



State Emergency Medical Services Board

November 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Agenda

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Services Systems**

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- I. Call to Order – Chairman Stamp
- II. Call the role
- III. Approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2021 EMS Board minutes
- IV. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- V. SEMSAC Report – Mr. Tiemersma
- VI. MSPAC – Major Tagliaferri
- VII. RACSTC – Dr. Snedeker
- VIII. MSFA Update – President McCrea / Ms. Tomanelli
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - Monoclonal-ProtocolV2 - ACTION – Dr. Chizmar
- XI. Adjourn to Closed 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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Board Members Present: Clay Stamp, Chairperson; Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Sally Showalter, RN; Wayne Tiemersma; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Jim Scheulen; Dany Westerband, MD; Dean Reece, MD

Board Members Absent:

OAG: Ms. Sette; Mr. Malizio

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

MSFA: Mr. Smothers

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey; Mr. Bilger; Mr. Brown; Ms. Byrd; Ms. Chervon; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Mays; Ms. McAlister; Mr. Pinet-Peralta; Ms. Goff

Chairman Stamp called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and proceeded with calling the role.

Chairman Stamp thanked Dr. Delbridge and the MIEMSS staff for the work they do every day to ensure Marylanders has a premier EMS System. He said that the Board recognizes and appreciates the work of the EMS System partners.

Chairman Stamp asked for approval of the October 12, 2021, EMS Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Upon the motion made by Dr. Frohna, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the EMS Board unanimously approved the October 12, 2021, minutes as written.

MIEMSS REPORT

COVID-19 updates

Dr. Delbridge said that COVID hospitalizations have declined over the last month. Dr. Delbridge added that the MIEMSS staff facilitate daily queries of the hospitals and coordinate with other stakeholder to validate the information that is forwarded to CRISP.

Yellow Alerts

The median time to transfer a patient from EMS to hospital staff is 21 minutes; the 90th percentile is 58 minutes and more than 9% of patient transfers of care take longer than an hour. The combination of busy EMS system, increased respiratory illness, the increase in

boarded patients in emergency departments (for multiple reasons) has led to an increase use of the Alerting System. It is incredibly challenging for the EMS System to manage EMS units unpredictably sequestered in hospital emergency departments for that amount of time. Dr. Delbridge said when nearly every ED is on alert, as has been the case in some recently, it renders the alert system meaningless.

CRISP

MIEMSS continues to work with CRISP on the Emergency Department Advisory System based on ED patient census in real time.

Emergency Department Patient Boarding

Dr. Delbridge said that each day, at any given time, between 200 and 300 patients are boarded in the emergency department for multiple reasons. 15%- 20% of ED patients are stuck without a disposition (e.g., psych) or are holding for a disposition destination to become available (e.g., no staffed beds).

Dr. Delbridge said that currently there is no standard for the length of time considered for reporting a patient as “boarding in the emergency department” waiting for an in-patient bed. Dr. Delbridge said, starting on November 10th, MIEMSS will initiate a 10-day ED survey to obtain more detailed information on the types of patients that are being boarded in the ED.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding hospital ED boarding information to be obtained, including specific questions to be surveyed.

Dr. Delbridge acknowledged the nursing staffing shortage contribution to patient boarding in emergency departments and the increased usage of the alert system. He added that over the last two years, approximately 4000 nurses have not renewed their licenses.

Dr. Snedeker said that the UMMS system hospitals are convening to discuss ways to mitigate the significant impact of the nursing shortage.

Critical Care Coordination Center (C4)

Dr. Delbridge said that, to date, MIEMSS has C4 has handled more than 1727 calls..

EMS Clinician Attrition

Dr. Delbridge said that ALS extensions expired on October 30th – 31st and that 257 clinician licenses have lapsed over the last 2 years. The yearly ALS attrition average is 130. MIEMSS has received a few inquiries regarding reinstatement.

