



State Emergency Medical Services Board

June 12, 2018
Meeting Agenda

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- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2018
- III. MIEMSS Report – Ms. Gainer
- IV. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
- V. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Update – Dr. Snedeker
- VI. MSP Aviation Command – Captain McMinn
- VII. MSFA Update
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - COMAR 30.01.02.01 update the Incorporated by Reference protocol edition date for the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers to July 1, 2018 – INFORMATION/ACTION – Mr. Magee
 - Active Assailant Workgroup – Mr. Linthicum and Sgt. Nelson

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to discuss the appointment of appointees and officials under General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1), to consult with counsel, to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (13).



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Minutes

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Murray Kalish, MD; Dany Westerland, MD (phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Sally Showalter, RN; Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Jim Scheulen; Steve Cox; John Butler; Bill Frohna, MD

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

MSP: Travis Nelson

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Abramson; Mr. Balthis; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Hurlock; Mr. Linthicum; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette (phone)

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. He introduced the new EMS Board members: Chief John Butler, Mr. Steve Cox and Bill Frohna, MD.

Mr. DeVries asked for the approval of the minutes from April 10, 2018, meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meeting held on April 10, 2018.

MIEMSS Report

Ms. Gainer highlighted several topics in addition to those contained in the written MIEMSS Report that was distributed.

EMS Week

Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS held the Annual Stars of Life and Right Care When it Counts Awards in Annapolis on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, during National EMS week. Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford participated in the ceremony with remarks and assisted in handing out the awards. These awards recognized those Marylander citizens and EMS providers that have made extraordinary contributions to emergency medical services in the state..

Ellicott City Weather Event

Ms. Gainer advised that MIEMSS staff had served as members of Maryland Incident Management Team deployed to Ellicott City in response to the extreme flooding of the area. She said that MIEMSS had since concluded its deployment with the Team.

Communications Upgrade Project

Ms. Gainer said that the Board of Public Works has approved the Communications Upgrade Project. MIEMSS is in the process of scheduling and conducting tower and hospital site surveys.

SB 682 EMS Reimbursement Workgroup

Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS and MHCC had initiated efforts to develop the reports that are due to the General Assembly in response to SB 682 “Emergency Medical Services Providers – Coverage and Reimbursement of Services – Reports and Plan.” She said that MIEMSS and MHCC, which are co-chairing the effort, had put together a Steering Committee, comprised of State agencies that will meet regularly over the next several months. Additionally, a meeting of entities involved public insurance (Medicaid & Medicare) and private insurance will be held on Thursday to provide information on the work to be completed and submitted to the Legislature. She said that SB 682 focuses on reimbursement to EMS in three distinct areas: 1) emergency medical services without transportation; 2) emergency medical services with transportation to an alternative destination other than a hospital ED; and 3) mobile integrated health services. She said that MIEMSS & MHCC are to: 1) develop a statewide plan for the reimbursement of these services by Medicaid; 2) identify a process for obtaining Medicare reimbursement for these services; and 3) study and make recommendations regarding the desirability and feasibility of reimbursement for these services when provided to enrollees of health insurance, non-profit health plans, and health maintenance organizations. The report is due to the Governor and General Assembly on January 1, 2019.

eMEDS® Elite

Ms. Gainer reported that 11 jurisdictions had gone “live” with the ImageTrend Elite 3.4 rollout. She said that six (6) other jurisdictions had set dates to go live that would occur over the summer, with the rest of the jurisdictions to follow in the fall.

eMEDS® / Health Information Exchange

Ms. Gainer said that work is continuing to link EMS with Maryland’s Health Information Exchange, CRISP. She said that a virtual town hall had recently been held with jurisdictions to discuss issues with the CRISP standard contract. She said that it appeared likely that several “early adopter” jurisdictions would soon be linking into to CRISP.

Vermont Oxford Network

Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS is now able to access perinatal data through the Vermont Oxford Network (VON). She said that the access will provide MIEMSS with statewide data reports for all of the defined neonatal metrics and allow us to benchmark Maryland’s perinatal indicators against national data, as well as to make comparison among individual Maryland centers. Information available to date indicates that Maryland is performing well as compared with national averages.

SEMSAC

Dr. Kalish said that the June SEMSAC meeting was held at the MSPAC hanger at Martins State Airport. At the conclusion of the SEMAC meeting, a demonstration of the new Flight Training Device was provided.

Dr. Kalish congratulated the SEMSAC members who received Stars of Life awards.

Dr. Kalish said that, upon the recommendation of the Regional Affairs Committee, SEMSAC approved mechanical chest compression devices for purchase under the 50/50 grant if all Jurisdictional AED needs have been met.

Dr. Kalish said that SEMSAC discussed re-evaluating the formula used for matching grants and also discussed assessing whether adjustments should be made in the geographic composition of the regions.

