

State Emergency Medical Services Board

May 13, 2008

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Chairman DeVries
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
  - Proposed Budget Amendment -- ACTION
- V. Recess to Closed Session to Carry Out Administrative Functions, and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508(13)
- VI. Reconvene in Open Session
  - Cardiac Center Designation Regulations, Ms. Myers, INFORMATION,
  - Education Programs – Mr. Seifarth – ACTION
  - Perinatal Re-designation – Dr. Bailey – ACTION
  - Anger Management Courses, Ms. Sette
- XI. Adjourn

**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**May 13, 2008**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present (in person):** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Eugene L. Worthington.

**Board Members Present (by conference telephone):** Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.; Chief Scott Graham; David Hexter, M.D.; E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

**Board Members Absent:** Roger Simonds.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Brown; Mr. Davis; Mr. Dubansky; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaeffer; Mr. Seifarth; Mr. Slack.

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

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** President Paul Sterling; Second Vice-President Roger Powell; Past Presidents Jacobs and Yinger.

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major A.J. McAndrew; Don Lewis, Bill Bernard, Mike Gartland, Jimmie Meurrens.

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center:** John Spearman.

**Other Attendees:** Andrew Brecher, Department of Budget & Management.

**INTRODUCTION**

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Action: Moved (Mr. Broccolino), seconded (Ms. Van Hoy), passed unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the April 8, 2008, meeting of the State EMS Board.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Budget Amendment. Dr. Bass explained that FY2009 funding for the long-standing Widows and Orphans Fund, administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association, had been included as uncodified language in HB 1622 during the 2008 session of the Maryland General Assembly. HB 1622, however, was never reported out of Committee. He said that, as a result, it appeared that there would be insufficient FY09 funding for this vital Fund that supports the needs of the widows and orphans of fallen firefighters. He said that MIEMSS had been working with the Department of Budget & Management to try to resolve the situation.

Mr. Sterling thanked the Board for its support of the MSFA. He said that the funding for the Widows and Orphans Fund had been included in the bill that would have created the position of Executive Director for the MSFA. He said that several factors had resulted in the bill never being reported out of Committee, including the fact the bill had been introduced relatively late in the session. Mr. Sterling said that DBM had projected a resulting shortfall of \$127,000. He said that MSFA's goal was to ensure that the funding needs of the widows and orphans were met. He said that MIEMSS and DBM had been working toward development of a MIEMSS budget amendment for the amount of the shortfall from the Maryland EMS Operations Fund. He stressed that he was seeking Board approval for an amendment to MIEMSS' budget that would be used to provide a one-time grant to the Widows and Orphans Fund.

Mr. DeVries said that he believed the Board would be happy to assist in addressing the problem. He asked whether approval of the budget amendment would obviate securing another solution, should there be one available. Ms. Gainer and Mr. Brecher explained the approval process and timeframe for the budget amendment. Mr. Brecher said that other options could be pursued if it was subsequently determined that pursuit of the budget amendment was unworkable. Mr. Broccolino said he believed this was an extraordinary situation which should be remedied.

**Action: Moved (Mr. Broccolino), seconded (Chief Graham), and passed a motion to approve a MIEMSS budget amendment in the amount of \$127,000 from the Maryland EMS Operations Fund for a one-time grant to the Widows and Orphans Fund.**

Mr. Sterling thanked the EMS Board and MIEMSS staff for their efforts and support on this issue.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

EMS Week. Dr. Bass said that EMS Week will take place May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>. He said that MIEMSS "Stars of Life" awards ceremony would be held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the BWI Marriott (Salon H). He invited all Board members to attend the ceremony. He also said that on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the National

EMS Bike Ride would commemorate EMS Week at the Maryland Fire-Rescue Services Memorial in Annapolis.

Award and Donation. Dr. Bass said that he had recently received an award from the National Academy of Emergency Dispatchers. Dr. Bass said that he had decided to donate the \$500 award to the Maryland Fire & Rescue Services Memorial Foundation, Inc. Mr. Gene Worthington accepted on behalf of the Foundation and thanked Dr. Bass for the donation. Mr. Worthington said that the Second Annual Memorial Service would be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Memorial in Annapolis

Mr. DeVries congratulated the Shock Trauma Center on a very successful Shock Trauma Gala. He thanked John Spearman, Brenda Fosler Johnson and all those who had contributed to the successful celebration.

### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Action: Moved (Mr. Broccolino), seconded (Ms. Showalter), passed unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session and then to reconvene in Open Session.**

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) and COMAR 30.08.02.05(B)(9) under State Government Article §10-508 (13) and to discuss matters under executive privilege.

The closed session was attended by the following:

**Board Members Present (in person):** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Eugene L. Worthington.

**Board Members Present (by conference telephone):** Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.; Chief Scott Graham; David Hexter, M.D.; E. Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.

### **Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Dubansky; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaeffer; Mr. Seifarth.

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

Matters covered by executive privilege, applicants for approval as EMS educational programs, and approval of certain remedial training programs were discussed.

## RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:22 a.m.

Educational Programs. Mr. Seifarth presented the WorWic Community College and the Region I ALS Program each for five-year approval as an ALS Educational Program.

**Action: Moved (Mr. Broccolino), seconded (Ms. Showalter), passed unanimously to approve the WorWic Community College and the Region I ALS Program each for five-year approval as an ALS Educational Program.**

Anger Management Program. Ms. Sette presented the Anger Management Training Institute for approval as an EMS Board-approved Anger Management Program.

**Action: Moved (Mr. Broccolino), seconded (Ms. Van Hoy), passed unanimously to approve the Anger Management Training Institute for approval as an EMS Board-approved Anger Management Program.**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.