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State Emergency Medical Services Board

April 9, 2019
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
2. Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2019
3. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
 - Legislative Report
4. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
5. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
6. RACSTC Report – Dr. Snedeker
7. MSFA Update
8. Old Business
 - MSPAC Helicopter Maintenance Study
9. New Business
 - EMS Plan
 - Burn Regulations – INFORMATION - Ms. Sette, Ms. Mays
10. Adjourn to Closed Session
11. Reconvene in Open Session



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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Clay Stamp, Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Murray Kalish, MD; Stephen Cox; William J. Frohna, M.D.; Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.; James Scheulen, NREMT P; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN. Sally Showalter, RN.

Board Members Absent: Dany Westerband, MD

Others Present:

MFRI: Mr. Michael Cox; Mr. Marlatt

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri; Capt. McMinn; Lance Wood

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Cantera; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

SEMSAC: Mr. Smothers; Mr. Tiemersma

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

Holy Cross Health: Scott Graham

Montgomery County Fire / Rescue Service: Chief Butsch

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. He recognized the MIEMSS staff and stakeholders and thanked them for their service.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Mr. Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meetings held on February 11, 2019.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish reported that at the March 7th SEMSAC meeting, Ms. Ann MacNeille, Open Meetings Compliance Board Council, gave an overview of the Open Meetings Act and instructed SEMSAC members on its requirements and compliance for holding a closed

session meeting.

Ms. Myers gave an update on the Legislative Bills currently being followed by MIEMSS.

Mr. Smothers and Mr. Tiemersma gave the presentation on the challenges regarding the 50/50 grant funding that was presented to the Board at its February meeting.

Dr. Kalish added that Ms. Sette presented the updated Burn Regulations and Definitions for information.

MIEMSS Report

A paper copy of Dr. Delbridge's presentation was distributed.

Dr. Delbridge discussed the Hospital Specialty Center, Data sharing and the Communications upgrade project. He gave an update on the current pass rates of the National Registry testing for EMT and the end of testing for the Cardiac Rescue Technician. Dr. Delbridge also discussed the Advanced EMT, the current use of Hospital alerts, Triage, Treatment & Transport (ET3) the CMS 5-year program to expand EMS reimbursement and the 2020 EMS Plan.

EMS Plan

Dr. Delbridge said the EMS Plan gives the EMS Board and the EMS System its direction. Some of the required elements include the criteria for trauma and specialty referral centers; the criteria for guidelines for EMS and medical direction, plans for communications and transport systems and the provisions for evaluation of training programs, PI&E and for monitoring the Plan.

The current 2014 plan has 8 goals, 29 objectives and 122 action steps. Dr. Delbridge said that the "Plan for the Plan" is to invigorate MIEMSS staff and committee volunteers, to engage broad constituency and to develop working collaborations among staff, committee members and stakeholders. Working from the EMS Agenda 2050 and the 2004 NHTSA standards, Dr. Delbridge set an approximated timeline for creating the 2020 EMS Plan:

- Form the EMS Plan Steering Committee -TBD
- MIEMSS Staff draft a framework for the plan
 - 2 months
- SEMSAC and other committees identify topic-area participants
 - 2 months
- EMS Plan Participants work with MIEMSS staff update draft
 - 3 months
- Report to Steering Committee & SEMSAC
 - Fall 2019
- Update the EMS Board
- Regional / Stakeholder Review
 - 2-3 months
- Steering Committee solicits final review and comments
- Final Board Review end of 2019 / early 2020

Legislative Report

A paper copy of the report was distributed.

Ms. Myers summarized the various bills of interest considered by the General Assembly during the 2019 Session which ended at midnight on April 8, 2019.

Bills – Passed

HB607 (SB901) Maryland Trauma Fund-State Primary Adult Resource Center-Reimbursement of On-Call and Standby Costs. Adds reimbursement for on-call and standby costs incurred by the State Primary Adult Resource Center to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists and requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop guidelines for the reimbursement of documented costs to the State Primary Adult Resource Center.

SB 339 (HB 397) Public Safety-9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (Carl Henn’s Law). Implements recommendations by The Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) Across Maryland established by law in 2018, to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation, management, operation and ongoing development of NG 9-1-1 emergency communication services.

Bills – Unfavorable Report / Failed / Withdrawn / No Movement

HB 894 Criminal Law-Felony Second Degree Assault-Emergency Medical Care Workers. Would have added Emergency Medical Workers to Criminal Law Article 3-203 which would making it a felony to intentionally cause physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know the other is a worker who is providing emergency and related services in the emergency department of a hospital or Freestanding Medical Facility.

SB 981 Vehicle Laws – Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders – Exception. Would have exempted an individual age 21 or older from the requirement to wear protective headgear while operating or riding on a motorcycle if the individual has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years; has completed an approved motorcycle rider safety course; or is a passenger on a motorcycle operating by a rider who meets these criteria.

