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State Emergency Medical Services Board

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Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stamp
2. Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2019
3. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
4. Legislative Update – Ms. Gainer
5. SEMSAC Report – Dr. Kalish
6. MSPAC Update – Captain McMinn
7. MSFA Update
8. RACSTC Update – Dr. Snedeker
9. Old Business
 - COMAR 30.01.02 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS – Incorporation by Reference – ACTION – Mr. Magee
10. New Business
 - McCready Conversion to a Freestanding Medical Facility – ACTION – Ms. Sette
 - Commercial Ambulance Services proposed Regulation change - ACTION– Ms. Sette and Ms. Chervon
11. Adjourn to Closed Session
12. Reconvene in Open Session

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to consult with counsel, to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(b) (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 (b) (13).



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Minutes

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Board Members Present:

Clay Stamp, NRP; Sherry Adams, Vice Chairperson (via phone); Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Dany Westerband, MD (via phone); Sally Showalter, RN; Murray Kalish, MD; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (via phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN; James Scheulen, PA, MBA

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri; Capt. McMin

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Mays; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Goff

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

MSFA: 1st VP Mr. Walker; 2nd VP Mr. McCrea; Ms. Tomanelli, Executive Director

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:03am. He welcomed everyone and thanked the MIEMSS staff, EMS Board members and stakeholders for their service.

Mr. Stamp asked for approval of the minutes from the October 8, 2019, EMS Board meeting.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the EMS Board meeting held on October 8, 2019.

MIEMSS Report

A copy of the Executive Director's Report was distributed.

Dr. Delbridge gave an update on the following initiatives:

CHATS

Dr. Delbridge reminded the EMS Board that due to the integrity of the current software, a new hospital alerting system is necessary.

Dr. Delbridge gave an overview of the results of the two surveys sent to hospital stakeholders.

A discussion on the future of the alerting system ensued.

ET3 - Evaluation, Triage, Treatment and Transport

Dr. Delbridge said that five EMS jurisdictions applied for the ET3 grant: Annapolis City, Baltimore City, Charles County, Howard County and Montgomery County.

EMS Plan

Dr. Delbridge said MIEMSS is reaching out to all stakeholders for input. MIEMSS has posted a draft of the EMS Plan along with a form for submitting suggested additions or changes. Dr. Delbridge added that MIEMSS has scheduled an EMS Plan Summit for December 18, 2019, in Annapolis. Registration is available on the MIEMSS web site.

Legislative Update

A copy of the November 2019 ED Overcrowding Update Report was distributed.

Ms. Gainer said that the 2019 Joint Chairmen's Report directed MIEMSS to work with the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report the status of various initiatives aimed at mitigation emergency department (ED) overcrowding.

Ms. Gainer gave an overview of the report that updated progress on adding ED performance measures in the hospital quality reimbursement program, requesting hospital efficiency improvement action plans from hospitals that have poor ED performance measures, re-evaluating the use of yellow alerts, identifying a reasonable standard for ambulance off-load time and developing new models of EMS care delivery, (there are currently 9 mobile integrated health programs with 2 additional in progress). Ms. Gainer said that the HSCRC Care redesign program might be the best way to allow for EMS Reimbursements for new models of care.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish said that the Volunteer Ambulance Inspection Program was approved for recommendation to the EMS Board. He said that elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson were held. Mr. Wayne Tiemersma has been voted in as the new Chairperson of SEMSAC with Ms. Karen Doyle being re-elected Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Stamp thanked Dr. Kalish for his service as the SEMSAC Chairperson.

MSPAC Report

Captain McMinn reported that MSPAC Chief Pilot Mike Garland has retired. MSPAC is actively recruiting.

Mr. Stamp asked Captain McMinn to pass on the Board's appreciation for Mike's service.

MSFA

2nd VP McCrea said that the MSFA said is pleased with the progress of the EMP Plan and is looking forward to the EMS Plan Summit.

RACSTC

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS – Incorporation by Reference

Mr. Magee asked for the Board's approval for the Incorporation by Reference of the 2019 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Incorporation by Reference of the 2019 Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS.

NEW BUSINESS

McCready Conversion to a Freestanding Medical Facility without Certificate of Need

A copy of the report was distributed.

Ms. Sette said that by regulation, the EMS Board is required to consider eleven (11) factors in making its determination whether the proposed conversion will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system (COMAR 30.08.15.03).

Ms. Sette gave an overview of the distributed report. She said that MIEMSS completed an analysis of each of the required factors and, based on its review, recommends the EMS Board make a determination that the conversion of McCready Hospital to a freestanding medical facility will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board voted unanimously to approve the conversion of McCready Memorial Hospital to a Freestanding Medical Facility with a letter to the Maryland Health Care Commission stating the Board's position that the alternative of an urgent care center, instead of the planned freestanding medical facility, would not serve the needs of the community and would not maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the EMS system.

Commercial Ambulance Services proposed Regulation change

A copy of the proposed regulation was distributed.

Ms. Sette requested that the EMS Board approve an emergency amendment to the Commercial Ambulance Regulations to allow commercial services transports to hire EMRs as drivers instead of EMTs. This would help to mitigate the wait times for interfacility patient transfers due the unavailability of EMTs. Ms. Sette said that currently it is not mandatory for public safety to have an EMT as a driver when responding to EMS calls.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed emergency amendment to the Commercial Ambulance Service regulations.

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

The EMS Board adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions, 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:

Board Members Present:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

In closed session:

1. The Board considered Educational Programs;
2. The Board considered a Cardiac Interventional Center re-designations;
3. Trauma Center re-designations; and
4. The Board considered EMS clinician disciplinary actions.

The Board returned to open session.

In open session:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Dr. Kalish, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the EMS Board voted to approve the following Educational Programs for the renewal of a 5-year designation:

1. Chesapeake College/Shore Health – ALS program
2. Baltimore County Fire Rescue Training Academy - EMT program

ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Mr. Cox, the EMS Board voted to approve the following Cardiac Interventional Centers for the renewal of a 5-year designation:

1. Holy Cross Hospital
2. Howard County General Hospital
3. Johns Hopkins Hospital
4. Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

ACTION: Upon the motion by Mr. Scheulen, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the EMS Board voted to approve Western Maryland Regional Medical Center the remaining 4-years of a 5-year designation as a Level III Adult Trauma Center.

The Board adjourned by acclamation.