



**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**May 13, 2014**  
**Minutes**

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**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Hexter, M.D.; Roland Berg (by phone); Sally Showalter; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (by phone); Sherry Adams; Kyrle Preis; Fred Cross.

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaeffer; Ms. Williams.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Lioi; Lt. Konold; Lt. King.

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** Mr. Keller; Mr. Roth.

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma:** Ms. Doyle.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

Mr. DeVries welcomed and introduced Mr. Kyrle Preis, Deputy Fire Chief of the Baltimore County Fire Department, as one of the newly appointed members to the Maryland Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board representing Career Firefighter/EMS personnel. Mr. DeVries also announced the appointment of Mr. Fred Cross who will be representing the Maryland State Fireman's Association as Mr. Gene Worthington has resigned from the EMS Board.

**REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mr. Berg said the SEMSAC did not meet in May; therefore, there was no report.

**MIEMSS REPORT**

Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee. Dr. Alcorta said the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee is negotiating with Cal Ripken Stadium to conduct a CPR event on June 29, 2014.

National EMS Week. EMS week is May 18–24, 2014, with EMS for Children Day on May 21, 2014. The theme this year is “EMS Dedicated. For Life,” and MIEMSS will hold its annual EMS “Stars of Life” and “Right Care When It Counts” Awards in Annapolis at the Miller Senate Building on May 21, 2014, starting at 10:00 am.

Active Assailant Incident Workgroup. The Active Assailant Committee should have a final draft guidelines response document completed and released for comment by the end of May 2014.

EMS Plan. MIEMSS staff continues to work on the EMS Plan Goals and Objectives.

The EMRC/SYSCOM. The upgrades to EMRC/SYSCOM are in the final prep stages; a general contractor has been identified and subcontractor bid submissions are being scheduled.

Back up Commercial Air Services. The 2014 Joint Chairmen’s Report included a request that MIEMSS submit a report on payment for patient scene helicopter transport provided by a back-up commercial air ambulance service. The report is due by December 1, 2014.

EMS Care 2014. Dr. Alcorta reported that the EMS Care Conference held April 30 – May 4 in Ocean City had been very successful and well-attended. He thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the conference.

MSFA Convention. MIEMSS will be participating at the MSFA Convention June 14-20, 2014, in Ocean City Maryland.

Internet Viruses. Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS has been active in addressing the security issues presented by the recent spate of computer viruses that had infected the internet.

Mobile Integrated Health Services. MIEMSS is working on a study of Mobile Integrated Health Services at the request of the House Health & Government Operations Committee.

State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR). SOCALR has started the annual inspection and license renewal process.

Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). Dr. Alcorta said there have been two confirmed cases in the United States: one in Indiana and one in Florida. Both cases were healthcare workers who had been in Saudi Arabia. MIEMSS is monitoring all CDC alerts in reference to MERS.

Mr. Fred Cross arrived at approximately 9:30am.

Mr. DeVries announced that Mr. Gene Worthington has resigned from the EMS Board and that Mr. Fred Cross, Past President MSFA, has been appointed to the Board to represent Volunteer Fire Service for the remainder of Mr. Worthington’s term. Mr. DeVries welcomed Mr. Cross to the Board.

Mr. DeVries presented to Mr. Worthington a plaque in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the State of Maryland Emergency Medical Services Board. Mr. DeVries added his personal thank you for the outstanding work and commitment to the Board and wished Mr. Worthington well in his future endeavors. Mr. Worthington stated t he was leaving with mixed emotions but that Mr. Cross will be an excellent representative for the volunteers.

## **R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT (RACSTC)**

Mr. DeVries congratulated Ms. Doyle on the success of the RACSTC Gala.

Ms. Doyle thanked Mr. DeVries and added that Dr. Bass was also honored at the Gala.

Ms. Doyle submitted a written report and highlighted the RACSTC Organ and Tissue Donation Program. Ms. Doyle said that RACSTC partners with the Living Legacy Foundation (LLF) to ensure that out of tragedy, comes some breath of life. RACSTC works closely with LLF in making sure that all organ donation discussions are respectful and dignified.

Ms. Doyle said that fire suppression testing is currently being conducted on the second helipad; once completed, the Fire Marshall will advise as to the operational status, hopefully within the next six weeks. Ms. Doyle added that RACSTC and its partners are working on identifying an alternate landing zone that will be agreeable to all parties.

Ms. Doyle recognized Baltimore County Fire Department and all partners who assisted with the Sparrows Point building collapse incident. RACSTC will be holding a debriefing to discuss issues, such as asbestos management, that had arisen during the incident and to share lessons learned.

