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Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Mr. DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2016 and January 17, 2017
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
 - Legislative Update – Ms. Gainer
- IV. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Update – Ms. Doyle
- V. MSP Aviation Update – Captain Konold
- VI. MSFA Update
- VII. Old Business
 - Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities – Ms. Sette & Ms. Myers
 - Montgomery County FRS Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol – Dr. Alcorta
- VIII. New Business
 - Trauma Regulations – INFORMATION – Ms. Mays
 - Walter Reed National Military Medical Center – Ms. Gainer & Ms. Mays
- IX. 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).
- X. Reconvene in Open Session



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Minutes

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino (by phone), Vice-Chairman; David Hexter, M.D.; Kyrle W. Preis III, NREMT-P; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Sally L. D. Showalter, RN; Sherry Adams (by phone); Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D.

Board Members Absent: Murray Kalish, MD; George A. Cross, Jr.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Gainer; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Brown; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Oliveira; Ms. Mays; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Myers; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Cantera; Dr. Thompson; Mr. Donohue

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Ms. Doyle

MSPAC: Captain Konold; Lt. McMinn

Maryland Votes for Animals: Ms. Radov

MCFRS: Dr. Stone

Mr. DeVries welcomed everyone and asked for the approval of the minutes from the December 13, 2016 and January 17, 2017.

ACTION: Upon the motion Ms. Showalter, seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the December 13, 2016, and January 17, 2017, meetings of the State EMS Board.

MIEMSS

A written copy of the MIEMSS Report was distributed.

Dr. Alcorta highlighted Governor Hogan's declaration of a State of Emergency to combat the heroin and opioid crisis in Maryland and MIEMSS participation in Maryland's prevention efforts. He gave a brief update on the RFP for the Statewide Communications System, the MIEMSS internal review of the updated Burn Standards, the EMR-to-EMT Bridge, the MIH Recommendations document which was presented to SEMSAC and the continued progress for resolving issues with the new Licensure System.

Mr. Bratt, MIEMSS' Director of Regional Programs, gave an overview of MEMA's plan to develop a Maryland State Incident Management Team program. He said that the mission of the multi-jurisdictional State Incident Management Team (IMT) is to be an all hazards, multi-functional fully-credentialed and qualified team to support the local jurisdictions and/or the State for complex multi-operational period incidents or events.

Ms. Mays said that a Distracted Driving Prevention Awareness day was held at various trauma centers on April 5, 2017, and at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma on April 11, 2017.

Ms. Mays said that the Burn Center Regulations are currently under review for any needed updating.

Dr. Alcorta said that vendor submissions in response to the Communication upgrade re-released RFP are due on May 1, 2017. (Update since the April 11 2017 EMS Board meeting: An extension requested by several vendors was granted; the new RFP closing date is now June 1, 2017.)

Dr. Alcorta said that the national FirstNet contract, a 25-year agreement to build a national broadband network that will be used by police, firefighters and emergency medical services, will cover 50 states, five U.S. territories and Washington D.C., was awarded to AT&T. The value of the first five years is \$6.5 billion to build out the network. States will have the opportunity to opt out of the FirstNet authority, and contract to build their own interoperable radio access networks.

Dr. Alcorta introduced two new MIEMSS employees: Tessa Smith, EMS Infectious Disease Program Coordinator, and Sean Britton, EMS Preparedness Planner.

The EMS Care Conference will be held from April 26, 2017 through April 30, 2017 in Ocean City, Maryland.

The 2017 National EMS Week will be held from May 21 – 27, 2017. This year's theme is "EMS STRONG: Always in Service". Wednesday, May 24 is Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day.

Legislative Update

A paper copy of the final report / summary of various bills interest considered by the General Assembly during the 2017 Session was distributed. The General Assembly concluded its 2017 Session at midnight on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Ms. Gainer thanked Ms. Myers and other staff members who stepped up during the 2017 Legislative session as she balanced her position as Acting Co-Executive Director and her other agency responsibilities.

Ms. Gainer said that the MEMSOF budget forecast, completed by the Department of Legislative Hearings, projects the MEMSOF to be solvent through 2023. Also, the General Accounting Division of the Comptroller's Office has been identified as the entity that should be responsible for administering, accounting and completing the year-end reconciliation for the MEMSOF.

Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS has been tasked with providing two studies to the legislature: 1) to evaluate the impact on response times due to Emergency Department overcrowding and 2) to evaluate the financial impact of existing MIH programs and the potential for expansion.

Ms. Myers introduced Ms. Radov who was instrumental in the passing of SB 269 / HB 218 – Emergency Veterinary Care – Immunity from Liability bill that allows individuals other than veterinarians, specifically first responders, to provide aid to animals at the scene of an emergency and provides immunity from civil liability when doing so. Effective date: October 1, 2017.

Ms. Myers said that the Legislature has asked for MIEMSS to conduct a study regarding the location of automated external defibrillators, the costs associated with owning, using and training individuals to use automated external defibrillators and potential liability issues. Due: December 1, 2017.

Ms. Myers announced that effective July 1, 2017, the name of the Maryland “Department of Health & Mental Hygiene”, “DHMH” as it is more commonly known, will change to the Maryland “Department of Health”.

MSFA

Mr. DeVries announced the recent passing of the father of MSFA Past President and former EMS Board member Gene Worthington.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (RACSTC)

A copy of the RACSTC report was distributed.

