

**SEMSAC Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 2010**

**Members Present:** Brenda Fosler-Johnson for John Spearman; Jack Markey; Joe Brown; David Crane; George Delaplaine; Steven Edwards; Jeffrey Fillmore; James Fowler; Wade Gaasch; Wendell Baxter; Kathleen Grote; Scott Haas; A.J. McAndrew; Murray Kalish, Chairman; Melissa Meyers; Alan Faden; Kenneth May; Roger Simonds; Carole Ann Mays; Kathryn Yamamoto.

**Members Absent:** Sharon Henry; James Scheulen; Allen Walker; Linda Dousa; Ron Lipps; Roland Berg.

**MIEMSS:** Robert Bass; Lisa Myers; Chris Hyzer; Richard Alcorta; Jim Brown; Dave Balthis; William Seifarth; Mary Beachley; Phil Hurlock; Anna Aycok; Marie Warner; Rae Olivera.

**OAG:** E. Fremont Magee

**Shock Trauma:** R. Hartsock

**MSFA:** Doyle Cox; David Lewis

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:05 pm.

The minutes of the April 1, 2010 SEMSAC meeting were unanimously approved.

**Executive Director's Report-Dr. Robert Bass**

EMAIS-The process to replace EMAIS is nearly complete. MIEMSS intends to recommend ImageTrend for the award. Thanks to everyone that participated. 50:50 matching grant funds that had been requested and were being held have been released. Those who were waiting will be awarded. Many hospital emergency departments currently do not have the capacity for computers to submit electronic EMS reports. The regulatory data reporting requirements will be coordinated with the implementation of the new EMAIS reporting system and will be in place by the end of 2010 or early 2011.

Legislative Update-A summary of the final status of various bills of interest introduced during the 2010 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly was given, highlights of which included HB 497/SB 1086: Public Safety-Statewide Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council-Membership which expands the membership of SEMSAC to add a pilot and member of the public at large and the Budget. The Capital Budget includes \$20 million for MSP helicopter replacement, \$10 million to UMMS for the Trauma, Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Expansion project, and \$5 million to Johns Hopkins Medicine for the Cardiovascular and Critical Care Tower. The Operating Budget for 2010 diverts 50% of the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund and 100% of

the State Police Helicopter Replacement Fund to the General Fund. In FY 2011 no funds are diverted to the General Fund.

Cardiac Interventional Center Regulations-The EMS Board approved the Cardiac Interventional Center regulations for final publication in the Maryland Register and they became effective on May 3, 2010. MIEMSS plans to move ahead with an abbreviated designation process and hopes to have applications submitted by interested hospitals by late September with designations being completed by December 2010. Key issues to be addressed include the interface between EMS providers and hospitals and transfers from hospitals that do not provide primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) to hospitals that do provide primary PCI. Regional committees will be formed to address regional specific issues and develop regional specific plans for these and other issues identified by the regions. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement measures will be developed and implemented by the committees for review by the STEMI Quality Improvement Committee.

The American Heart Association and Maryland Chapter of the American College of Cardiology will be holding a statewide STEMI systems meeting on May 22, 2010 at Anne Arundel Medical Center. An opportunity for regional discussions will be included at the meeting.

AED Task Force Committee-The taskforce's membership and role will be expanded to address out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest, including but not limited to the placement of automated external defibrillators. An overview of the new committee and its objectives will be presented to SEMSAC after it has been developed.

EMS Star of Life Awards Ceremony-May 20, 2010 @ 10:30 a.m. in the Miller Senate Building President's Conference Room.

### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish**

EMS Board Report-Dr. Kalish reported on the following items from the April 13, 2010 EMS Board meeting:

#### Regulations:

Approved the proposed Cardiac Interventional Center Standards as final regulations.

Approved the draft changes to the Licensure & Certification regulations for publication as proposed regulations.

#### Base stations:

Approved five-year designation of the following base stations:

- Anne Arundel Medical Center
- Calvert Memorial Hospital
- Doctor's Community Hospital
- Frederick Memorial Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Northwest Hospital
- Peninsula Regional Medical Center
- Southern Maryland Hospital

St. Agnes Hospital  
St. Mary's Hospital  
Union Hospital of Cecil County  
Washington County Hospital  
Western Maryland Regional Medical Center

Approved a two-year designation of the following base stations

St. Joseph's Hospital

Approved a one-year provisional designation of the following base stations:

Bayview Medical Center  
Ft. Washington Hospital  
Prince George's Hospital Center

### Educational Programs

Approved a one-year provisional designation of the Prince George's County Community College Advanced Life Support Education Program.

Approved a five-year designation of the Chesapeake College/ Shore Health System's ALS Education Program.

Approved a five-year designation of the Cecil County EMS ALS Education Program.

Approved a five-year designation of the Law Enforcement First Responder BLS Education Program (Howard County).

### **National Study Center Report-Dr. Alan Faden**

CIREN-under review for refunding

National Intrepid Center of Excellence-partnership opportunity to study military personnel with traumatic brain injury. \$74 million has been allocated for FY 2010.

US Air Force-CSTARS simulation programs; application submitted for review.

Geriatric Trauma Critical Care Program-Five research workgroups have been formed; Two grant applications have been submitted; increased funding opportunities to study aging are becoming available.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **BLS-Rae Oliveira**

**The following items were considered by the BLS committee:**

- Instructor Rollout for 2010 Refresher Program completed and well received
- NREMT testing for initial EMT-B provider certification
- Recertification of EMT-B's with current NREMT-B
- Accelerated pilot program starting end of May for new EMT curriculum
- Revising practical evaluation forms and written exam for new curriculum

-Task force working to create evaluation forms for EMTB Skills Competency -  
Verification/ test-out option

**ALS Committee-Scott Haas**

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**EMS Educational Standards Operations Committee-Kathleen Grote**

-Looking at regions for CRT standards

-Working on regulations related to new education standards

**Old Business**

SEMSAC Committees-Dr. Kalish requested SEMSAC members not currently serving on a committee consider joining. The list of committees was passed around for review.

**New Business**

- ∞ Updated PEMAC Bylaws were presented for approval by Cyndy-Wright Johnson. The updated Bylaws were unanimously approved to go to the EMS Board for consideration.
- ∞ Maryland Traffic Records Assessment Report-John New-The Maryland State Highway Administration had a traffic records assessment performed by a NHTSA technical assessment team. One element of the assessment is the status of associated EMS crash records. Specifically, National EMS Information System compliance (NEMSIS), availability, completeness, accuracy and linkage to other datasets. The new electronic patient care record works toward the goals of the Maryland Traffic Strategic Plan, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the interests of Maryland Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. Maryland was awarded \$300,000 in FY 2010 and will receive funding again in FY 2011 through 408 grant funds.
- ∞ Ambulance Safety Brief-Dr. Bass gave a presentation on Ambulance Safety that outlined the magnitude, causes, and potential solutions of ambulance crashes. MIEMSS will be convening a small workgroup to look at the issue in Maryland. Individuals that wish to participate were asked to contact Dr. Bass.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.