

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2010

Members Present: Karen Doyle; Joe Brown; David Crane; George Delaplaine; Steven Edwards; James Fowler; Kathleen Grote; Scott Haas; Mark Gibbons; Murray Kalish, Chairman; Melissa Meyers; Pat Dischinger for Alan Faden; Roger Simonds; Carole Ann Mays; Kathryn Yamamoto; Sharon Henry; James Scheulen; Allen Walker; Linda Dousa; Roland Berg

Members Absent: Ron Lipps; John Markey; Jeffrey Fillmore; Ken May; Wade Gaasch; Wendell Baxter

MIEMSS: Robert Bass; Lisa Myers; Chris Hyzer; Richard Alcorta; Pat Gainer; John Barto; Anna Aycock; William Seifarth; Marie Warner Crosson; Rae Oliveira; Doug Floccare; Sherry Alban; Pete Fiackos; Cyndy Wright Johnson; Jim Darchicourt; Terrell Buckson

OAG: E. Fremont Magee; Sarah Sette

Shock Trauma: Robbi Hartsock; Jaime Huggins; Jim Radcliffe

MSFA: Doyle Cox; David Lewis; John Denver; Bill Dousa

Regional Affairs: Mike FX O'Connell

Jurisdictional Advisory Committee: David Carrier; Mike Deckard

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:10 pm.

The minutes of the May 6, 2010 SEMSAC meeting were unanimously approved.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish

EMS Board Report-Dr. Kalish reported on the following action items from the May and June 2010 EMS Board meetings:

May 2010 EMS Board Action Items

1. Approved the proposed revisions to the PEMAC Bylaws.
2. Approved Ocean City Fire Department EMS Refresher Education Program for a period of five (5) years.
3. Provisionally approved the Baltimore City Fire Department's ALS Education Program for a period of one (1) year.

June 2010 EMS Board Action Items

1. Approved the draft updated perinatal designation regulations for publication as proposed regulations.
2. Approved addition of CRTs to the RAMPART study protocol

3. Approved a policy that, effective July 1, 2010, jurisdictions should purchase acetaminophen in doses of 160 mg., instead of 325 mg., for their drug boxes.
4. Approved the EMS Refresher education program of Transcare Maryland, Inc., as an approved educational program for a period of five (5) years.

National Study Center Report-Pat Dischinger

- Met with MIEMSS staff regarding automobile crash statistics for an upcoming Summit this Fall.
- Updated CODES data for a legislative study the Maryland Health Care Commission is conducting.

Committee Reports

BLS-Rae Oliveira

The following items were considered by the BLS committee:

- Skills Competency Check-off sheets: to be finalized at next BLS Committee meeting on 9/17/10
- New EMT Education Standards-
 - 2 pilots (Anne Arundel Community College and Baltimore County Fire Academy) ran as accelerated programs over the summer, both programs tested exceeding well on the written and did average for the practical
 - Next round underway at CCBC-Essex and again at Anne Arundel Community College.
 - At the conclusion of this next round, there should be good data to develop the instructor rollout. The emphasis as of now appears to be in anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology.
- Working on getting questions to the Atlantic Council for next exam, based on new standards

ALS Committee-Scott Haas

- MIEMSS is working with the Atlantic EMS Council to explore alternatives for CRT testing after the national registry CRT testing ends.
- Received updates on processing fees, regulations, and testing options.
- Received a LMA protocol update
- Will be updating the committee bylaws
- Will be conducting an election of officers. The existing chairperson is stepping down.

EMS Educational Standards Operations Committee-Kathleen Grote

No report

EMD Committee-Terrell Buckson

- The next EMD committee meeting is September 22, 2010.
- The committee is focusing on continuing education opportunities for dispatchers.
- Working with Syscom on pre-EMS arrival helicopter dispatch. Dr. Floccare to explain further.

Regional Affairs-Mike FX O'Connell

- Regional Affairs met before SEMSAC today.
- Discussed 50:50 matching grants. All regions' requests are within the allotted funds and all requests have been approved.
- Regions three, two, and five are waiting to expend their Bioterrorism Year VII grant funds pending approval of the Global Emergency Resources contract by the Board of Public Works. A decision by BPW is anticipated in October.
- Waiting on DHMH guidance regarding the requirement for a regional approach for Bioterrorism Year VIII grant funding through the Department of Homeland Security.
- Highway Safety Equipment Grant will be replaced by funding opportunities associated with the ePCR Project with ImageTrend. We have received a verbal commitment from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for \$100,000 for the upcoming federal fiscal year. These funds will provide EMS Operational Programs with financial assistance for CAD feeds.
- The next Regional Affairs meeting will be held in November.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Bass