Ms. Doyle added that the RACSTC has a very focused Violence Intervention Program that provides early intervention to individuals who have been hospitalized for injuries caused by violence. She said the Program held an inaugural gala event attended by approximately 250 persons to help elevate awareness of violence intervention and prevention in Baltimore City.

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

AW139 Transition Plan. Major Lioi submitted a written report and highlighted the AW139 Transition Plan. Four sections, Trooper 3 (Frederick), Trooper 6 (Easton), Trooper 4 (Salisbury), and Trooper 7 (Southern Maryland), have completed the transition to the new AW139 helicopters. He said that the transition at Trooper 2 (Andrews) began on May 5, 2014. Major Lioi invited the Board to the celebration and ribbon cutting at Trooper 7 on May 14, 2014.

Second In Command (SIC). Major Lioi said that out of the ten PIN's approved in November 2013, seven positions have been filled and three applicants have been given conditional offers and are undergoing background investigations. All ten positions should be by set by the end of May 2014 and the MSP will begin filling an additional ten positions on July 1, 2014.

Part 135. Major Lioi said that the MSPAC Operations Manual with all supporting documentation has been submitted to the FAA and will now go to Phase III, the "Document Compliance Phase" where operations manuals and other documents are reviewed in depth by the FAA's CPT members to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and conformance with safe operating practices. MSPAC anticipates that at least one aircraft will be Part 135 certified by this fall.

## **MARYLAND STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION (MSFA) UPDATE**

Mr. DeVries welcomed First Vice President Keller and asked that he convey to President Olson the Board's appreciation of her efforts this past year. Mr. Keller said that the MSFA leadership will not be available to attend the June EMS Board meeting as they will be attending the Maryland Municipal League conference in Ocean City, MD.

First Vice President Keller extended the invitation from President Olson to the EMS Board to attend the MSFA Convention June 14 – 20, 2014. He added that there will be 18 to 20 “hands on” Fire and EMS training opportunities at the convention. The installation of new officers will take place on June 17, 2014.

First Vice President Keller thanked Fred Cross for representing the volunteers on the EMS Board and thanked the EMS Board for their spirit of cooperation and assistance this last year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

COMAR 10.17.02 Automated External Defibrillators for Swimming Pools. A copy of the regulation was distributed to the EMS Board for approval. Ms. Sette said that this is a Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH) regulation that had been finalized at DHMH. She said there were no issues with the regulation which requires that all county and municipal pools have AEDs and that comply with MIEMSS AED program.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board unanimously approved COMAR 10.17.02 Automated External Defibrillators for Swimming Pools.**

Prehospital Point of Care Testing to Detect Shock – Pilot Protocol (MSPAC – Paramedic Only). The proposed “pilot” protocol and IRB approval was distributed to EMS Board for approval. Dr. Alcorta explained this research protocol to be conducted by MSPAC Paramedics for the evaluation of blood samples to establish “Shock” indicators. Dr. Alcorta said that standard care is the priority and patient care will not be changed under the pilot. Dr. Floccare said that this protocol will only be used at the three bases that have transitioned to the AW-139 helicopters that are staffed with two EMS providers. Dr. Floccare added that scene and patient circumstances will determine if and when the protocol will be administered. This testing is being funded by the Air Force.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board unanimously approved the Prehospital Point of Care Testing to Detect Shock Protocol Pilot.**

Ms. Gainer introduced MIEMSS’ new Human Resources Manager, Ms. Kim Williams, to the EMS Board members.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board adjourned to Closed 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).

The closed session was attended by:

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson); Roland Berg (by phone); Fred Cross; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Sherry B. Adams, R.N., Dany Westerband, M.D.; Kyrle W. Preis, III; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. (by phone)

Board Members Absent: None.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Goff; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

In closed session the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meeting of February 11, 2014;
2. Reviewed and recommended appointments to SEMSAC;
3. Reviewed and acted on provider disciplinary cases;
4. Discussed the search for a new Executive Director of MIEMSS; and
5. Were advised on certain legal issues by legal counsel.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:08 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson); Roland Berg (by phone); Fred Cross; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Sherry B. Adams, R.N., Dany Westerband, M.D.; Kyrle W. Preis, III; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. (by phone)

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Goff; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Schaefer.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the re-designation of Franklin Square Medical Center as a Cardiac Interventional Center for five years.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve five-year MOUs with the following out-of-state hospitals to serve as Cardiac Interventional Centers:

**Washington Hospital Center, District of Columbia  
Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, Delaware  
Christiana Hospital, Delaware  
Bayhealth-Kent General**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the five-year re-designation of Northwest Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center.**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the re-designation of Meritus Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center for the remainder of a five-year period.**

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