



State EMS Board Meeting
October 8, 2024
Agenda
9:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Scheulen
 - Approve minutes from September 10, 2024 meeting
- II. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
- III. SEMSAC Report – Chairman Smothers
- IV. MSP Aviation Command – Major Tagliaferri
- V. R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma – Dr. Snedeker
- VI. MSFA Update
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjournment

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).



**State Emergency Medical Services Board
October 8, 2024
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Jim Scheulen, (presiding officer); William J. Frohna, MD; Sally Showalter; Stephan Cox; Dany Westerband, MD; Sec. Laura Herrera Scott, MD; Tom Scalea, MD

Board Members Absent: Clay B. Stamp, Chairperson; Eric Smothers;

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri

RACSTC: Dr. Snedeker

OAG: Mr. Malizio; Ms. Pierson; Ms. McAllister

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge; Mr. Abramovitz; Dr. Jennifer Anders; Dr. Barajas; Mr. Bechtel; Mr. Berg; Mr. Bilger; Dr. Chizmar; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Geisel; Ms. Hall; Ms. Hammond; Mr. Huggins; Mr. Kitis; Mr. Legore; Mr. Linthicum; Mr. Robertson; Mr. Sidik; Mr. Tandy; Mr. Tiemersma; Mr. Tracey; Ms. Trego; Ms. Wright-Johnson; Dr. Wooster; Ms. Goff

Mr. Scheulen called the meeting to order at 9:05am and proceeded with calling the role. He thanked everyone for their attendance. He also recognized all of the victims and responders to hurricane Helene.

Mr. Scheulen asked for approval of the minutes from the meeting on September 10, 2024.

ACTION: Upon the motion made by Dr. Scalea, seconded by Mr. Cox, the EMS Board unanimously approved the September 10, 2024 EMS Board meeting minutes as written.

MIEMSS Report

EMS Transports

Year-to-date, EMS has transported approximately 443,095 patients which represents approximately a 5% increase for this time in 2023. Anne Arundel Medical Center is the highest receiving hospital of EMS transported patients. Additionally, Dr. Delbridge presented the up-to-date statistics regarding transfer of care times. Information is shared with receiving facilities on a weekly basis.

Hospital Accreditation Issue Update

Dr. Delbridge said that COMAR 10.07.01.01 (MDH, Acute General Hospitals and Special Hospitals) defines an accredited hospital as a hospital accredited by The Joint Commission or other accreditation organization approved by the Department. OHCQ approved DNV in June 2020.

EMS regulations all require accreditation by The Joint Commission:
30.08.05 Trauma Center

30.08.08.03 Pediatric Trauma Center
30.08.11.01 Stroke Center
30.08.12.04 Perinatal Center
30.08.14.02 Hand Trauma Center
30.08.18.01 Acute Stroke Ready Hospital

Dr. Delbridge met with the hospital and legislators to discuss the use of DNV and relayed the request by the Board for a comprehensive crosswalk of the standards used by The Joint Commission and DNV. The second facility that has requested the use of DNV for accreditation has asked DNV to crosswalk its accreditation process with Joint Commission's accreditation process. MIEMSS has not, as yet, received any information from DNV.

It was suggested that OHCQ and/or the hospitals that are interested in using DNV to state the reasons for the Board to accept hospitals using DNV for accreditation.

Capacity dashboard "apprise"

Dr. Delbridge presented a screenshot of Maryland Capacity System as currently designed. It requires hospitals to allow an input from hospital bed status boards measuring the status of beds in every participating hospital. This system would automate the Emergency Department Advisory System (EDAS) that would be the successor to CHATS. Both UMMS and Johns Hopkins have not, as yet, agreed to sharing data. He said that procurement issues continue to be worked through. According to the grant, 90% of hospitals need to participate.

A discussion regarding the benefits of the system ensued.

IV Fluid Shortage

Dr. Delbridge said that state agencies, including MIEMSS is monitoring a shortage of intravenous (IV) fluids in the U.S. due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene to a manufacturing plant in North Carolina. The plant, owned by Baxter International, supplies 60% of the nation's IV fluids. Hospitals are experiencing shortages, and non-emergency surgeries have been postponed. Most of Maryland IV fluids are supplied by Baxter. MDH is monitoring supplies. Guidance has been given to EMS clinicians for conserving IV fluids.

Educational Programs

Dr. Delbridge requested Board approval of the following educational programs for 5-year re-designations: Anne Arundel Community College, Chesapeake College, and Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Training Academy as Basic & Advanced Life Support Education Program; Tidal Health Peninsula Regional as an ALS Continuing Education Program, and Anne Arundel County Police Department and Montgomery County Police Department as a Law Enforcement Emergency Medical Care Courses.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Dr. Frohna, the EMS Board unanimously approved the educational programs for Anne Arundel Community College, Chesapeake College, and Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Training Academy as Basic & Advanced Life Support Education Program; Tidal Health Peninsula Regional as an ALS Continuing Education Program; Anne Arundel County Police Department and Montgomery County Police Department as a Law Enforcement Emergency Medical Care Courses for 5-years.

MIEMSS Employee Announcement

Dr. Delbridge introduced Aaron Edwards as the new director for the Office of Clinician Services.

SEMSAC – No Report

MSPAC

A written report was disseminated.

Major Tagliaferri updated the EMS Board on personnel changes and vacancies, hoist and medical trainings, mission data, and a few notable missions including a hoist swift water rescue.

Major Tagliaferri reported that since inception of the Whole Blood program, 181 units has been provided to 143 patients.

Currently there a 3 aircraft out of service due to heavy maintenance inspections and one out for new radio install.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma – No report

MSFA update

A written report was distributed.

Mr. Cox highlighted items in the written report including the distribution of the IV shortage memo from Dr. Chizmar.

Mr. Cox shared the recruitment and retention event dates with the Board.

The next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held in Berlin on December 14 & 15th, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS – N/A

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Upon the motion by Dr. Frohna, seconded by Mr. Cox, the Board adjourned to closed session.

In closed session:

Board Members Present: Jim Scheulen, (presiding officer); William J. Frohna, MD; Sally Showalter; Stephan Cox; Dany Westerland, MD; Sec. Laura Herrera Scott, MD; Tom Scalea, MD

Board Members Absent: Clay B. Stamp, Chairperson; Eric Smothers;

MFRI: Mr. Michael Cox, Mr. Pat Marlatt

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri

OAG: Mr. Malizio Ms. Pierson; Ms. McAllister

MIEMSS: Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Chizmar, Ms. Chervon, Ms. Hammond, Ms. Goff

The Board considered:

- (1) MEMSOF budgets
- (2) Disciplinary matters