

State Emergency Medical Services Board
February 23, 2011
Minutes

Board Members Present by Telephone: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: David Fowler, M.D.

Others Present by Telephone:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers.

OAG: Mr. Magee.

The Board met by telephone on February 23, 2011. Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. DeVries explained that the purpose of the meeting-by-telephone was to receive an update regarding the needs of the entities supported by the Maryland EMS Operations Fund (MEMSOF). He said that the projected insolvency of the MEMSOF in either 2013 or 2014 had prompted discussion at the Legislature regarding potential solutions. He said that the House EMS Workgroup had indicated that the MEMSOF-supported entities should identify their future needs, which would be important in the discussion of alternative solutions to ensure MEMSOF solvency.

Mr. DeVries said that a draft document had been emailed to the Board members that identified future needs of the MEMSOF-supported entities. He said that the document would be presented to the House EMS Workgroup.

Dr. Bass discussed summarized the future needs identified in the document. He said that MFRI will incur increased costs in upcoming years in order to provide instructional courses to the new national EMS educational standards. He said that MFRI is estimating the need for a \$415,920 increase beginning in FY13. He said that MFRI also needed a one-time increase of \$107,400 in FY14 in order to purchase high temperature tiles for its burn rooms located at the Lower Eastern Shore Training Center and the Western Maryland Training Center.

Dr. Bass said that the Amoss Fund had not had a funding increase in over a decade, despite a general inflation increase of 33%. He said that the MSFA had

indicated a need for an additional \$5 million increase to the Amoss Fund, to be phased in between FY13 and FY15.

Dr. Bass said that MSP Aviation required additional future funding to cover the costs associated with Part 135 and CAMTS accreditation, as well as additional funding to cover increased operational costs associated with the new helicopters. Dr. Bass said that these additional costs were projected to total \$1.6 million for FY12, \$3.45 million in FY13, and \$2.4 million in FY14. He said that the document contained information on costs for FY15 and beyond.

Dr. Bass said that the Shock Trauma Center had indicated that it needed an additional \$100,000 per year for its new National Training and Simulation Center. Dr. Kalish asked that staff obtain from STC a budget for this new initiative that identifies what the additional funds would cover.

Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS is estimating a need for an additional \$4 million in FY13 and an additional \$2 million in each of fiscal years 2014 and 2015. He said that the additional funding was needed to replace communications equipment that is over 20 years old and so outdated and close to obsolescence that manufacturers no longer offer repair services, and, in some instances, no longer even offer replacement parts. He said that MIEMSS had been working with a communications consultant to further develop plans for equipment replacement.

Board members indicated that long-range budgetary needs should be identified as part of the Board's review and approval of budgets of the entities supported by the MEMSOF.

The Board members discussed the additional needs identified by the MEMSOF-funded entities. Mr. DeVries said that at the March Board meeting, he will likely ask the Board to take action on these additional identified needs.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation at 5:15 p.m.