Ms. Doyle said that admission volumes are down.

Ms. Doyle provided an update on the Shock Trauma Helipad Refurbishment which is anticipated to be completed in September 2017. She said there have been two incidents on the working helipad since construction began. A MSPAC helicopter was down on the helipad needing a replacement part and the elevator up to the helipad malfunctioned. Neither incident caused the alternate landing zone to be utilized.

Mr. DeVries thanked everyone for their informative report and expounded on the sustained cooperative excellence of leadership.

The RACSTC Gala will be held on April 22, 2017.

Dr. Alcorta thanked Ms. Doyle and the RACSTC “Go Team” for their dedication and response. He said the “GO Team” is a wonderful system asset and statewide resource.

MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC report was distributed.

Captain Konold reported that Major Lowman retired effective April 1, 2017. Captain Konold will be the Acting Commander of the Aviation Command until a replacement is named by the Superintendent.

The Flight Training Device (FTD) has been inspected by MSPAC personnel. Delivery of the FTD is being coordinated with Leonardo (formerly Agusta Westland) to plan the its arrival as the building that will house the FTD nears completion. This is important as the FTD needs to be located in a temperature

and humidity controlled environment. Regarding the building, construction has begun. DGS reported at the last progress meeting that the expected construction completion date is currently late summer / early fall of 2017, assuming no additional and unexpected delays occur. The MSPAC is briefed every two weeks by DGS and they will provide additional information as it becomes available. Once the FTD is fully operational, it will be instrumental in reducing flight time on the AW-139 fleet.

OLD BUSINESS

A copy of the updated regulation with changes was distributed.

30.08.15 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities

Ms. Sette said that the distributed copy of the 30.08.15 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities regulation reflects the suggested changes compiled after the regulation was published in the Maryland Register. Ms. Sette said that SEMSAC has approved republishing in the *Maryland Register* and asked for the EMS Board's approval to republish.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Reece, seconded by Mr. Preis, the Board voted unanimously to approve republishing the updated 30.08.15 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities Regulation in the *Maryland Register*.

Montgomery County FRS Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the Montgomery County FRS Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol that was distributed to the Board for information in December 2016. He introduced Dr. Stone, Montgomery County FRS' Medical Director. A discussion regarding several performance measures within the protocol was discussed.

*Ms. Vanhoy said that the word "Research" needs to be removed from the pilot protocol's title, as the protocol is a Quality Improvement protocol and not a research project with IRB approval.

Upon the motion made by Dr. Westerband, seconded by Mr. Preis, the Board approved the Montgomery County FRS Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol. (Dr. Hexter abstained)

NEW BUSINESS

Trauma Regulations

Ms. Mays submitted a copy of the Trauma Regulations showing proposed changes to the EMS Board.

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Ms. Gainer said in July 2016, the National Academy of Sciences released a report released a report "A National Trauma Care System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths." The report sets forth a framework to more fully integrate the military and civilian trauma systems and includes recommendations to that end. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 directs military medical centers to develop civilian-military partnerships, such as participation in

state and local trauma systems, to ensure military readiness to provide full spectrum of trauma care to service members. She said that, as a result, MIEMSS has been contacted by Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, an ACS verified Level II trauma center, regarding their interest in becoming part of the Maryland system. She said that MIEMSS would be exploring ways to partner with Walter Reed, including for trauma physician training, disasters, rehabilitation and research.

For example Dr. Westerbandsaid that Walter Reed has great potential to become an incredible partner in our trauma system. A needs assessment and impact study on the community and other Maryland Trauma Centers should be conducted. Ms. Gainer asked Dr. Westerbandsaid to be involved in discussions.

Ms. Doyle suggested that other Trauma Centers may also wish to investigate the C-STARS program that was implemented at RASTC. She said the program has been a very successful military/civilian trauma integration that brings Airforce personnel to RACSTC for training and updating skills.

Ms. Gainer and Ms. Mays will be attending the Military Trauma Conference on April 18 & 19, 2017.

Upon the motion made by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Ms. Showalter the EMS Board adjourned to closed session.

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session in order to carry out administrative functions, 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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Others Present:

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OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

In closed session the Board:

1. Discussed educational programs;
2. Discussed a Trauma Center and a Trauma Center re-designation;
3. Discussed Level III Perinatal Centers;
4. Considered SEMSAC memberships; and
5. Considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.

The Board returned to open session.

Upon the motion of Mr. Preis, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted to approve the Frederick County Department of Fire/Rescue Services as an ALS education program for five years; Hart to Heart Ambulance Service as a BLS and ALS EMS Refresher Education Program for five years; the Naval District of Washington Fire and Rescue Services as an EMS Refresher Education Program for five years.

Upon the motion by Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted to approve the Johns Hopkins Hospital Wilmer Eye Institute as an Eye Trauma Center for the remainder of a four-year designation period.

Upon the motion of Mr. Preis, seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved Howard County General Hospital and St. Agnes Hospital as Level III Perinatal Center for five years.

Upon the motion of Mr. Preis, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the EMS Board voted to adjourn.

**The word "Research" could not be removed from the printed copy of the Montgomery County FRS Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol as the 2017 Maryland EMS Protocols were in the printing process at the time of April 11, 2017 EMS Board meeting. It was removed from the online 2017 Maryland EMS Protocols.*