EMS and Law Enforcement

Dr. Delbridge said that following the Minneapolis, MN case involving Ketamine and the Aurora, CO case, MIEMSS developed a directive and protocols for interactions with Law Enforcement. MIEMSS will be joining statewide law enforcement and social workers to develop a multi-disciplined guidance for EMS and law enforcement case interactions.

MIEMSS Employee Notices

Dr. Delbridge welcomed Adam Malizio as the new AAG assigned to MIEMSS.

Dr. Delbridge announced that Jim Brown will be retiring from state service on December 1, 2021.

SEMSAC REPORT

Chairman Tiemersma said that SEMSAC is revitalizing standing committees and is in the process of staffing an ad-hoc committee to investigate possible regulation changes to the EMSOP designation.

Chairman Tiemersma said that the Regional Affairs Committee met to allocate funds for the Cardiac Devices Grant.

Chairman Tiemersma reported that SEMSAC voted to support the EMS Boards approval of the Direct Triage Protocol.

Chairman Tiemersma reported that he and Vice Chairman Smothers were re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2022.

MSPAC – No report

RACSTC REPORT – No report

MSFA

A written report was distributed.

Mr. Smothers said the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held in Berlin, Maryland, on December 4 & 5, 2021. Please send all reports to reports@msfa.org in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Smothers said that recruitment efforts had begun for positions funded by the SAFER Grant. Information regarding these positions is posted to the MSFA website and social media platforms.

Mr. Smothers announced that the MSFA Convention will be held in person in Ocean City, MD.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Educational Programs

Mr. Fiackos said MIEMSS recommends Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and Carroll Community College for a 5-year renewal as ALS educational programs.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve renewal for five years Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services and Carroll Community College as ALS programs.

Mr. Fiackos said MIEMSS recommends renewal for 5-years the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services Training Academy (EMR, EMT, Paramedic Refresher), Salisbury Fire Department (EMT, Paramedic Refreshers), and Procure Ambulance of Maryland (EMR, EMT, CRT, Paramedic Refreshers) as EMS Refresher programs.

ACTION: Upon the motion made by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Scheulen, the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve renewal for five years the Queen Anne's County Department of Emergency Services Training Academy (EMR, EMT, Paramedic Refresher), Salisbury Fire Department (EMT, Paramedic Refreshers), and Procure Ambulance of Maryland (EMR, EMT, CRT, Paramedic Refreshers) as EMS Refresher programs.

Mr. Fiackos presented iCare Medical Transportation Education Program (EMR, EMT Refreshers) and Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (EMR, EMT, CRT, Paramedic Refreshers) for initial approval as EMS Refresher Educational Programs.

ACTION: Upon the motion made by Dean Reece, seconded by Mr. Cox, the EMS Board unanimously approved iCare Medical Transportation Education Program (EMR, EMT Refreshers) and Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (EMR, EMT, CRT, Paramedic Refreshers) for initial approval as EMS Refresher Educational Programs.

Monoclonal-ProtocolV2

Dr. Chizmar presented the Mobile Integrated Health – COVID Monoclonal Antibody Administration Protocol for the treatment of COVID-19 patients who are over 12 years of age, weigh at least 40kg and meet all of the criteria within the written protocol. He said the protocol is for MIH clinicians only.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Dr. Westerband the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve the Mobile Integrated Health – COVID Monoclonal Antibody Administration Protocol.

Dean Reece said that work continues to mitigate the administrative obstacles for the use of Whole Blood on MSPAC aviation transports. He recommended that Drs. Delbridge, Chizmar and Floccare spearhead an ad-hoc committee with UMMC administration. He added that this is a work in progress.

Chairman Stamp thanked the Board, MIEMSS and Systems Partners and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Ms. Showalter the EMS Board adjourned to closed session.

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OAG: Ms. Sette; Mr. Malizio

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Goff; Ms. Chervon; Ms. Abramson; Mrs. McAllister

In Closed Session:

1. The Board considered disciplinary matters.