



**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**September 8, 2015**  
**Minutes**

State of Maryland

**Maryland  
Institute for  
Emergency Medical  
Services Systems**

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**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD., Fred Cross; Sherry Adams; Sally Showalter; David Hexter, M.D.; Dany Westerland, M.D.

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Alice Vanhoy;

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Seaman; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Ms. Gilliam; Mr. Cantera; Mr. Roberts; Mr. Deckard; Mr. Cantera; Ms. Goff.

**MFRI:** Mr. Edwards

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

**MSPAC:** Major Lioi; Captain Konold; Lt. King

**MSFA:** President Roth; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Davis

**Maryland Search and Rescue:** Carl Solomon, MD; Michael Millin, MD; Douglas Sward

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, seconded by Dr. Westerland, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

**SEMSAC REPORT**

Mr. Berg said the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup with representation from across the state, met on September 3, 2015 and is working on a draft framework to be presented at the next meeting on October 1, 2015, at 10 a.m. in Room 212 at MIEMSS.

The Minimum Equipment Standards Workgroup's next meeting is September 10, 2015. The Workgroup anticipates finalizing the draft policies for compliance and implementation for presentation and review at the November or December SEMSAC meeting.

Chairman Berg added that the SEMSAC met in closed session to hear the EMSOF partner's budget proposals.

## **MIEMSS REPORT**

NREMT Testing. Dr. Seaman said that assisting students to pass the National Registry EMT (NREMT) exam is of the highest priority for MIEMSS. MIEMSS staff has been evaluating data and reports from both students and instructors, and dialogue continues with the MFRI and MSFA leadership focusing on students who have completed the EMT course and passed the EMT practical but have yet to take the National Registry test. Strategies for success with the most impact include an instructor rollout for ensuring instructors are updated and adapting to the new scenario-based entry level competence for care by demonstrating student knowledge through scenario based examples and cases. Students could also benefit from mentors to assist with learning and to navigate the process from the start of the EMT course through to successfully passing the National Registry test.

Dr. Seaman said that the National Registry test is educationally sound, based on a practice analysis with a 95% certainty, that will assure that students meet or exceed entry level competency for patient care.

Chief Preis said there were many students that took EMT courses that were not taught to the new scenario based national standards who failed or did not sit for the NREMT test and asked what is being done to assist these students. Dr. Seaman said that MIEMSS, MSFA and MFRI leadership will be meeting next week to work on an action plan for these students.

Dr. Seaman added that MIEMSS is working with Pierson VUE on adding additional testing availability. Dr. Seaman said that getting mentors for student to assist in setting up accounts for securing a testing date and time with National Registry early in the process will also assist with students testing sooner.

Dean Reece said that in any testing setting where students do not do well it is a combination of education and the students, adding that we cannot only focus on the student. Dean Reece asked what is being done in terms of review of the educational offerings. Dr. Seaman said that MIEMSS has analyzed opportunities for improvement, created training for instructors that includes test preparation and other resources for changes. Mr. Edwards said that, moving forward, MFRI is training on Brady 13<sup>th</sup> addition and has included My Brady Lab, which is available to the student for one year, to assist students with the new curriculum.

A discussion regarding the National Registry testing fees and payments process ensued.

President Roth said the last numbers received by the MSFA were 442 students that have taken the EMT course but have yet to test. Mr. Roth added that NREMT testing was rolled out before everything was in place. He said the national statistics show the pass rate the National Registry exam is 60%. Mr. Roth stated that this is not a career or volunteer issue; some students were not taught what was being tested by National Registry, therefore, testing should be relaxed for the students who have taken the EMT but have not tested. Mr. Roth said this situation needs to be rectified without delay.

Chairman DeVries said this is an important issue that cannot be resolved today and may take a lot of dialogue. This issue is of the highest importance and resolving it is a major priority for the EMS Board, MFRI, MIEMSS and the MSFA.

**R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER – No Report**

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi reported there have been no changes since the last EMS Board meeting. Major Lioi said the MSPAC is working on several projects, including the building that will house the Flight Training Device (FTD) and the Master Services Agreements for procurement.

Major Lioi reported that donations are still being sought for the Trooper 2 Memorial Fund. More information on the fund can be found on the MSPAC Facebook page or the Waldorf Fire Department website at: <http://www.waldorfvfd.com/maryland-state-trooper-2-memorial/>

## **MSFA UPDATE**

President Roth reiterated that the National Registry testing issues need to be resolved by the end of 2015.

President Roth introduced MSFAs 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Michael Davis and said the MSFA Convention was one of the best, and the training sessions went very well. The MSFA is considering adding an EMT practical session at next year's convention.

President Roth added that the MSFA is preparing for their Legislative Reception to be held in January 2016. The MSFA Legislative Committee will now meet year round. MSFA anticipates possible legislation that will try to eliminate the State's residential sprinkler requirements.

