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State Emergency Medical Services Board

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
2. Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2019
3. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
4. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
 - SEMSAC By-laws – ACTION
 - Matching Grant – Mr. Tiemersma
5. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
6. MSFA Update
7. RACSTC Update
8. Old Business
 - Mobile Integrated Health Update – Dr. Chizmar
9. New Business
10. Adjourn to Closed Session
11. Reconvene in Open Session

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, 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

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Board Members Present: Clay Stamp, NRP, Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Stephen Cox; William J. Frohna, MD (phone); Dany Westerband, MD; James Scheulen, NRP; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Sally Showalter, RN (phone); Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Murray Kalish, MD

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present:

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri; Capt. McMinn; Lance Wood

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Barto; Mr. Bilger; Mr. Brown; Dr. Chizmar; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Mays; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker; Ms. Doyle

MSFA: 1st VP Chuck Walker; Ms. Tomanelli

SEMSAC Regional Affairs Committee: Mr. Tiemersma

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:05am. He welcomed everyone and thanked the MIEMSS staff, EMS Board members and stakeholders for their service.

As tomorrow is the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our country, Chairman Stamp asked Mr. Cox give a fire/ems perspective in leading everyone in a moment of silence in honor of the first responders and all who lost their lives and all those who were affected by this tragic loss. Mr. Cox asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence for the fire/ems brothers and sisters who ran into the building to serve and never returned.

Dean Reece arrived at 9:10am.

Dr. Westerband arrived at 9:25am.

Mr. Stamp asked for approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2019, EMS Board meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meeting held on August 13, 2019.

MIEMSS Report

A copy of the Executive Director's Report was distributed.

Dr. Delbridge gave an update on the following initiatives:

Communications Upgrade Project

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS continues to work on the Communications Upgrade Project to replace outdated technology. Phase #1 has begun which encompasses Southern Maryland (Region V). Each Phase will need to be complete before starting on the next Phase. MIEMSS is evaluating redundancies for cost savings and exploring improved back-up options.

EMS Plan

Dr. Delbridge updated the Board on the status of the EMS Plan and said the EMS Plan Steering Committee is scheduled to meet and review the draft plan in October.

ET3 - Evaluation, Triage, Treatment and Transport

ET3 is a 5-year model program developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to expand Medicare fee-for-service reimbursement to EMS for transportation to an alternate destination other than an ED, and for treatment by a qualified health care practitioner with no transport. The ET3 model does not currently include mobile integrated health programs.

Dr. Delbridge said that the Emergency Department is not always the most appropriate facility for an EMS patient. ET3 provides an impetus for EMS agencies to consider alternative destinations. The EMS Board approved an alternative destination protocol in 2019. Guidance to EMS agencies for plan implementation, reporting and ongoing evaluation has been developed.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS was sending letters of support for the Baltimore City and Montgomery County applications for the ET3 grant.

Telehealth Connection

Dr. Delbridge said that telehealth allows EMS to connect with a qualified practitioner who can evaluate the patient and determine if the patient can be treated in place or should be transported to an ED or other health resource, e.g., an urgent care center. MIEMSS staff recently traveled to Houston to evaluate the Houston ETHAN (Emergency TeleHealth and Navigation) program. He said that the program was mainly a cost savings for hospitals. MIEMSS staff's take-away was the power of partnerships, the nature of infrastructure and the importance of predictability and accountability.

CHATS

Dr. Delbridge said that the Hospital Emergency Services Forum, to discuss with hospital personnel the future of the CHATS hospital alerting system, will be held on September 24, 2019, at MIEMSS.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish said that SEMSAC members continue to participate with EMS Plan Committees.

Dr. Kalish presented the 2010 By-Laws to the EMS Board for approval. He pointed out some of the changes that include the open meetings statement and the cap of three consecutive terms as chairperson of SEMSAC.

Chairman Stamp said that the last sentence in the first paragraph under Terms of Office should read: “Prior to seeking the Chair or Vice-Chair position, the individual must be a member of SEMSAC for two years.”

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Mr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the September 2019 SEMSAC By-laws with the last sentence in the first paragraph under Terms of Office reading: “Prior to seeking the Chair or Vice-Chair position, the individual must be a member of SEMSAC for two years.”

MSPAC Report

A copy of the report was distributed.

Captain McMinn said that MSPAC is seeking a suitable vendor to update the 2009 Helicopter Basing study.

Captain McMinn said that the Cumberland Section is covering dayshifts only (0700–1900) due to staffing shortages. MSPAC has a pilot, who upon successful completion of mandatory training, will be assigned to the Cumberland Section, and a second pilot who will start employment on October 9, 2019.

Dr. Delbridge and Mr. Stamp met with Colonel Pallozzi to discuss the challenges with the MSPAC Fleet.

RACSTC

Dr. Snedeker thanked the Board and MIEMSS for getting the word out regarding the pick-up of backboards at STC.

Mr. Scheulen asked for the same courtesy for Johns Hopkins.

MSFA

Ms. Tomanelli said that the MSFA has received positive feedback regarding the MFRI EMT pilot program. He thanked MIEMSS and MFRI for all they do to get EMT students on the street as certified EMTs.

The next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 21st at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Inc., 46900 Shangri-La Drive, California, St. Mary’s County, Maryland 20619. Partners will have time to meet with respective subcommittees from 9a – 10:30a.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Dr. Chizmar gave an update on the current Maryland MIH Programs. MIH programs link high utilizers of 911 to community resources that can better meet their health care needs, and work to help avoid hospital re-admission. He highlighted the target populations in each MIH jurisdiction along with the

corresponding partnerships and the services provided. Dr. Chizmar also provided pre/post analysis of 911 calls in Charles, Prince Georges and Wicomico Counties and the risk-adjusted readmission rates in Baltimore City.

Dr. Chizmar said that plans for Maryland MIH programs include data monitoring, quarterly meetings, sharing best practices and reimbursement.

Dr. Reece said that future MIH statistics should include appropriate healthcare outcomes and that reporting data should be through a consistent unified rubric.

NEW BUSINESS

Matching Grant Fund

A copy of the presentation was distributed.

Mr. Tiemersma discussed the status of the 50/50 Grant and the proposed increase in funding of \$200,000 that had been approved by SEMSAC at its September 5, 2019 meeting.

Board members questioned the justification for the increase request, including the base formula used by the SEMSAC Regional Affairs Committee (RAC) for the distribution of 50/50 Grant funds, needs vs. wants, and unused funds.

MIEMSS staff will work with the RAC to address the Board's questions and share results with the Board at a later meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted to adjourn to closed session.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions, 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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In closed session:

1. The Board considered Hospital reverifications;
2. The Board considered EMSOF Partner Budgets; and
3. The Board considered EMS clinician disciplinary actions.

The Board returned to open session.

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ACTION: The EMS Board voted to approve the Northwest Hospital as a Primary Stroke Center for a 5-year designation.

ACTION: The Board voted to approve Suburban Hospital, UM Prince George's Medical Center and MedStar Union Memorial Hospital for five-year designations as Cardiac Interventional Centers.

ACTION: The Board voted to approve Sinai Hospital for the remaining four years of a five-year designation as a Level II Adult Trauma Center.

The Board adjourned by acclamation.