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**State Emergency Medical Services Board**

May 14, 2019  
Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
2. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2019
3. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
4. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
5. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
6. MSFA Update
7. Old Business
  - Burn Regulations – ACTION – Ms. Sette
8. New Business
  - PRP Membership – ACTION – Mr. Schaefer
  - Alternate Destination Protocol – ACTION – Dr. Delbridge
9. Adjourn to Closed Session
10. 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.; Dany Westerband, MD (phone); James Scheulen, NRP; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN. Sally Showalter, RN (phone)

**Board Members Absent:** Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.

**Others Present:**

**MSPAC:** Major Tagliaferri; Capt. McMinn; Lance Wood

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

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

**RACSTC:** Dr. Snedeker

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. He thanked the MIEMSS staff, EMS Board members and stakeholders for their service.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meetings held on April 9, 2019.**

**MIEMSS Report**

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS held its State Employee Service Awards last week and said that John Barto and Leandra Gilliam were recognized for their State service of 40 years and 30 years, respectively.

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

**Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Partners (CRISP)**

Dr. Delbridge said that fourteen (14) jurisdictions are currently sending EMS data into CRISP: Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Montgomery, Charles, St. Mary's, Queen Anne's,

Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset counties, Baltimore City, and Annapolis. Ten (10) jurisdictions are currently reviewing the CRISP participation agreement: Garrett, Allegany, Calvert, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Howard, Baltimore, Harford, Kent and Caroline counties.

### Communications Upgrade Project

Dr. Delbridge said that the ongoing Communications Upgrade Project that will replace outdated technology is a complex undertaking because there is no "off-the-shelf" solution. MIEMSS is working closely with the contractor (Overland Contracting, Inc.) in weekly calls with the MIEMSS Communications Team. The Detailed Design Review is underway.

### EMS Clinicians

Dr. Delbridge reminded the Board that after December 31, 2019, National Registry will no longer test Intermediate-level candidates, which is required for CRT licensure in Maryland. After that date, Maryland will no longer be able to license new CRTs, and the number of CRTs in Maryland will eventually diminish as current CRTs retire or leave the EMS system. Dr. Delbridge explained that the CRTs play an important role in Maryland as they bridge the gap between EMT and Paramedics. He said that at present, some jurisdictions enhance the role of EMTs with additional training that permits EMTs in those jurisdictions to perform certain additional skills, e.g., 12 Lead EKG - 10 jurisdictions; starting IVs - 14 jurisdictions; and pelvic binder - 19 jurisdictions.

Dr. Delbridge said that we need to consider whether adopting an additional level of EMS practitioner would be useful in Maryland. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) provides basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and could bridge the gap between EMT and Paramedic. He said that adding the AEMT clinician level in Maryland would be a significant undertaking. Chairman Stamp said it will be important to gather stakeholder input on whether to pursue AEMT in Maryland.

### Hospital Alerts (CHATS)

Dr. Delbridge said there had been discussion at SEMSAC regarding EMS clinician use of CHATS and the inconsistent application of Yellow Alerts by hospitals. He said that it appears that the alert status of "re-route" provides more helpful information to EMS than other alert statuses. Chairman Stamp recommended additional conversations be held regarding the usability of CHATS and asked Dr. Delbridge to update the Board at a later date.

### EMS Plan

As discussed at the last meeting, Dr. Delbridge said the approximate timeline for creating the Maryland EMS Plan 2020 is as follows:

- 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

### ET3 - Evaluation, Triage, Treatment and Transport

ET3 is a 5-year program developed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation that would provide Medicare reimbursement to EMS for transportation to an alternate destination other than an ED, and for treatment by a qualified practitioner with no transport. The ET3 model does not currently include mobile integrated health programs. MIEMSS is meeting with CMS to better understand the opportunities presented by ET3. Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is developing a protocol for EMS transport to alternative destinations.

### Montgomery County Alternate Destination Pilot Protocol

A copy of the updated protocol was distributed.

Dr. Delbridge said that although the EMS Board approved the Montgomery County Alternative Destination Pilot Protocol several years ago, it had not been implemented Montgomery County FRS due to logistical challenges. He said that Montgomery County FRS is now ready to move forward with the protocol and asked for the approval of the EMS Board.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Mr. Cox, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Montgomery County Alternative Destination Pilot Protocol.**

### **SEMSAC Report**

Dr. Kalish reported that at the May 2019 SEMSAC meeting, Chief Jim Matz, Baltimore City Fire Department, had joined SEMSAC as the Region III Council Representative.

Dr. Delbridge presented the process for developing the EMS Plan 2020. SEMSAC approved the updated Burn Regulations and definitions. SEMSAC member Justin Kinsey gave a presentation on the need for improvement in the CHATS (County/Hospital Alert Tracking System). The SEMSAC By-laws Committee presented a first draft of changes to the SEMSAC by-laws. A second draft will be reviewed at the next meeting.

### **MSPAC Report**

A copy of the report was distributed.

Captain McMinn said that Colonel Pallozzi has tasked the Aviation Command to follow up on the 2010 Integrity Consulting report and internal MSPAC 2015 report regarding plans to move Trooper #1 to Harford County Airport. Although 2018 data appears to support this move, a decision has not been

made. Captain McMinn added that this move would reduce the service gap for the citizens in northeastern Maryland and remove Trooper #1 from the “no fly zone” at Martins State Airport.

Captain McMinn said that the Flight Training Device has been recertified and all MSPAC pilots have rotated through for additional training.

## **RACSTC**

Dr. Snedeker thanked everyone who attended the RACSTC Gala.

## **MSFA**

Mr. Cox said that the MSFA Convention will be held from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup> in Ocean City, Maryland. He said there are plenty of great programs including and EMT refresher.

## **MFRI**

Mr. Cox said that MFRI continues with the four pilot EMT programs. MFRI is also monitoring how pilot courses are being conducted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Adult / Pediatric Burn Center Regulation and Definition changes

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

Ms. Sette presented the Burn Regulations with updates and definition changes for approval.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updated Burn Regulations and Definitions for publication in the Maryland Register.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Provider Review Panel (PRP) membership

A copy of the resume for Mr. Orendorf was distributed

Mr. Schaefer said that the current CRT member of the PRP had become a paramedic and could no longer serve as the CRT member to the Panel. He asked the EMS Board to approve Mr. Justin L. Orendorf as the CRT member of the Provider Review Committee.

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Scheulen, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Orendorf as the CRT member of the Provider Review Committee.**

**ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted 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).

**In Closed Session:**

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**Board Members Absent:** Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Myers;

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

**In closed session:**

1. The Board considered Cardiac Interventional Center reverifications;
2. The Board considered a SEMSAC membership; and
3. The Board considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.

**The Board returned to open session.**

**In open session:**

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**Board Members Absent:** Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson; Dean E. Albert Reece, M.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer.

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

**ACTION:** The EMS Board voted by acclamation to approve the following as Cardiac Interventional Centers:

- 1. Anne Arundel Medical Center for a five-year designation period;**
- 2. University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center for a five-year designation period;**
- 3. Peninsula Regional Medical Center for a five-year designation period; and**
- 4. University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton for the remaining four-years of a five-year designation period.**

**There being no further business, the Board voted to adjourn.**