero; Karen Vogel; Wade Gaasch, MD; Bobby Pattison; Kathleen Grote; Tim Burns; Jack Markey; Jonathan Lerner.

**OAG:** Fremont Magee.

**MIEMSS:** Richard Alcorta; Pat Gainer; Phil Hurlock; Tim Chizmar; Terrell Buckson; Lisa Myers; Jim Brown; Leandrea Gilliam; John Barto.

Chairman Kalish called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Dr. Kalish asked for a moment of silence in memory of Chief James P. Seavey, who lost his courageous battle with cancer; Assistant Chief Danny Lister, who died in the Line of Duty while providing care at a motor vehicle crash; and Mr. Dale Hill, Chairman of the MSFA Legislative Committee, who suffered a massive heart attack.

Dr. Kalish called for the approval of the minutes.

Dr. Kalish said this would be the last SEMSAC meeting that Dr. Alcorta would attend before his retirement on October 31, 2018, and wished him well. Dr. Alcorta said it has been a privilege and very rewarding to serve with all of the SEMSAC members who have made Maryland EMS such a quality system.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Ms. Doyle and unanimously agreed upon to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018, meeting as written.**

#### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report**

Dr. Kalish reported that the EMS Board did not meet in September.

Dr. Kalish said that elections for SEMSAC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be held at the November 1, 2018 SEMSAC meeting.

#### **MIEMSS Report**

Dr. Alcorta reported:

Dr. Alcorta said that Dr. Chizmar is currently serving as Assistant State EMS Medical Director until November 1, 2018, at which point he will become State EMS Medical Director.

**MOLST.** Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the upcoming protocol changes for 2019, including the addition of Physician Assistants to the MOLST, the inclusion of contact information for tissue donors in Baltimore and Washington, DC, and the Trauma Arrest protocol.

Opioid Issues. The Opioid Operational Command Center will provide another \$200,000 in grant funds for MIEMSS to pass through to EMSOPs to offset unrecoverable naloxone costs.

House Bill 359, which became law earlier this year, requires MIEMSS to report drug overdose and survival data to the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Overdose Detection Mapping Application (ODMAP). MIEMSS is submitting data as required under the law

Short Form. Dr. Alcorta said that public safety and commercial services need to improve compliance with leaving the short form with hospitals at time of patient handoff in lieu of completing a report in eMEDS before leaving the hospital. He said that this is a patient safety issue.

Stroke. Hospital Programs and the Stroke QIC are currently working on updating the Primary Stroke Regulations along with writing a proposal for Acute Stroke Ready regulations.

VAIP. Dr. Alcorta reported that the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) committee, will be updating the program and incorporating protocols to the VAIP standards. The first VAIP committee meeting was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Fleet Week. This year's Fleet Week will occur from October 2, 2018, thru October 9, 2018. MIEMSS will support Fleet Week by having three (3) staff serve on the Maryland Incident Management Team with responsibilities in in the Team's Planning and Logistics sections.

Elite Upgrade. MIEMSS is actively working with the remaining jurisdictions and anticipates completing the Elite upgrade by the end of the 2018 calendar year. Submitted patient care data is available to the hospitals through the Health Information Hub, is accessible for performance reporting and analysis, and is integrated with other systems such as the MIEMSS trauma registry and the CARES registry. MIEMSS is actively working to link eMEDS with the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), the state's health information exchange.

SB 682. MIEMSS and the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) continue to work with other named state partners on the report to the Legislature on the potential of EMS compensation for mobile integrated health, treat and release, and alternate destination as specified in SB 682.

Executive Director. Dr. Alcorta said that the EMS Board will be considering the candidate interviewed for MIEMSS' Executive Director at the October EMS Board meeting.

Medication Shortages. SEMSAC discussed medication shortages, i.e. fentanyl, cardizem, dopamine, ketamine, magnesium sulfate, calcium, zofran, and morphine.

Dr. Alcorta said that the MIEMSS, MFRI and the MSFA continue to meet regularly.

## **MSFA**

Ms. Dousa said that the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be held December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Snow Hill Volunteer Fire Company.

## **MSPAC Update**

A paper copy of the report was distributed.

Captain McMinn gave an update on the MSPAC operational and organizational changes including the hiring of two (2) pilots and four (4) Rescue Technicians who have qualified for crew chief.

Captain McMinn said that MSPAC continues work on the legislative AW-139 Maintenance Study forecasting major aircraft component overhauls and to study hourly cost maintenance plans.

Captain McMinn announced the appointment of Major Michael Tagliaferri as the new Commander of the MSP Aviation Command. Captain McMinn will become Assistant Commander/Executive Officer.

## **National Study Center (NSC)**

Dr. Kozar said that the NSC is working on the Department of Defense Multi-Institutional Multidisciplinary Injury Mortality Investigation in the Civilian Pre-Hospital Environment (MIMIC), which aims to evaluate the causes and pathophysiologic mechanisms of pre-hospital deaths in order to determine survivability by mechanism of injury and the appropriateness of EMS response and the care delivered.

Dr. Kozar reported that the NSC has received additional NHTSA funding for the Crash Injury Research & Engineering Network (CIREN). As one of six CIREN Centers nationwide, the National Study Center is participating in a multi-center study of injuries sustained in vehicular crashes.

## **Committee Reports**

The ALS Committee, BLS Committee, EMD Committee and Regional Affairs Committee had no reports.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Magee requested approval for the Incorporation by Reference of the Maryland Medical Protocols for 2018.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Mr. Dyott and unanimously agreed upon to approve the Incorporation by Reference of the Maryland Medical Protocols for 2018.**

## **New Business**

### Minor Definitive Care Now Program Pilot

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the Baltimore City program to pilot a public-private collaboration that provides West Baltimore individuals with medical and social support for improved health. Baltimore City's vision is to reduce health care utilization and decrease costs by appropriately addressing the non-emergent health care needs of West Baltimore residents and provide value to the health system. The objective of this pilot program is to assess the impact, accuracy and safety of providing low-acuity patients with immediate on-scene care by a two-person team comprised of a BCFD MDCN Paramedic provider and one of the following Advanced Level Providers: a UMMC Nurse Practitioner, a Maryland-licensed physician affiliated with UMMC with board certification in emergency medicine, or a UMMC Physician Assistant.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Mr. Dyott and unanimously agreed upon to recommend approval by the EMS Board the Minor Definitive Care Now Program Pilot.**

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Frankel, seconded by Dr. Anders and unanimously agreed upon to adjourn to Executive Session.**

SEMSAC adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions, 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).

**In Closed Session:**

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**Members Absent:** Tim Chizmar, MD; Kelly Melhen; Tim Burns; Kathleen Grote; Bobby Pattison; Wade Gaasch, MD; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Michael DeRuggiero; Karen Vogel; Jack Markey; Jonathan Lerner.

**MIEMSS:** Richard Alcorta; Pat Gainer; Phil Hurlock; Jim Brown; Barbara Goff.

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

**MSP:** Lance Wood; Capt. McMinn

SEMSAC discussed preliminary budget matters.

SEMSAC adjourned.