- A Task Force on ambulance safety has been formed and has begun meeting. The Task Force will work on developing recommendations for addressing ambulance safety in Maryland.
- A Task Force on Out of Hospital Sudden Cardiac Arrest is being developed. The Task Force will be an expansion of the AED Task Force and will focus more globally on the topic of out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest and not merely on the use of automated external defibrillators. Individuals who are interested in participating should contact MIEMSS.
- ePCR Update-ImageTrend has been approved as the vendor for the electronic patient care record. The implementation process is being developed. The new product is user-friendly and will have better reporting capability than eMAIS. CAD interface will also be available for jurisdictions that wish to utilize it. A user review meeting is being held at MIEMSS on September 23 which will also be available by webinar. All are invited to attend.
- The medevac helicopter procurement process is ongoing. No further information is available at this time.
- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) study on trauma centers has been delayed. MIEMSS will resume discussions about the level II and newly proposed level III center standards after the MHCC issues a final report from the study.
- A statewide STEMI conference was held in May. Regions have begun meeting to develop region-specific plans for the care of STEMI patients. Hospital designations should be completed by the end of the year or in early 2011.
- Robert Dubansky has retired from MIEMSS after many years of service. MIEMSS new Administrative Officer is Jeannie Abramson.
- Bill Seifarth will be leaving MIEMSS department of education, licensure and certification. Bill's last day is September 7, 2010.

- Dr. Floccare gave an overview of a new procedure that is being developed for EMDs dispatching helicopters prior to EMS arrival. 911 dispatchers and EMS providers have been meeting to develop the criteria for when EMDs can request dispatch of helicopter prior to the arrival of EMS at the scene. The criteria will be displayed as pre-identified determinants on the 911 center dispatch card.

Old Business

- EMS Provider Status Update-Terrell Buckson provided an updated EMS Provider Status report that included the current number of EMS providers in the state broken down by provider type.
- Helicopter Utilization Update-Dr. Bass provided an update on the utilization of helicopters for patient transports that included the total number of transports, EMS requests for helicopters, disposition for patients not flown, injury statistics, outcome trends, and data on patient transfers from non-trauma to trauma centers.

New Business

- SEMSAC Bylaws Update-Lisa Myers reminded SEMSAC that legislation that passed during the 2010 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly amended the SEMSAC statute by adding a pilot and a member at large to SEMSAC resulting in a new total of 31 members. The law goes into effect October 1. The Bylaws will need to be amended to reflect the additional members. Additionally, there are some additional committees that may be added to the existing Bylaws. A draft will be presented for review and approval when the proposed changes have been made.
- Proposed Legislation-Sarah Sette summarized a draft legislative proposal to change the nomenclature for licensure and certification levels to reflect national EMS standards as follows:
 First Responder would change to Emergency Medical Responder
 EMT-Basic would change to EMT
 EMT-P would change to Paramedic
 CRT and EMD will remain the same

The changes would go into effect July 1, 2012. There will be a transition period. Individuals certified or licensed at that time would remain valid and receive a card with the new level at their next renewal.

Additionally recognizes law enforcement officers who have completed the required Law Enforcement Medical Emergency Course as individuals who can provide limited emergency care without a license or certificate issued by MIEMSS.

- Modifications to COMAR 30.02.02-Sarah Sette gave a summary of changes to be made to the licensure and certification regulations. Highlights of the changes addressed in the regulations include licensure fees; removal of the old CRT terminology; removal of the reference to exam scores; reciprocity; and, length of allowable time for exam completion.

- EMS Criminal Background Check Pilot Study-Ron Schaefer gave a presentation on a proposed pilot study to be conducted by MIEMSS on EMS criminal background checks as a requirement for licensure in Maryland. Mr. Schaefer discussed various options and associated costs for the background checks as well as the rationale for doing a pilot study rather than implementing the background checks outright. MIEMSS will provide SEMSAC with an update after the pilot study is underway.
- Dr. Alcorta presented several items for information including:
 - Protocol Review Committee Bylaws
 - Protocol Review Committee Business Policy
 - Protocol Review Committee Membership Changes
 - RAMPART Research Protocol modification
 - Pain Management Protocol Revision
 - Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment
 - EMS DNR Order Form August 2010 revisions

Action: Moved to adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions and to maintain certain records and information in confidence under State Government Article § 10-503(a)(1)(i).

SEMSAC Members Present at the closed session: M. Kalish; C. Mays; R. Berg; R. Simonds; S. Haas; K. Doyle; M. Meyers; M. Gibbons; S. Edwards; K. Yamamoto; J.Scheulen; K. Grote; L. Dousa; J. Brown; J. Fowler; D. Crane; A. Walker; S. Henry.

Others Present: Dr. Bass; Fremont Magee; Jeannie Abramson; Pat Gainer; Lisa Myers

The administrative functions and confidential matters were budget considerations. There being no further business before SEMSAC, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation without returning to open session.