President Roth thanked all the partners who attended the Cumberland Valley Presidents Council meeting on July 31, 2015, in Delaware City, DE.

Chairman DeVries said the MSFA Convention held in June was outstanding and that anyone who saw the presentation by the State Fire Marshall on the disastrous residential fire in Anne Arundel County would know there is no gray area regarding residential sprinklers. The Chairman added his thanks to the MSFA leadership and members for their cooperative excellence and added that the volunteers are the backbone of the system.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Incorporation by Reference: Mr. Magee said there are two regulations up for adoption which were proposed by the EMS Board in April 2015.

The first is the Incorporation by Reference of the 2015 Maryland Protocols, published in the Maryland Register on June 26, 2015 with no comments received.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Incorporation by Reference of the Maryland Protocols as published in the Maryland Register on June 26, 2015.**

Mr. Magee said a series of changes to the regulations to reflect the statutory change of certain provisions in the State Government Article dealing with the Public Information Act, custody or records and confidentiality were removed from the State Article to a new Article called the General Article; the purpose of these amendments was to cite the appropriate article due to the change. This proposal appeared in the Maryland Register on June 12, 2015, and received no comments.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the regulation changes as published in the Maryland Register on June 12, 2015.**

EMS Plan Actions Steps. A hard copy of the EMS Plan Action Steps was previously sent to the EMS Board for final review. Dr. Seaman said he has reviewed and the EMS Plan Action Steps and asked for final approval of the EMS Board.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the EMS Plan Action Steps as written.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Maryland Search and Rescue (MSAR): Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the MSAR EMS Operational Program application which was distributed to SEMSAC members for review and consideration. The purpose of the application is to establish MSAR as a specialized public safety EMS operational program within the Maryland EMS system under regulatory oversight of MIEMSS. Within the State EMS system, MSAR will have the responsibility for patient care in wilderness environments as designated by the Wilderness EMS protocols. As such, MSAR will operate in partnership with transporting EMS jurisdictions to ensure that patients are able to be safely transported to an acute care facility once the MSAR providers have transferred care of the patient to the transporting EMS providers at a designated location.

Dr. Alcorta said SEMSAC has recommended that the EMS Board approve the MSAR application to be an EMS Operation Program. He noted that SEMSAC's wording changes have been incorporated in to the application copy submitted to the EMS Board members. He and asked for Board approval.

Chief Preis recommended that the application be presented to the Metro Fire Chiefs for any recommendations prior to EMS Board approval. Mr. DeVries directed that this item be scheduled for action at a future meeting.

Dean Reece asked for a clarification regarding the recent changes in protocol regarding stroke patients. Dr. Alcorta said the change was in the time allowed to get a patient to a stroke center, giving the patient a longer window of opportunity for TPA, if warranted. A discussion regarding EMS and time sensitive emergencies ensued.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Westerband, seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board voted unanimously adjourned into closed session.**

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502 (b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) 7), and to discuss certain site reviews and maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (13).

**In Closed Session:**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; David Hexter, M.D.; Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD.; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D. ; Fred Cross; Sherry Adams.

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Alice Vanhoy

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Seaman; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Roberts; Ms. Goff; Mr. Brown; Mr. Slack

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

**MSP:** Major Lioi; Capt. Konold; Lt. King

Mr. Broccolino departed at 10:33

**In closed session the Board:**

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the July 2015 Board meeting;
2. Considered Educational Program Designations;
3. Presented MEMSOF Budgets;
4. Reviewed EMS provider disciplinary actions;
5. Reviewed designation of a hospital Level III Perinatal Center; and
6. Considered hospital Base Station re-designations.

The Board returned to open session.

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The EMS Board commended MIEMSS and RACTC for submitting a flat budget for FY17.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Base Station the Educational Programs designation as follows:**

Base Station Re-designations:

*Five year designations:*

Anne Arundel Medical Center; Calvert Memorial Hospital; University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center; Doctor's Community Hospital; Frederick Memorial Hospital; Greater Baltimore Medical Center; MedStar Harbor Hospital; Holy Cross Hospital; Mercy Medical Center; Meritus Medical Center; Peninsula Regional Medical Center; St. Agnes Hospital; MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

*Two year designation:*

Prince George's Hospital Center

*One year designations:*

Northwest Hospital; MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital

Educational Programs:

*Five year Designations:*

East Coast Ambulance- BLS Refresher Education Program Renewal; Towson University Police Department- EMR Education Program Renewal; Washington County Emergency Services EMS Refresher Education Program Renewal; Salisbury Fire Department EMS Refresher Education Program Renewal; University of Maryland Police Training Academy BLS Education Program (EMR) & LEEMCC Education Program;

Frederick County Division of Fire & Rescue Services re-instatement - until the completion of their current five-year period, May 14, 2017.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.