



## *Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)*

### *AGENDA*

March 7, 2019

1:00pm – 3:00pm

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Services Systems**

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- I. Call to Order – Dr. Kalish
- II. Introduction of Dr. Delbridge – Ms. Gainer
- III. Approval of the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes – Dr. Kalish
- IV. Open Meetings Act - Ann MacNeille, Open Meetings Compliance Board Council
- V. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
  - Legislative Report – Ms. Myers
- VI. SEMSAC Chair Report – Dr. Kalish
- VII. MSFA Update
- VIII. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
- IX. National Study Center – Dr. Kozar
- X. Committee Reports
  - ALS – No Report
  - BLS – No Report
  - EMD – No Report
  - Regional Affairs – Mr. Smothers
- XI. Old Business
  - 50/50 Regional Grant Funding – INFORMATION – Mr. Smothers and Mr. Tiemersma
- XII. New Business
  - Adult / Pediatric Burn Center Regulation and Definition changes – Ms. Sette
- XIII. Adjournment



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### **Meeting Minutes**

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**SEMSAC Members Present:** Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Karen Doyle, Vice Chair; John Filer; Eric Smothers; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD (phone); Justin Kinsey; Wade Gaasch, MD; Tim Burns (phone); Keith McMinn; Jason Day (phone); Wayne Dyott; Jason Day; Melissa Meyers; Wayne Tiemersma; Lisa Tenney; Jennifer Anders, MD; Linda Dousa; Lisa Tenney; Michael Millin, MD; Michael DeRuggiero

**Members Absent:** Scott Haas; Karen Vogel; Rosemary Kozar; Brian Frankel; Kathleen Grote

**MFRI:** Steve Cox

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri

**MDOT:** Tim Kerns, PhD

**Others:** Bill Dousa

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

**MIEMSS:** Ted Delbridge; Pat Gainer; Anna Aycocock; Carole Mays; Lisa Myers; Tim Chizmar, MD; Barbara Goff

Chairman Kalish called the meeting to order.

Ms. Gainer introduced MIEMSS' Executive Director, Dr. Delbridge. She said that Dr. Delbridge is a board-certified Emergency Physician with a 27-year clinical background in the practice of emergency medicine. He is experienced in all aspects of EMS, including EMS medical and aero-medical direction, education, quality improvement, and research. Ms. Gainer added that Dr. Delbridge comes to Maryland from North Carolina where he was the Professor and Chair of Emergency Services at the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine and an Attending Physician in Emergency Medicine at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, the Outer Banks Hospital in Nags Head and Vidant Beaufort Hospital in Washington, NC.

Dr. Delbridge said it has been pleasure meeting everyone and looks forward to getting to know everyone better. He added that there are great future opportunities for the EMS System and that he is looking forward to working with all of our EMS partners.

Dr. Kalish called for the approval of the minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Burns and unanimously**

**agreed upon to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2018, meeting.**

**Open Meetings Act:** Ann MacNeille, Open Meetings Compliance Board Council

Ms. MacNeille gave an overview of the Open Meetings Act. She provided a handout which included instructions regarding the four sets of information required under the statute to close a meeting: 1) statement of time, place, and purpose; 2) record of the vote of each member as to closing the session; 3) statutory authority to close session; and 4) listing of topics of discussion, persons present, and each action taken. She provided a compliance checklist for meetings subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the 15 reasons (“exceptions”) for holding a closed session meeting and instructions for the presiding officer’s written statement for closing a meeting.

**MIEMSS Report**

Dr. Delbridge provided the MIEMSS update; a copy of the MIEMSS Report was distributed.

Opioid Crisis.

Dr. Delbridge said the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has several strategies to improve opioid overdose outcomes involving EMS, including the “leave behind” program, OD Mapping to identify hot spots for Law Enforcement and a data stream to MDH for crisis intervention. MIEMSS supports MDH’s initiative for EMS jurisdictional naloxone administration data sharing (within 24 hours) with local health departments in order for the local health departments to provide timely interventions.

eMEDS/CRISP Integration

Dr. Delbridge said that there are currently five participating jurisdictions (Anne Arundel County, Charles County, Frederick County, Queen Anne’s County, and Washington County) automatically uploading 138 data elements directly from eMEDS® to CRISP, Maryland’s designated health information exchange. This data, which is available in the CRISP Provider Portal, is designed to provide clinical EMS treatment data to in-hospital and community healthcare partners. Additionally, this program allows jurisdictional QA officers and medical directors from public safety EMS operational programs to access the CRISP Provider Portal for quality assurance and mobile integrated health purposes. The program is open to all of Maryland’s public safety EMS operational programs.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) Committee

The Committee is currently refining and updating the VAIP.

Active Assailant Interagency Workgroup

The full workgroup continues to meet monthly with a focus on review and coordination of the subcommittees’ activities. A one-day educational symposium, with over 300 attendees, was held on February 22, 2019 in Annapolis. This symposium covered a review of lessons learned from past events and other topics associated with active assailant events.

Legislative Update: Ms. Myers

Ms. Myers updated the members on Bill currently being followed by MIEMSS.

*HB 607 (SB 901) Maryland Trauma Fund-State Primary Adult Resource Center-Reimbursement of On-call and Standby Costs* would add reimbursement for documented uncompensated or undercompensated costs incurred by the State Primary Adult Resource Center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists and requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop guidelines for the reimbursement of documented costs to the State Primary Adult Resource Center. The HB607 hearing was held 2/28/19. MIEMSS, in consultation with MHCC who administers the fund, supported the bill. The cross-filed bill is scheduled to be heard 3/19/19.