SB 1013 Public Safety –Task Force on Volunteer Companies and Rescue Squads. Would have established the Task Force on Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads to review certain staffing levels and recruitment practices, evaluate the cost of training and technology, and evaluate the differences in needs of rural, suburban, and volunteer fire companies and rescue squads; requiring the Task Force to study and report its recommendations regarding staffing shortages for volunteer fire companies and rescue squads to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2019.

Ms. Gainer said that two studies will be requested in the FY20 Joint Chairmen’s Report, which has not yet been issued. The first study requests an update on ED Overcrowding and is due in November 2019; the second study is to outline the State’s plan for reimbursing three models of care.

Mr. Stamp thanked Ms. Gainer and the MIEMSS staff for the work they have done monitoring and tracking of Bills through the Legislative session.

EMSOF

Ms. Abramson said the EMSOF Budget hearings went well. MIEMSS' over target budget request was granted and MFRI was granted the requested \$100,000 in the supplemental budget.

Ms. Abramson said there is a discrepancy between the DBM and the DLS analyses of the EMSOF solvency. DBM shows solvency until 2025 while DLS shows solvency until 2023. This excludes any requests for funding for the proposed MSPAC helicopter maintenance agreements.

MSPAC Report

A copy of the report was distributed.

Captain McMinn said that MSPAC is celebrating 49-years of transporting the most critically ill and injured patients. The first helicopter transport was on March 19, 1970. He said that MSPAC is looking forward to celebrating 50 years of service next year.

The Cumberland Section is still experiencing work force shortages with some night shifts being out of service. MSPAC is committed through recruiting efforts to return the Cumberland Section to a 24/7 operation.

Captain McMinn reported that the MSPAC is beginning its annual SAR and hoist training. Ground support orientation for fire/rescue personnel to SAR capability is available by contacting the Medical Operations Section.

Recruitment for pilots, helicopter maintenance technicians and Trooper/Flight Paramedics continues. Three pilots were hired on March 27th with additional pilots and helicopter maintenance technicians in various stages of recruitment and vetting. Four Troopers with medical certification graduated from the Academy on March 22nd.

RACSTC

A copy of the RACSTC Q3 report was distributed.

Dr. Snedeker reported a decrease in the following: patient volumes, inter-facility transfers, capacity hours, OR and Clinic volumes. She said that Hyperbaric Chamber hours have also decreased. She added that the "Go Team" was requested 13 times with three (3) deployments. She added that Organ and Tissue Donations are at 67%. Dr. Snedeker gave an overview of the Global Outreach and Injury Prevention programs, including the Stop the Bleed Campaign.

A discussion regarding interfacility transfers and post-acute care resources ensued.

Dr. Snedeker said she was looking forward to seeing everyone at the Gala on Saturday.

MSFA

Mr. Cox said that the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting was held on April 6 & 7, 2019, at the Friendsville VFR in Garret County.

Old Business

MSPAC – Report Evaluating and Forecasting Future Expenses of the AW139 Helicopter Fleet. A paper copy of the report was distributed.

Captain McMinn said the Maryland General Assembly, FY19 Joint Chairmen’s Report, required the MSPAC (Maryland State Police Aviation Command) to evaluate and report the long-term costs associated with maintaining the MSPAC AW139 helicopter fleet.

Captain McMinn gave an overview of the types of systems maintenance needed for the AW139 helicopters, the different maintenance plans available and the anticipated long-term maintenance costs with and without a maintenance plan. He said that MSPAC proposes procuring the Leonardo Helicopter Full Components Plan and the Pratt & Whitney Canada Power per Hour Plan. He said that the one-time buy-in costs would be in the range of \$17 million and that the source of this funding needed to be carefully considered. He said that the annual cost of the Leonardo Helicopter Full Components Plan and the Pratt & Whitney Canada Power per Hour Plan is \$4,050,480 with an additional estimated cost of \$1,000,000 per year for Mission equipment - hoist assembly, Wescam (IR Camera), Trakka Beam Searchlight and medical interior components.

Captain McMinn said the above information was reported to the EMS Board in January 2019 and a funding source for future helicopter maintenance has not been determined.

New Business

Adult / Pediatric Burn Center Regulation and Definition changes

A paper copy of the Burn Regulation and Definition changes was distributed.

Ms. Sette and Ms. Mays presented the updated Burn Regulation with Definition changes to the SEMSAC for information. Ms. Mays said a consensus had been achieved among the designated Burn Centers on the proposed changes to the regulations and definitions.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dean Reece, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to closed session.

The EMS Board adjourned 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(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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Board Members Not Present: Dany Westerband, M.D.

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos;

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

In closed session:

1. The Board considered an Educational Program;
2. The Board considered a SEMSAC nomination;
3. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions; and
4. The Board considered the EMSOF financial projections.

The Board returned to open session.

In open session:

Board Members Present: Clay B. Stamp, NREMT P, Chairperson; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Murray Kalish, MD; Stephen Cox; Sally Showalter, RN; William J. Frohna, M.D.; James Scheulen, NREMT P; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN.

Board Members Not Present: Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D.

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos;

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board voted by acclamation to approve five-year Nemours/AIDHC Critical Transport Team Educational Program, Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children as an BLS EMS refresher educational program.

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