

**Emergency Medical Services Board
April 14, 2009
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Chief Scott Graham; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N. (present by phone); Eugene L. Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Victor A. Broccolino; David Fowler, M.D.; Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.

Others Present

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Alban; Ms. Bailey; Ms. Beachley; Mr. Dubansky; Ms. Fechter; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Magee; Ms. Myers; Mr. Register; Mr. New; Ms. Myers; Mr. Seifarth.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major McAndrew; Mike Gartland; Jimmie Meurrens.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Brenda Fosler Johnson; Jim Radcliffe; John Spearman.

MSFA: Mr. Underwood; Mr. Powell; Mr. Cox.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. **Action: Moved (Chief Graham), seconded (Dr. Hexter), passed unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the Board's March 10, 2009 meeting.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STEMI. Dr. Bass reported that MIEMSS continues to work toward implementation of a STEMI system in Maryland. He said that MIEMSS staff, accompanied by the Maryland Health Care Commission, and a representation from the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, had recently attended the American Heart Association's Mid-Atlantic Affiliate meeting during which states within our region discussed their efforts regarding STEMI. Dr. Bass noted that the STEMI system envisioned in the draft regulations that were being developed was in accordance with national guidelines.

Personnel. Dr. Bass reported that Clay Stamp and Chris Handley had recently left MIEMSS to accept other positions. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS would soon be advertising for the position vacated by Mr. Stamp and that MIEMSS was working to obtain additional data and research support from the National Study Center for Trauma & EMS.

Proposed Federal Legislation. Dr. Bass reported that he had represented the National Association of EMS Officials at hearings of the House Transportation Committee regarding helicopter emergency medical services. He said that a bill had been introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 978) to more clearly define the role of the states in regulating the medical aspects of helicopter EMS.

REPORT OF THE R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Mr. Spearman distributed the Shock Trauma Center Report for March 2009. He noted that March admissions were slightly behind the same period last year and that budgeted admissions were also behind last year's. He noted that OR cases were just slightly behind last year's figure and there had been no capacity alerts during the month. He summarized the Shock Trauma Center's third quarter education efforts. He said that the Shock Trauma Gala would be held on April 25th.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer distributed and reviewed the Legislative Report which summarized the major bills and initiatives during the 2009 General Assembly Session. She briefly reviewed the report and recommendations of the House EMS Systems Workgroup, as well as the various EMS-related bills introduced in the Senate. She summarized the major budgetary results from the Session, which included \$52.5 million for MSP helicopter replacement, an additional \$15 million for an addition to the Shock Trauma Center, and the transfer of the \$17 million balance from the Trauma Physician Services Fund to the General Fund. Ms. Gainer thanked the Board, MIEMSS staff, the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Shock Trauma Center, the EMS and fire community and others for all their efforts and hard work during the legislative session.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Access AED Regulation Amendments. Ms. Sette reported that last month's final Board approval of the published changes to the AED regulations was premature in that it occurred just prior to closure of the comment period. She reminded the Board that no comments had been received on the published changes to the AED regulations and asked the Board to approve the regulations as published.

Action: Moved (Ms. Showalter), seconded (Chief Graham) and passed unanimously to approve the regulations as published.

NEW BUSINESS

Trends in Helicopter Utilization. Dr. Bass updated the Board on helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) issues. He discussed HEMS utilization nationwide and in Maryland. He provided the Board with updated information regarding the number of trauma patients transported by MSP, as well as patient acuity and outcome data as compared with ground-transported trauma patients. He noted that helicopter-transported trauma patients in Maryland had better outcomes when compared to outcomes from national trauma norms.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Action: Moved (Chief Graham), seconded (Dr. Hexter), and passed unanimously to proceed to closed session.

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to discuss appointment of personnel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (1), discuss matters related to the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process under § 10-508 (a) (14), 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).

The closed session was attended by:

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MIEMSS: Dr. Bass, Ms. Gainer, Ms. Myers, Dr. Floccare, **MSP Aviation:** Major McAndrew, Jimmie Muerrens, and Mike Gartland

OAG: Mr. Magee.

There was discussion of issues relating to the request for proposal for the procurement of MSP helicopters, and discussion of preliminary budgetary matters associated with that procurement as well as future MedEvac operations.

Dr. Floccare, Major McAndrew, Jimmy Muerrens, and Mick Gartland then departed the closed session.

The minutes of the March 10, 2009 EMS Board closed session were approved.

There was discussion of the persons presented by their respective organizations to serve as members of the State Emergency Medical Advisory Board (SEMSAC) to replace current vacancies and members whose current terms have expired, and new members were appointed by the EMS Board.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation