



## *State EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)*

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### **Meeting Minutes**

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**SEMSAC Members Present:** Jim Scheulen, Vice Chairman; Wayne Dyott; Eric Smothers; Steve Edwards; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD (phone); Frank Lioi; Michael DeRuggiero; Roger Simonds; Tim Chizmar, MD; Murray Kalish, MD; Lisa Tenney, MD; Jennifer Anders, MD; Joe Brown; Wade Gaasch, MD; Jack Markey; Tom Gianni; Kathleen Grote; Karen Doyle (phone); Linda Dousa; Scott Haas; Wayne Tiemersma (phone); Marian Muth (phone); Michael DeRuggiero; Melissa Meyers (phone).

**Members Absent:** Roland Berg, Chairman; Nathaniel McQuay, MD; Elliott Ganson; James Fowler; Jennifer Anders, MD;

**Others Present:** Lt. Keith McMinn; Lt. Patrick King; Johnie Roth; Bill Dousa; Dr. Gordon Smith for Dr. Faden (NSC).

**OAG:** Fremont Magee

**MIEMSS:** Kevin Seaman, MD; Richard Alcorta, MD; Carole Mays; Barbara Goff; Jeannie Abramson; Rae Oliveira; John Barto; Jim Brown; Mike Reynolds; Joshua Roberts; Jim Brown; Alan Walker, MD; Cyndy Wright Johnson; David Balthis.

Mr. Scheulen, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 1:12 pm and said the Chairman Berg was unable to attend.

**Action: Upon the motion made by Ms. Meyers, which was seconded by Dr. Fillmore, the SEMSAC unanimously approved the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting.**

### **MIEMSS Report**

Dr. Seaman highlighted a few items from the distributed MIEMSS Executive Director's Report.

Dr. Seaman reported that the Operations in the new EMRC/SYSCOM Center officially began May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The launch was successful. Moving into the new EMRC/SYSCOM operations center is an important, but not final step, in improving the State's Medical Communications. Legacy systems remain in-place and in use during a 30 day trial period. The next phase will be the build out of the Maryland FiRST 700 MHz statewide radio project.

Dr. Seaman said MIEMSS observed EMS Week 2015 “EMS Strong” with the annual Stars of Life and Right Care When it Counts Awards and by attending EMS Strong Night at Orioles park. Part of the proceeds from the game will be donated to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

Dr. Seaman said the BLS subcommittee continues to work on NREMT testing. MFRI and MIEMSS are working together focusing on increasing the numbers of students who test within a short timeframe after course completion and improving testing results.

Dr. Seaman said the ERS Symposium held in Rockville on June 3<sup>rd</sup> was very successful and focused upon multi-agency, multi-disciplinary large-scale response to major emergency incidents. Speakers included leadership and responders from the Boston Marathon bombings, Aurora Movie Theater shooting, and Joplin tornado.

Mr. Scheulen said the 2015 Legislative Summary has been submitted by Ms. Gainer.

### **SEMSAC Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Scheulen noted the following items were approved by the EMS Board since SEMSAC met in April:

- The Incorporation by Reference of the updated Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers.
- The Carroll Hospital Center for a one-year provisional period as Primary Stroke Center.
- Prince George’s Community College and Shore Health/Chesapeake College as an ALS Education Programs for five years.
- The MOU with Children’s National Health System as a Level IV Perinatal Center under COMAR 30.08.01.03 C.
- The EMS Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments to COMAR Title 30 to comply with changes in statutory references resulting from certain statutes that were relocated from the State Government Article of the Maryland Code to a new article, the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code.

### **National Study Center (NSC):** Dr. Gordon Smith for Dr. Allen Faden

Dr. Smith said that the NSC will be assisting the Maryland Highway Safety Office with the annual Maryland Traffic Records Forum on June 16<sup>th</sup>. MIEMSS is participating with the Injury Data and Integration workshop.

Dr. Smith reported that the Maryland Seatbelt Observation Study is underway this month with a report due at the end of the summer.

The NSC continues to work with MIEMSS on the Advanced Automatic Crash Notification (AACN) system with good progress.

Dr. Smith added, as a result of a legislative action, the NSC is working with the Highway Safety Office on the ignition interlock's status and effectiveness.

The EMS Research group is working on an analysis of the National Trauma Database and the comparison with Maryland outcomes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BLS Report:** Ms. Oliveira

Ms. Oliveira said the BLS Sub-committee continues to work on Best Practices regarding NREMT testing, i.e., students testing soon after course completion and successfully completing the examination. A survey has been developed for EMT students who have received their National Registry Certifications to get their perspective on the NREMT testing process. So far, there have been 100 survey responses.

### **EMD Report:** Written Report

### **Regional Affairs:** Chief O'Connell

Chief O'Connell said the Regional Affairs Sub-committee met in the morning to allocate funds for the Maryland Homeland Security Grant. This year allocations were based on merit; all regions were allocated funding for one of three initiatives: Patient Tracking and eMEDS Capabilities, Ambulance Strike Team Training and Formation and Active Assailant projects.

The Committee encouraged everyone to submit their requests for reimbursements under the Highway Safety 50/50 grants. Approximately 50% of the requests have been received.

