

**Joint Meeting of the
State Emergency Medical Services Board and the
Statewide EMS Advisory Council**

**January 11, 2011
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq.; Chair; Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chair, by phone; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter, by phone; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Eugene L. Worthington.

Board Members Absent: David Fowler, M.D.; Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D., PhD. Dany Westerband, M.D.

SEMSAC Members Present: Carole Mays; Roland Berg, by phone; Steve Edwards; Ron Lipps; Melissa Meyers; Mark Gibbons; Wade Gaasch, M.D.; Jeffrey Fillmore, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Scott Haas; Kathryn Yamamoto, M.D.; Jim Scheulen; Sharon Henry, M.D.; Linda Dousa; Kathleen Grote; Karen Doyle; William Bethea; Michael Grossman; Erica Mowbray by phone.

SEMSAC Members Absent: George Delaplaine; James Fowler; David Crane; Joe Brown; Allen Walker, M.D.; Ken May; Wendell Baxter; Roger Simonds; Jack Markey; Alan Faden, M.D.

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Bailey; Ms. Myers; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Contee by phone; Ms. Wright-Johnson; Ms. Chervon.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President Doyle Cox; First Vice President David Lewis; Second Vice President John Denver.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Robbie Hartsock; Jamie Huggins; Jim Radcliffe.

1199 SEIU: Andrew Tonelli.

Mr. DeVries called the Joint Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. He welcomed the Board and SEMSAC members and thanked them for their dedicated leadership. He said that the annual Joint Meeting provides a good opportunity to look at the accomplishments of our statewide EMS system and to discuss growth and improvement. Dr. Kalish joined Mr. DeVries in expressing similar sentiments.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Doyle presented statistics from the past year at the STC. She said that 31% of the STC admissions were from inter-facility transfers and that 10% of those inter-facility transports were from the regional trauma centers.

The percentage of beds occupied by month is in the 90% range or higher. She said that the Phase IV construction project began in 2009 and broke ground in 2010 and was proceeding on schedule. She noted that expansion of the adult and pediatric emergency department are also part of the project.

Ms. Doyle said that for six months following the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, STC sent teams of 15-20 members to assist with medical care. Training efforts continue with the School of Medicine and School of Nursing. She also summarized the educational initiatives that the STC had completed during FY 2010 and indicated an emphasis was placed on airway management. STC is also providing training rotations for the United States Air Force staff to acquire the skill set needed to care for soldiers wounded in combat.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bass reviewed the major accomplishments and issues of 2010. He provided updated helicopter utilization data and said that he will provide a more detailed update that includes hospital data in March or April. The Board of Public Works approved the purchase of 6 Augusta Westland Helicopters with the first to arrive within 24 months. The Basing Study was submitted to the Maryland General Assembly and the EMS Board concurred with the study which recommendations. He said that the recent implementation of guidelines for early launch of helicopters by Emergency Medical Dispatchers and First Responders is being closely monitored.

Dr. Bass reported that national accreditation of training programs will be a prerequisite for national certification by 2013 for paramedics. EMR will require a minimal update of instructors on the use of MARK I. MIEMSS has developed a medical responder curriculum for law enforcement officers that are not EMS responders. Dr. Bass said that 35 primary stroke centers will be designated as of January 12, 2011 and that MIEMSS has drafted standards for the designation of

Comprehensive Stroke Referral Centers. He said that additionally, a new level of “drip and ship” stroke hospitals is being discussed by NIH. He said that Cardiac Interventional Center designation continues and the final list of designated centers should be announced by early spring. The 2010 AHA ECC guidelines for CPR will be reflected in the 2012 EMS protocols. The new electronic patient care reporting system, eMEDS, will be pilot tested in three jurisdictions with full implementation anticipated by summer 2011. A grant from MDOT will help with CAD interface in some jurisdictions. The Health and Medical Subcommittee, jointly chaired by MIEMSS and DHMH, continues meeting to plan for domestic preparedness. Dr. Bass said that the long-term viability of MEMSOF is a primary focus for legislative efforts as the Fund is anticipated to be insolvent in 2013.

MARYLAND FIRE & RESCUE INSTITUTE

Mr. Edwards said that MFRI had conducted 1,545 emergency services programs during 2010 for 31,147 students, about 6,542 of whom were EMS providers and 7,443 were fire. He said that MFRI’s enrollment during the year was down slightly from 2009. He noted that a number of new and revised courses had been made available for training during the year.

Mr. Edwards said that the North East Regional Training Center is expected to open in summer 2011 in the Edgewood area. He said that the EMT-B on-line refresher training started slowly but is now going well. He said that the increase of EMT training curriculum hours from 131 to 165 which will require the addition of 141 support instructors. A qualitative evaluation system for MFRI instructors has been implemented. Mr. Edwards said that MFRI could compete for up to \$1 million if Congress approves a grant to purchase fire protective clothing.

MSP AVIATION

Major Gibbons reported that during 2010, MSP completed 2,582 scene missions, involving 2,114 patients, as well as 494 search-and-rescue missions, 633 law enforcement missions and 10 homeland security missions.

Major Gibbons provided an update on the status of the new aircraft, stating that final design specifications are underway with two of the six airframes anticipated for delivery in April 2012. The Aviation command is working to adopt or meet all recommendations proposed by the NPRM through policy, training, and equipment enhancements. Two consultants have bid on the FAA Part 135 contract, oral presentation January 14, 2011, with a final to follow. MSP is interviewing candidates for the position of Deputy Director. The basing study was submitted to the General Assembly and will be presented to the House EMS Work Group on January 13, 2011. An extension on the maintenance study has been granted until May 1, 2011. MSPA is awaiting formal direction on CAMTS from the EMS Board.

The feasibility of a flight simulator is being reviewed and recommendations will be presented to the Maryland General Assembly shortly.

NATIONAL STUDY CENTER FOR TRAUMA AND EMS

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The Joint Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:30 a.m.