



**State EMS Board
Meeting
May 10, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting**

State of Maryland

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Services Systems**

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- I. Call to Order – Mr. Scheulen
 - Call the role
 - Approval of the April 12, 2022
- II. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- III. SEMSAC Report – Chairman Tiemersma
- IV. MSP Aviation Command – Major Tagliaferri
- V. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma – Dr. Snedeker
- VI. MSFA -
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - Educational Programs – ACTION - Mr. Fiackos
 - Frederick County Division of Fire/Rescue Paramedic Program
 - Anne Arundel County FD Training Academy BLS Program
- IX. 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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Via Video Conference Call Only
Minutes**

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Board Members Present: Jim Scheulen; Stephan Cox; William J. Frohna, MD; Dean Al Reece, MD; Sally Showalter, RN; Wayne Tiemersma; Mary Alice Vanhoy, RN; Ms. Marra; Dany Westerland, MD

Board Members Absent: Chairman Stamp

OAG: Mr. Malizio; Ms. Sette

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

MSFA: President McCrea

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Berg; Mr. Bilger; Ms. Chervon; Dr. Chizmar; Mr. Ebling; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Floccare; Mr. Legore; Ms. Witmer; Dr. Wooster; Ms. Wright-Johnson; Ms. McAlister; Ms. Goff

Mr. Scheulen called the meeting to order at 9:03 am and proceeded with calling the role.

Mr. Scheulen asked for approval of the April 12, 2022, minutes.

ACTION: Upon the motion made by Dean Reece, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the EMS Board unanimously approved the April 12, 2022, minutes as written.

MIEMSS REPORT

COVID-19 Update

Dr. Delbridge said that COVID-19 hospitalizations increased by 40% over the last week to approximately the same level that occurred in March 2022.

Emergency Department Patient Boarding

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is concerned that high numbers of patients boarded in emergency department which makes it challenging for hospitals to accept EMS patients in a timely manner. MIEMSS' goal is for patient transfer of care from EMS to ED staff to be completed within 30 minutes of EMS' arrival to the hospital 90% of time. Currently fewer than 25% of emergency departments in Maryland meet that target. Dr. Delbridge added that Maryland has the longest lengths of ED stay of any state in the US.

Dr. Delbridge said that on any given day there are 300 – 350 patients boarding in Maryland hospital emergency departments. Of these ED patients, 25% - 30% of ED patients are stuck in the ED without a disposition (e.g., psych) or are holding for a disposition destination to become available (e.g., no available staffed beds).

MIEMSS is assisting in the development of a behavioral health bed registry system. Dr. Delbridge said that the state has invested in Sheppard Pratt to create a bed registry. Sheppard Pratt is reaching out to hospitals to ascertain hospital emergency department needs relative to behavioral health patients (e.g. pediatric, geriatric patients).

Emergency Medical Technician Education Stipend

Dr. Delbridge said that, to date, MIEMSS has enrolled 208 EMT students in the educational stipend program, whereby they may receive up to \$2000 each. The funding will be distributed on an escalating plan culminating when the student passes the NREMT exam. Online stipend applications opened on April 1, 2022. This stipend is available for up to 500 qualifying students through June 2023.

Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program

Dr. Delbridge provided an update on the Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program for EMS. The program provides the federal portion of Medicaid reimbursement, which is half of the remainder of allowable costs after Maryland Medicaid pays its flat fee of \$100.00 (soon to be \$150.00) per transport State portion. Thirteen of the fourteen jurisdictions that qualified submitted documentation to be reimbursed the federal portion of their costs incurred from October 2020 through June 2021. These jurisdictions were recently notified as to amount of federal reimbursement they will receive which totaled approximately \$80M dollars.

Primary Stroke Centers (PSC)

Dr. Delbridge reported that the following hospitals have received PSC re-designations:

Five-Year Re-Designation:

- UM Upper Chesapeake
- UM Harford Memorial
- MedStar St. Mary's
- MedStar Harbor
- MedStar Southern Maryland

One-Year Provisional renewal

- UM Midtown Campus

New Thrombectomy Capable Primary Stroke Center designation:

- Shady Grove Adventist
- MedStar Franklin Square

Dr. Delbridge said that UM Midtown Campus has accepted a 1-year provisional and will provide bi-monthly progress reports over the next year.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

Dr. Delbridge said that Readiness Systems, based in the Pacific Northwest, is managing AED programs in several locations across the country. Readiness Systems has clients in Maryland but has issues with Maryland state law regarding the registration of AEDs. He said Readiness Systems has circulated an "AED Program News, Views and Analysis" negatively critiquing the Maryland law, MIEMSS' authority to regulate Maryland AED programs and the collection of data.

