

State Emergency Medical Services Board
July 13, 2010
Minutes

Board Members Present: Victor Broccolino, Vice Chairman; David Fowler, MD; David Hexter, MD; Murray Kalish, MD; Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter (by phone); Dany Westerband, MD; Dean Albert Reece, MD., PhD

Board Members Absent: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Gene Worthington

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Robert Bass; Ms Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Beachley; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Myers; Mr. Darchicourt; Ms. Fechter; Ms Gilliam; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms Sette

MSP Aviation Command: Major A. J. McAndrew; Mike Gartland

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

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma: Jaime Huggins; Jim Radcliffe

Mr. Broccolino called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ACTION: The Board approved the minutes of the June 8, 2010 Emergency Medical Services Board meeting.

Mr. Broccolino congratulated and acknowledged the new Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA) officers President Doyle Cox, First Vice President David Lewis and Second Vice President John Denver.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bass also congratulated and wished well the new MSFA officers.

Dr. Bass advised that Robert Dubansky retired as of June 30, 2010 and recognized his many years of service to EMS.

Ambulance Safety Taskforce: Dr. Bass advised that the Ambulance Safety Taskforce had its initial meeting and is forming committees to explore different aspects, including Education issues, Operator issues, Non-red lights and sirens dispatch and transports, and what other states are doing. The Taskforce will develop a white paper outlining best practices and plans to hold a Summit in 2011.

STEMI: The STEMI planning process is going well in each region.

Electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR): The ePCR contract has been awarded to Image Trend and the implementation process is underway.

EMS Conference: A new EMS Educational Conference has been scheduled for the first weekend in April 2011 at Ocean City, Maryland.

HC (Healthcare) Standard: MIEMSS is partnering with the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) under the Baltimore UASI grant for the purchase of software (MIEMSS) and hardware (BCFD) for HC Patient Tracking program. Mr. Broccolino asked if this would be for all of Region III. Dr. Bass advised that this is starting with Region III and should eventually be for the entire state of Maryland a hopefully eventual connectivity to the ePCR. A kick-off meeting will be held at MIEMSS on July 19, 2010.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish reported that SEMSAC did not meet in July.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Mr. Radcliffe reported for Ms. Johnson who is on maternity leave. Year end patient admissions were up by 416 and 697 patients above budget. Mr. Radcliffe said that ST occupancy is high but there had been no instances of fly-by capacity alert. ST accommodated twenty-five tour groups within the last fiscal year. ST was closed to tour groups for approximately 3 months due to H1N1. In the last fiscal year, ST held eleven airway classes and seven evening educational programs which are now being broadcasted to 13 remote sites. ST is working with MIEMSS to rebroadcast programs through the MIEMSS Learning Management System.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Broccolino said that there was no new legislative information to report.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Medical Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) and EMS / DNR-A (DNI): Dr. Alcorta briefed the EMS Board on the collaboration with the Office of Healthcare Quality within the Taskforce on Aging and the End of Life regarding The Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) which will establish a single DNR MOLST order form for a physician or nurse practitioner. After the order form has been

vetted, it will be given to the EMS Board for comment and any proposed regulation changes.

Protocol Review Committee By-Laws:

Dr. Alcorta presented the Protocol Review Committee By-Laws to the EMS Board for approval. Dr. Alcorta affirmed that there was significant input from stakeholders.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board voted to approve the Protocol Review Committee By-Laws as submitted.

Mr. Maloney updated the Board on the recent Ravenwood Nursing Home evacuation and recognized the EMS providers who went above and beyond the call of duty by notifying superiors of the heat-related issues during the recent extreme heat wave, resulting in the probable saving of lives. The initial 911 call was from a patient in respiratory distress due to heat from lack of air conditioning; some room temperatures reaching 110 degrees. The Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management arrived and notified DHMH Office of Health Care Quality, which took command and made the decision to evacuate without notifying MIEMSS. Mr. Maloney noted that there was a disconnect between state agencies which will be addressed in the After Action Report (AAR). Baltimore City's Office of Emergency Management notified MIEMSS. The evacuation occurred on the highest volume day of the year for the Baltimore City Fire Department (BCFD) EMS; consequently no BCFD units could be spared to assist with the evacuation. Dr. Alcorta added that Jeff Huggins, Region III Associate Administrator, was made Operational Section Commander and coordinated with John Donohue and SOCLAR to facilitate the transport of residents to alternate facilities utilizing Commercial Services.

Mr. Broccolino commended the MIEMSS Field Operations, John Donohue, Jeff Huggins, Rene Fechter and the Baltimore City Fire Department providers for avoiding a potential disaster and thanked Mr. Maloney for bringing it to the attention of the EMS Board.

Dr. Fowler pointed out the importance of incident command and noted that when DHMH Office of Healthcare Quality Assurance made the decision to close and evacuate the nursing home, they should have handed off incident command. Mr. Maloney noted that any agency that wishes to take command of an incident needs to adopt Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Mr. Maloney stated that HB770, which was passed in the 2006 Session of the General Assembly, requires nursing homes and assisted living facilities to develop emergency plans that include procedures to be followed in the event of an evacuation. DHMH has the responsibility for enforcing this requirement.

Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS is in conversations with DHMH regarding the situation and will be represented at the AAR. Mr. Maloney stated that MEMA could play a bigger role in coordinating agencies for response.

Mr. Broccolino announced that the Board would be retiring to Executive Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7) and to discuss certain site reviews 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).

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Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Aycock, Mr. Seifarth; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff; Ms. Beachley

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the June 2010 meeting.

The Board was provided information on requests for approval of educational programs.

The Board approved recommendations for provider disciplinary cases.

The Board considered recommendations for Trauma Center Designation.

The Board was provided information on current COMAR Jurisdictional Verifications

Mr. Broccolino turned the meeting over to Dr. Kalish.

The Board considered recommendations for Primary Stroke Center Designation.

The Board reconvened into Open Session.

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ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the Law Enforcement educational programs of Towson University Police Dept.; MD Police and Corrections Training Commission Academy; Aberdeen Proving Grounds Police Dept.; Eastern Shore Law Enforcement Agency and East Coast Ambulance Service for five years.

ACTION: Upon a motion made by Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the designation of Peninsula Regional Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center for the remaining three years of a five-year designation to include ongoing monitoring by MIEMSS.

ACTION: Upon a motion made by Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler the Board approved the designation of Northwest Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center for the remaining four years of a five-year designation to include ongoing monitoring by MIEMSS.

Dr. Fowler offered tours of the new Medical Examiners facility at Bio Park. Ribbon cutting is the 23rd of September 2010.

Dr. Bass advised that unless there was pressing business, the EMS Board would not meet in August 2010.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.