

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
April 13, 2010
Minutes**

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

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

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Dubansky; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Myers; Mr. Seifarth.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MSP Aviation Command: Major McAndrew; Capt. Mark Gibbons; Mike Gartland; Walt Kerr; Jimmie Meurrens.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: Second Vice President David Lewis.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Jamie Huggins; Brenda Fosler Johnson; Jim Radcliffe.

Department of Budget & Management: Andrew Brecher.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting of the EMS Board. Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Joint Meeting of the EMS Board and SEMSAC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Electronic Patient Care Reporting System. Dr. Bass reported on the status of the effort to replace the EMAIS system with a new electronic patient care reporting system. He said that MIEMSS had received bids from six (6) companies and had completed the technical evaluation of those bids. He said that based on the evaluation, two vendors had been invited to participate in a vendor fair which

provided the opportunity for hands-on demonstrations of the products. He said that the financial evaluation would be completed shortly.

EMS Week. Dr. Bass said that EMS Week is May 16-22, 2010 is EMS Week. He said that the Stars of Life Awards are tentatively scheduled for May 20th.

EMS Conference. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS plans to hold an EMS conference in April of next year and that the conference will likely be held in Ocean City.

Protocol Rollout. Dr. Bass said that the Protocol Rollout is scheduled for April 19th.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish said that SEMSAC had met on April 1st. He said that SEMSAC approved changes to the Licensure and Certification Regulations that the Board will vote on at this meeting.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

Ms. Fosler reported that admissions to the STC were 344 patients ahead of last year and 487 above budget. She said that the number of OR cases were consistent with admissions and beds occupancy was consistent with typical winter months. She said that the Center was on capacity alert for one hour the last weekend of March. She summarized educational programs that had been conducted during the most recent quarter. She said that the Certificate of Need for the STC expansion had been approved in March and that the Shock Trauma Gala was scheduled for April 24th.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer presented a summary of the final status of various bills of interest that had been considered by the General Assembly, as well as the final status of several budgetary items.

OLD BUSINESS

Cardiac Interventional Center Standards. Ms. Sette reported that the proposed Cardiac Interventional Center Standards had been published as proposed regulations in the Maryland Register on January 29, 2010. She said that during the comment period, only one comment had been received, which had been favorable.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted to approve the proposed Cardiac Interventional Center Standards as final regulations.

Ms. Myers presented a draft projected timeline of how MIEMSS plans to proceed to implement the regulations and designate Cardiac Interventional Centers. She said that MIEMSS would work to coordinate MIEMSS efforts with those of the Maryland Health Care Commission. Dr. Bass said that MHCC and MIEMSS will collaborate on data collection which will provide data to both agencies.

Licensure & Certification Regulatory Change. Mr. Seifarth presented the draft proposed changes to the licensing and certification regulations. He said that the changes were intended to expand the options for renewal of EMT basic certification by the addition of two new options: 1) renewal if national registry certification is current; or 2) renewal upon successful completion of a 12-hour on-line refresher course and successful demonstration of the required skill set. EMTs seeking renewal under either the existing or new options also need to comply with Maryland affiliation requirements. Mr. Seifarth said that the new options should lead to cost-savings.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved the draft changes to the Licensure & Certification regulations for publication as proposed regulations.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board adjourned to Executive 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, Esquire, Chair; Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Eugene L. Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D., PhD.

Others Present

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Dubansky; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Mr. Seifarth; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the January and March meetings.

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

The Board was provided information on jurisdictional compliance with regulation requirements.

The Board was provided information on hospital base station designations.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 10:40.

Base Station Re-designation.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved a 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**

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved a two-year designation of the following base stations:

St. Joseph's Hospital

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved a one-year provisional designation of the following base stations:

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

Approval of Educational Programs.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved a one-year provisional designation of the Prince George's County Community College Advanced Life Support Education Program, with quarterly monitoring to be conducted by MIEMSS.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved a five-year designation of the Chesapeake College/ Shore Health System's ALS Education Program, with Ms. Van Hoy abstaining.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved a five-year designation of the Cecil County EMS ALS Education Program.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board approved a five-year designation of the Law Enforcement First Responder BLS Education Program (Howard County). Mr. Broccolino was not present for the vote.

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