MIEMSS has contracted with a company to maintain the AED registry. Although the company sells and provides AED equipment and services, the contract prohibits the company from soliciting AED registrants.

Dr. Delbridge said that COMAR 30.06.02.04 states “A facility seeking registration or renewal of registration shall submit an application and all required documentation to MIEMSS on the form required by MIEMSS”.

At the June 2021 EMS Board meeting, the Board re-affirmed delegation of responsibility to MIEMSS for administering the statewide Public Access AED program to include collection of information by MIEMSS as deemed appropriate and necessary for administering the program and using the format and process for the collection of information by MIEMSS.

Communications Upgrade Project (CUP)

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS has vigorously renewed efforts for upgrading hospital communication systems after COVID-19 restrictions slowed by access to hospitals and limited travel of technical sub-contractors from Canada. It is anticipated that the Region V hospitals communications upgrade will be completed by the first of the year.

eMEDS®

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is finalizing eMEDS® contract renewal negotiations with ImageTrend. The contract will be for eight years.

Trauma Registry

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is working with ESO to renew the contract for Maryland’s Trauma Registry. ESO has purchased most of the companies that provide trauma registry services across the country, including the company that Maryland had used for many years. This leaves very few vendors with Trauma Registry capabilities. Since MIEMSS began utilizing ESO, there have been several problems with the software. ESO is creating a proposal for MIEMSS to consider whereby ESO would host the Maryland trauma registry at ESO.

Personnel

MIEMSS is currently seeking a Director of Educational Support Services, a Chief Information Officer, and a Director of Perinatal Programs.

Bloomberg Harvard City Leader Initiative

Dr. Chizmar has been heavily involved in solving EMS utilization issues in Baltimore. Baltimore City has the highest per capita EMS utilization rates in the country. Dr. Delbridge said that Dr. Chizmar has been part of the City Leadership Initiative sponsored by the Bloomberg School of Public Health and Harvard University. Dr. Chizmar will update the Board an update on the Initiative at a future meeting.

SEMSAC REPORT

Chairman Tiemersma said that having no urgent business, SEMSAC did not meet in May.

The SEMSAC EMSOP workgroup met to review current EMSOP regulations on May 2nd. The workgroup members discussed the benefits and risks of adding additional EMSOPs and anticipates having deliverables to discuss with MIEMSS soon. The next meeting of the workgroup is on May 31st.

MSPAC

A copy of the MSPAC written report was distributed.

Major Tagliaferri said the MSPAC will be conducting a number of open houses and community events in the coming weeks. A virtual open house for trooper medics will be held on Mary 23rd.

Michelle Beady, MSPAC maintenance technician, was featured in an online article highlighting that she is one of a very few female maintenance technicians. Trooper 4's 45th anniversary will be celebrated on June 24th from 10a – 2p at Northside Park.

Major Tagliaferri said that MSPAC is currently working on personnel recruitments and a new pay and grade structure for maintenance technicians.

RACSTC REPORT

Dr. Snedeker reminded everyone of the Shock Trauma Gala will be held on September 10, 2022, at the Meyerhoff. She added that RACSTC will be celebrating Dr. Scalea's 25 years of service.

MSFA

A written report was distributed

The MSFA Convention will be held in person June 18th – 23rd in Ocean City, MD. He added that there will be over 55 educational offerings; information may be found at: www.convention.msfa.org

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Educational Programs

A written report was distributed.

Mr. Fiackos requested that the Frederick County Division of Fire/Rescue be approved as an ALS Education Program for 5-years.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve the Frederick County Division of Fire/Rescue as an ALS Education Program for 5-years.

Mr. Fiackos requested that the US Secret Service Academy be approved as a BLS initial education program and refresher program and an ALS refresher program for 5-years.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the EMS Board voted unanimously to approve US Secret Service Academy as a BLS initial and refresher program and an ALS refresher program for 5-years.

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The Board adjourned to closed session by acclamation.

In closed session:

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

In Closed Session:

1. The Board considered disciplinary matters.