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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA

September 5, 2019

1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Call to Order – Dr. Kalish
- II. Approval of the May 2, 2019 meeting minutes – Dr. Kalish
- III. SEMSAC Chair Report – Dr. Kalish
- IV. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
- VII. National Study Center
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - BLS – Mr. Tiemersma
 - Regional Affairs – Mr. Smothers
- IX. Old Business
 - Matching Grant Fund – Mr. Tiemersma and Mr. Smothers
 - SEMSAC By-Laws – ACTION - Ms. Meyers
- X. New Business
 - Compliance Trends – Dr. Chizmar
- XI. Adjournment



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Meeting Minutes

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SEMSAC Members Present: Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Karen Doyle, Vice Chair; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Justin Kinsey; Wade Gaasch, MD; Tim Burns; Keith McMinn; Wayne Dyott; Jason Day; Melissa Meyers; Karen Vogel; Wayne Tiemersma; Brian Frankel (phone); Michael Cox; Lisa Tenney; Jennifer Anders, MD (phone); Linda Dousa; Michael Millin, MD; Jim Matz; Habeeba Park, MD; John Filer; Eric Smothers; Lisa Tenney; Rosemary Kozar; Kathleen Grote; Michael DeRuggiero; Scott Haas

Members Absent: Wayne Dyott; Michael Millin, MD

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri; Captain McMinn; Mr. Wood

MSFA: 1st VP Walker; Ms. Tomanelli

Others: Mr. Dousa

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MIEMSS: Ted Delbridge, MD; Pat Gainer; Tim Chizmar, MD; Doug Floccare, MD; Jeannie Abramson; Jim Brown; Lisa Chervon; Barbara Goff

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

Dr. Kalish called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11.

Dr. Kalish called for the approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2019 meeting.

ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Burns, seconded by Ms. Doyle and unanimously agreed upon to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019, meeting.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report

Dr. Kalish said that at the August 13, 2019, meeting, the EMS Board approved the Baltimore City Minor Definitive Care Protocol update, the Emergency Services Personnel Health and Wellness Workgroup, and the Maryland & Mid-Maryland Wilderness Rescue Squad as an EMS Operational program.

The Board also approved Hospital Primary Stroke Centers, Comprehensive Stroke Centers, Trauma Center and Cardiac Interventional Center re-designations. A copy of the list of re-designations was provided.

MIEMSS Report

Dr. Delbridge gave an update on the following initiatives:

CRISP (Chesapeake Regional Information system for our Patients)

Dr. Delbridge updated the members of the current jurisdictions participating in CRISP.

OD Map

Dr. Delbridge provided a snapshot of the current OD Map.

Communications Upgrade Project

Dr. Delbridge said that the implementation stage (Phase #1) has begun. Implementation is divided into five phases, primarily based on EMS region. Each phase involves equipment delivery, implementation and acceptance. Phase #1 encompasses Southern Maryland (EMS Region V). Each phase must be successfully completed before the next phase begins. Phase #1 is targeted to be complete by midyear 2020.

Alternative Destination Protocol & Telehealth Guidance

Dr. Delbridge discussed the Alternative Destination Protocol and Telehealth Guidance. He said that telehealth allows EMS to connect with a qualified practitioner who can evaluate the patient and determine if the patient can be treated in place or should be transported to an ED or other health resource, e.g., an urgent care center.

Hospital Alerts (CHATS)

Dr. Delbridge said that the current hospital alerting systems' software, which is an antiquated, inconsistent application, will not be supported by the vendor after March 2020. Over the years, MIEMSS has received much input from EMS regarding CHATS. MIEMSS will be holding a hospital forum to discuss needs on September 24, 2019.

EMS Plan 2020

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS staff has met with stakeholders, including SEMSAC members, to update the draft of the EMS Plan. A draft plan is being readied for the upcoming EMS Plan Steering Committee.

MSFA

Ms. Tomanelli said that the MSFA is preparing for the 2020 Legislative season. She said that the next meeting of the MSFA Executive Committee is scheduled for September 20-22, 2019 at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Inc., 46900 Shangri-La Drive, California, St. Mary's County, Maryland 20619. She added that pre-meetings with Committees and partners will be held prior to the start of the Executive Committee meeting.

MSPAC Update

A paper copy of the MSFA report was distributed.

Captain McMinn said that the Cumberland Section is covering dayshifts only (0700–1900) due to staffing shortages. MSPAC has a pilot, who, upon successful completion of mandatory training, will be assigned to the Cumberland Section. A second pilot has accepted employment who is scheduled to begin on October 9, 2019. Captain McMinn gave an overview of the "Whole Blood Program" pilot. MSPAC anticipates implementing the protocol sometime in early 2020.

Captain McMinn said that the MSPAC's exploration of Part 135 showed no added benefit and that MSPAC has abandoned seeking Part 135 at this time.

National Study Center (NSC)

Dr. Kozar gave an update on the National Study Center's current projects, upcoming grant proposals and the hiring of an Epidemiologist to work on data linkage and statistics.

Dr. Kalish introduced Tim Kerns as the new SEMSAC member representing Maryland State Highway Administration.

Committee Reports

BLS Committee

Mr. Tiemersma said that MIEMSS written report contained current BLS activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Matching Grant Fund

A paper copy of the presentation was distributed.

Mr. Tiemersma reported on his efforts regarding the Matching Grant Fund. He said that nearly every year, some jurisdictions had been awarded grants, but were unable to use the funds within the permitted timeframe. Typically, these grants could not be reallocated to other jurisdictions within the remaining timeframe.

Mr. Tiemersma reported that he had received little input or suggestions from jurisdictions on how to proceed with increasing the 50/50 grant funding, the Regional Affairs Committee Chairs requested that SEMSAC consider and approve moving forward with an increase request of \$200,000.00 for the Matching Grant Fund.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the limited justification of need for increasing the Matching Grant Fund.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Park, seconded by Mr. Kinsey, SEMSAC members voted 24 in favor and 2 against to recommend to the EMS Board to increase the Matching Fund Grant by \$200.000 in the upcoming MIEMSS budget.

SEMSAC By-Laws: Committee Members: Ms. Meyers / Dr. Anders / Mr. Burns

A copy of the updated SEMSAC By-Laws was distributed.

A proposal was made to increase the cap of two consecutive years as Chairperson to a three consecutive year cap. A lengthy discussion ensued.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Fillmore, seconded by Ms. Grote and unanimously and unanimously agreed upon to approve the September 2019 SEMSAC By-Laws with the change from the cap of two consecutive years as Chairperson to a three consecutive year cap.

NEW BUSINESS

Compliance Trends

A copy of the presentation was provided.

Dr. Chizmar presented the clinician compliance trends involving sexual assaults, alcohol related complaints, CDS and IRC complaints from 1999 through 2018.

Having no further business to discuss, the 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).

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SEMSAC approved for recommendation to the EMS Board the R Adams Cowley Trauma Center, MIEMSS, MFRI, and MSPAC budget requests as presented.