Chief O'Connell added that an extension (no penalty) will need to be requested for the HPP Bio-Terrorism 3 Grant due 6/30/15 through DHMH.

### **Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Workgroup:** Ms. Doyle/Chief Haas

Chief Haas said there has been overwhelming interest in participating on the MIH Workgroup from various entities including EMS, Hospitals, Health Departments and Insurance Carriers. The SEMSAC MIH workgroup will follow the two-stage process that is laid out in the EMS Plan. In the first stage the workgroup would review the internal study that MIEMSS has already completed and identify suggestions and/or recommendations for consideration. Specifically, what roles EMS can fill currently and what roles may require change in regulation or scope of practice needs to be determined. The second stage will broaden the participation to other stakeholders/partners for them to review and determine formal recommendations to go to SEMSAC and the EMS Board. The two-stage process is particularly important to assure EMS is fully on board and supportive of MIH before taking it forward to other partners, e.g., hospitals, physicians, nurses, etc., in Stage 2.

Chief Haas said the Workgroup membership is being finalized and asked that anyone from SEMSAC who would like to participate contact Barbara Goff at (410)706-5074 or [bgoff@miemss.org](mailto:bgoff@miemss.org) . The date for the first meeting of the workgroup will be announced soon.

### **Minimum Equipment Standards (MES) Workgroup:** Chief Simonds

Chief Simonds submitted the written minimum equipment standards agreed upon by the MES workgroup for review by SEMSAC members and said it will be up for consideration at the next SEMSAC meeting.

Chief Simonds said next steps are further discussions regarding the assurance of compliance with the new standards.

### **MSFA Update**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Roth said that President Keller had planned to be in attendance, but he was called away at the last minute.

The MSFA Convention is three weeks away, and Mr. Roth said there will be more “hands-on training” as well as classroom training available this year. Firehouse Magazine will be conducting a competition during Convention, and the winners will compete against teams from Florida and North Carolina at the Firehouse Expo for the Best of the East Coast. Reservation fees for the competition and the hot classes have been waived.

One of the keynote speakers will be a young lady who survived a crash caused by texting while driving.

Mr. Roth added that the MSFA invites all of its partners to attend the Cumberland Valley Fireman’s Association Presidents meeting on July 30, 2015, to present what is happening within the Maryland system. Letters of invitation will be sent soon.

Mr. Roth said the MSFA continues to work with MIEMSS on the NREMT testing issues.

### **MSP Aviation Command**

Major Lioi said the MSPAC's Part 135 submission remains at the FAA in the Document Review phase. It should be noted that the Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at Baltimore has never before approved a Part 135 Helicopter Air Ambulance Operation within their area of responsibility; therefore, this is new territory for both organizations. MSPAC will move to the Compliance Inspection phase as soon as the Document Review phase is completed by the FAA.

All pilots hired during the transition expansion have successfully completed training and have been released to their respective positions, with one pilot in training due to attrition. An internal recruitment is underway to identify Flight Instructors for each Section; once identified, they will attend factory flight instructor training in July 2015.

Six (6) MSP Paramedics were transferred into the Aviation Command on April 29, 2015 and are receiving initial training with all projected to achieve flight status at the Rescue Technician - ALS level, on or about July 1, 2015.

Critical Design Review for the Flight Training Device (FTD) with Agusta Italy was completed on schedule. Delivery is tentatively scheduled for May 2016, with operation expected in late summer/early fall 2016.

Flight Training Device Building: Building design requirements have been reviewed with Agusta Italy engineers and have been approved the Department of General Services (DGS) personnel. DGS is preparing a design-build bid specification for release by September 2015. It is anticipated the building will be substantially completed when the FTD is delivered for installation.

MSPAC is working with UMD Procurement and MDOT to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for master services agreements for heavy maintenance on the AW-139 airframes to coincide with warranty expiration in 2016. UMD Procurement has reviewed the scope of work and the Functional Areas and will be meeting with MSPAC on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans for the RFP release. On June 1, 2015, the MSP Aviation Command celebrated the retirements of three sworn employees, and civilian pilot instructor: Lieutenant Colonel Walter F. "Pete" Landon, a former Bureau Chief, and my Assistant MSPAC Commander, Medical Operations Commander Lt. Walter Kerr and SYSCOM Supervisor Sgt. Bob Adams. Simon Ayling, MSP Aviation Command civilian pilot instructor at the Frederick Section, also moved on to other endeavors after serving for 9 years.

Major Lioi said that fundraising continues for constructing a memorial at the site of the Trooper 2 crash.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Balthis said that MIEMSS is submitting a grant application for a DHS grant through MHCC. This grant would assist with the cost to interface eMEDS with the CRISP Health Information Exchange. MIEMSS is asking for letters of support for this grant.

**Action: Upon the motion made by Mr. Edwards, which was seconded by Mr. Gianni, SEMSAC unanimously approved a letter of support for MIEMSS' grant application.**

## **Protocol Update:**

Dr. Alcorta distributed and gave an overview of a memo to jurisdictions and providers regarding corrections to and clarification of items in the 2015 protocols.

**Action: Upon the motion of Mr. Edwards which was seconded by Ms. Grote; it was unanimously agreed upon to adjourn the meeting.**