A robust discussion followed regarding HB 607 (SB901) Maryland Trauma Fund-State Primary Adult Resource Center-Reimbursement of On-call and Standby Costs, its possible impact on other Trauma Centers and the fund's future solvency. Ms. Meyers said this has been a topic of discussion at TraumaNet and will be addressed at future TraumaNet meetings.

*HB 894 Criminal Law-Felony Second Degree Assault-Emergency Medical Care Workers* would add Emergency Medical Workers to Criminal Law Article 3-203 which would making it a felony to intentionally cause physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know the other is a worker who is providing emergency and related services in the emergency department of a hospital or Freestanding Medical Facility. The hearing is scheduled for 3/13/19. MIEMSS is hoping to submit written support.

A lengthy discussion followed on the protection of healthcare clinicians. Ms. Tenney said this was the best bill that could be presented at this time and that additional future legislation will be needed for the protection of all healthcare workers and workers in the healthcare system.

*SB 339 (HB 397) Public Safety-9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (Carl Henn's Law)* SB 339/HB 397 would implement recommendations by the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Across Maryland established by law in 2018 under SB 285 and HB 634, to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation, management, operation and ongoing development of NG 9-1-1 emergency communication services. Both hearings were 2/26/19. SB 339 Passed the full Senate with amendments.

*SB 981 Vehicle Laws-Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders-Exception*-Would remove the requirement that all motorcycle riders wear a helmet and allow those 21 years of age and over not to wear a helmet if they have been licensed to operate a motorcycle for 2 years or more and have completed an approved motorcycle safety course. No Hearing scheduled-in Senate Rules.

*SB 1013 Public Safety –Task Force on Volunteer Companies and Rescue Squads:* SB 1013 would Establish the Task Force on Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads to review certain staffing levels and recruitment practices, evaluate the cost of training and technology, and evaluate the differences in needs of rural, suburban, and volunteer fire companies and rescue squads; requiring the Task Force to study and report its recommendations regarding staffing shortages for volunteer fire

companies and rescue squads to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2019. No hearing scheduled-in Senate Rules.

### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report**

Dr. Kalish welcomed Michael G. Millin, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAEMS, as the Maryland ACEP Representative to SEMSAC and Justin Kinsey as the CASAC Representative.

Dr. Kalish reported that at the November EMS Board meeting, the EMS Board approved the Johns Hopkins Hospital as a Level 1 Adult Trauma Center for five years and Med-Star Good Samaritan Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center for the remaining four years of a five-year designation.

Dr. Kalish said that Mr. Donald DeVries announced his retirement as Chairman of the EMS Board and introduced Mr. Clay Stamp as the newly appointed Chairman at the February EMS Board meeting.

Dr. Kalish said that seven (7) Base Stations were approved for five-year renewals by the EMS Board on February 12, 2019. He added that Mr. Tiemersma and Mr. Smothers gave a presentation on the 50/50 grant program which they will be presenting to SEMSAC today at that meeting.

### **MSFA**

Ms. Dousa said that the next MSFA Executive Committee will be held on April 6 & 7 2019, at the Friendsville VFR - 122 Walnut Street, Friendsville, MD.

### **MSPAC Update**

Captain McMinn said that the Easton Section has returned to a 24/7 operation as of February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Cumberland Section's temporary service reduction, primarily during weeknights, is still in place.

The Trooper/Flight Paramedics completed transport ventilator training in February.

Recruitment continues for pilots, helicopter maintenance technicians and Trooper/Flight Paramedics. Four Trooper Candidates with medical certification are scheduled to graduate from the academy on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **National Study Center (NSC) – No Report**

### **Committee Reports**

#### Regional Affairs

Mr. Smothers said that Regional Affairs discussed the State Highway Safety grants for 2017, 2018 and 2019. He said with stagnant funding and inconsistent pricing, the 50/50 State Highway grant funding is still an issue. The Committee believes securing additional monies, basic and consistent pricing for equipment and changes in distribution for the 50/50 grants is needed.

The next meeting of the Regional Affairs Committee is scheduled for April 4, 2019.

## **Old Business**

### 50/50 Regional Grant Funding – INFORMATION – Mr. Smothers and Mr. Tiemersma

A paper copy of the presentation was distributed (electronic copy available upon request).

Mr. Tiemersma gave an overview of the history of the 50/50 grant funding for EMS cardiac monitors, including the evolution of equipment and cost increases since the inception of the grant in 1998. He added that although funding has remained at a constant level, equipment costs have increased approximately 200%.

Mr. Tiemersma said that the grant distribution of funds has been discussed at length at the Regional Affairs Committee (RAC) meetings. The RAC recommends exploring avenues to increase the total grant amount and leverage buying power with manufacturer purchasing to include an allowable equipment specification for reimbursement.

Dr. Kalish said SEMSAC would form an ad hoc committee to explore options regarding the 50/50 grant with Mr. Tiemersma and Mr. Smothers as co-chairs. He said he would like the committee to have an action plan by June 1, 2019. Email Dr. Kalish [makalish@gmail.com](mailto:makalish@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating on the committee.

## **New Business**

### Adult / Pediatric Burn Center Regulation and Definition changes

A paper copy of the updated regulation and definition changes was distributed.

Ms. Sette and Ms. Mays presented the updated Burn Regulation with Definition changes to the SEMSAC for information.

It was noted that the word “that” was missing from the first definition: to burn patients have not reached their fifteenth (15th) birthday

...and should read: to burn patients **that** have not reached their fifteenth (15th) birthday

This will be corrected for the next SEMSAC meeting.

**Having no further business to discuss, the SEMSAC adjourned by acclamation at 2:30pm.**