Mr. DeVries said that the Star of Life Awards ceremony was an outstanding event and encouraged Board members to attend in the future.

MSFA

Mr. Hurlock thanked the Board for their partnership during Mr. Bilger's presidency. He reminded everyone of the banquet on June 16th.

Mr. DeVries said that the quarterly meetings with MSFA, MFRI and MIEMSS have been helpful in fostering communications with all partners.

RACSTC

Dr. Snedeker said that the helicopter elevator refurbishment should be complete in less than 30 days. She announced that Dianna Clapp, EMS Liaison, is leaving RACSTC.

Dr. Snedeker thanked everyone for the successful trauma re-designation site survey.

MSPAC

No Report

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

COMAR 30.01.02.01 Incorporated by Reference

Mr. Magee asked the EMS Board to approve the updated version of Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers (effective July 1, 2018) for incorporation by reference into COMAR regulations.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Reece, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers (effective July 1, 2018) for incorporation by reference into COMAR regulations.

Active-Assailant Incident Preparedness and Coordination – Mr. Linthicum and Sgt. Nelson

Mr. Linthicum gave a history of the Active Assailant workgroup formed in 2013 and the 2014 Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident document now used across the country.

Sgt. Nelson said that after the Parkland school shooting in February 2018, Governor Hogan issued an Executive order entitled “Active-Assailant Incident Preparedness and Coordination.” The Executive order requires that each State agency within the Executive Branch is to “...participate in a coordinated active-assailant initiative and share threat information between and among all sectors; develop, review, or update internal plans, policies, and procedures related to active-assailant incidents; each agency, to develop, plan, and collaborate for active assailant training relevant to each agency's respective area of responsibility, involving public and nongovernmental participants when appropriate and feasible.” Using a “whole community” approach, Executive-agency public-safety officials will conduct annual assessments to determine the need for mitigation, planning, and training appropriate for their agency's jurisdiction.

Maryland's public educational institutions will be encouraged to share and coordinate their emergency plans with Executive-agency law enforcement, emergency management officials, and emergency responders. Maryland's private and nonpublic educational institutions will be encouraged to share and coordinate their emergency plans with Executive agency law enforcement, emergency management officials, and emergency responders.

Sgt. Nelson said that the Maryland State Police and MIEMSS are co-chairs of this effort and members of the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group and will use that role to promote the purposes and objectives of this Executive Order. The following Executive agencies will have membership in the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group:

- Governor's Office of Homeland Security;
- Maryland Department of Health;
- Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention of Maryland;
- Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission; and
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

Sgt. Nelson add that the focus of the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group will be to update the State's existing "Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident" (the "Active-Assailant Guidance"), issued October 2, 2014, to incorporate protocols for prevention, protection, information-sharing, community preparedness, outreach, and education; continue to monitor best practices and revise the Active-Assailant Guidance as needed to ensure Maryland remains prepared and is resilient; and include in its membership subject matter experts from State and federal departments and

agencies including the Maryland center for School Safety, the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Secret Service; and the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Work Group will meet quarterly to identify, update, and share best practices and current activities, and maintain the Active-Assailant Guidance. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency is providing leadership, policy oversight, support, and assistance to Executive agencies and other applicable persons in their efforts to comply with this Executive Order.

Mr. Scheulen inquired whether non-state agencies will be included in the Work Group. Mr. Linthicum advised that the Work Group is working with MHA to identify a hospital representative and that Board member Sherry Adams was assisting with hospital surveys.

Chief Butler asked if the Work Group would be working with anyone from Code Enforcement. Mr. Linthicum said that they have been in touch with the Fire Marshall and will inquire about Code changes.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Closed Session.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to discuss the appointment of appointees and officials under General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(1), to consult with counsel, to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(a) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under General Provisions Article §3-305 (a) (13).

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Board Members Absent: Dany Westerband, MD

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Mays; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Brown; Mr. Fiackos.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette (phone).

In closed session:

1. The Board considered and Educational Program;
2. The Board considered a Primary Stroke Center designations;
3. The Board considered Adult Trauma Center re-verifications;
4. The Board approved a SEMSAC member;
5. The Board discussed a Specialty Center application;
6. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions; and
7. The Board discussed the Executive Director position.

The Board returned to open session.

In open session:

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The Board approved by acclamation Wor-Wic Community College as an ALS education program for five year.

The Board approved by acclamation the re-designation of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center for five years.

The Board approved by acclamation Meritus Medical Center for five-year designation as a Level III Trauma Center.

The Board approved by acclamation the re-designation of Peninsula Regional Medical Center for a one-year provisional designation as a Level III Trauma Center.

The Board approved by acclamation Suburban Hospital Johns Hopkins Medicine for a one-year provisional designation as a Level II Trauma Center.

The Board approved by acclamation University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for a one-year provisional designation as a Level II Trauma Center.

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