

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2010

Members Present: M. Kalish, Chairman; J. Fowler; R. Lipps; G. Delaplaine; L. Dousa; K. May; P. Dischinger for Dr. Faden; B. Fosler-Johnson for J. Spearman; A. Walker; R. Simonds; C. Mays; A.J. McAndrew; J. Fillmore; S. Edwards; K. Yamamoto; D. Crane; J. Scheulen.

Members Absent: J. Brown; S. Henry; W. Gaasch; K. Grote; S. Haas; M. Meyers; R. Berg; W. Baxter

MIEMSS: R. Bass; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; J. Brown; J. New; D. Balthis; W. Seifarth; M. Warner-Crosson; R. Dubansky; M. Beachley; A. Aycock; J. Donohue; J. Barto; C. Coleman; T. Buckson; P. Hurlock; R. Meighen; D. Floccare; P. Trissell; R. Alcorta; C. Wright; J. Darchicourt.

OAG: E. Fremont Magee

Shock Trauma: R. Hartsock;

MSP-Aviation: M. Gibbons; C. Cosgrove; M. Gartland; J. Meurrens

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1 pm.

Legislative Report-Dr. Bass

MIEMSS budget hearings have been completed and went smoothly. MSP and UMMS were also completed and no issues have been raised to date. MEMSOF budget hearings are coming up. MEMSOF viability is of primary concern. A strategy is needed for future funding increases otherwise the fund is viable for only approximately 2 more years. The users of the MEMSOF are MIEMSS, MSP Aviation, MFRI and Shock Trauma. Additionally, the MEMSOF provides local grants under the Amoss Fund to jurisdictions for the purchase of fire and rescue equipment and capital building improvements. MEMSOF also includes the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund whose purpose is to provide grants to volunteer fire companies for the purchase of fire and rescue equipment.

Other legislative items of interest include:

HB 497- would add a MSP pilot and member at large to the EMS Board.

SB 643- would reimburse scene transports by private helicopters from MEMSOF.

SB 715-would establish a formal day of recognition for fire, rescue and emergency services workers killed in the line of duty.

House EMS Workgroup-to reconvene for an update; date to be determined.

Executive Report-Dr. Bass

Reports of H1N1 in Maryland have continued to diminish.

EMS providers and MIEMSS staff worked very hard during the snow storms both at MEMA and in SysCom/EMRC and their hard work is appreciated.

HC Standard software has been installed and is running well. The next item to be implemented is a dash board for patient tracking.

The 2010 protocols have been sent to the printer and will be available when MIEMSS receives them.

DMAT is in need of health care providers. Please check the DMAT website for more information if you are interested.

The VAIP criteria are complete and will be presented later in the meeting.

The EMAIS RFP has gone out and a meeting was held today with several vendors. Bids are due in two weeks after which time the technical committee and cost committee will review the bids to determine if we will need to spend the 50:50 grant funds we are currently holding. If MIEMSS is required to use the grant funds for EMAIS, we will make the awards in July to those that were awarded grants for this fiscal year, but did not receive them.

Alert utilization has decreased over the last three years. Return to service times are also down slightly for the first time. Red alert utilization decreases preceded yellow alert utilization decreases.

The AED Task Force is scheduled to meet to discuss the future of the PAD programs in Maryland. Maryland currently has several thousand PAD sites registered with MIEMSS. The EMS Board approved the Cardiac Interventional Center regulations which were subsequently published in the Maryland Register for public comment. The comment period has closed and the regulations will now go back to the EMS Board in April for final approval.

Tours are being conducted at MIEMSS during the EMS conference at the convention center in Baltimore this week.

May 16-22, 2010 is EMS week. Please submit Star of Life nominations to Jim Brown for the awards ceremony. Date of the ceremony to be announced.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The December 3, 2009 SEMSAC meeting minutes and the January 12, 2010 Joint EMS Board-SEMSAC meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

There was no SEMSAC Chairman's report.

National Study Center Report-Pat Dischinger for Dr. Faden

The CIREN project funding ends in May 2010. NSC has submitted a re-compete proposal and hopes the project will be refunded.

Two grants on the effects of drinking alcohol are pending approval at NIH and are anticipated to be funded.

A proposal on the role of stress in outcomes of mild TBI including PTSD has been submitted and is awaiting funding approval by DOD.

A new interest group on geriatric trauma and emergency medicine sponsored by STAR ORC, Centers on Aging, and the Gerontology Program of the Department of Epidemiology, including faculty from all schools on campus recently had its first meeting. The goal of the group is to submit research proposals relative to geriatric trauma.

Committee Reports

BLS-William Seifarth

The revised EMT refresher curriculum becomes effective July 1, 2010.

Twelve rollouts will have been completed statewide at the time of the effective date.

Meetings with instructors are being conducted.

A new EMT course syllabus is being developed and will be piloted later this year.

ALS-William Seifarth

The ALS committee is scheduled to meet later this month and is working on the EMT I 99 curriculum update.

EMD Committee-William Seifarth

The EMD committee is exploring the expansion of opportunities for EMD education using the MIEMSS LMS.

Education Standards-William Seifarth

Draft EMT testing and recertification regulation changes (COMAR 30.02.02.07) were distributed for information.

Regional Affairs-no report

Old Business-there was no old business

New Business

William Seifarth gave an EMS Update presentation that included information on:

- The National EMS Education Agenda for the Future
- Education Standards in Maryland
 - EMT instructor updates
 - New EMT course
- National Certification for EMT
- EMS Renewal Options-new vs. existing
- Cost Implications

Mr. Edwards commented on the need to look at the budgetary impact of the new national EMS education standards on MFRI.

Roger Simonds summarized the VAIP document that was distributed in advance of the meeting and noted one correction on page 17 related to “mandatory” versus “voluntary” participation. The document has been approved by the MSFA EMS and Executive committees. The document was approved by unanimously by SEMSAC. Chief Simonds thanked MIEMSS staff for their assistance with the document.

Major McAndrew announced that Captain Dan Cornwall is retiring and introduced Captain Mark Gibbons.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm