

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
November 13, 2007
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr.; Victor Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Chief Scott Graham; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D.; Roger Simonds; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Edward Cornwell, M.D.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Brown; Mr. Dubansky; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Mr. Handley; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Magee; Ms. Myers; Mr. Seifarth; Mr. Schaeffer.

Johns Hopkins: Michael Millen, M.D.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: Paul Sterling, President.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major A.J. McAndrew; Capt. Dan Cornwell.

Maryland Department of Transportation: John Contestabile.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Robbie Hartsock; Jaime Huggins; Brenda Fosler Johnson; Jim Radcliffe; John Spearman.

SMART & Associates: John Molnar; Neil Hughes.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. He announced the death of Dr. James P.G. "Seamus" Flynn, who had previously served as the director of the original Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems which, at that time, included the Shock Trauma Center. Mr. DeVries asked for a moment of silence in memory Dr. Flynn.

Mr. DeVries indicated that the agenda items would be taken out of order.

Approval of Minutes. Action: Moved (Chief Graham), seconded (Ms. Van Hoy), passed unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the September 11, 2007, meeting of the State EMS Board.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT

Mr. Spearman distributed the Shock Trauma report to the Board. He said that patient admissions were slightly behind the same period last year. He said that the bed occupancy level was lower when compared to the same period as last year, but was still high at 94. He said that the number of OR cases had increased from September, but were 66 cases behind last year's number. He said that there had been no capacity alerts in October. He also provided an update on recent STC educational efforts. He said that the Evening Education Program had been held "electronically" at six different locations with a total of 110 participants. Ms. Van Hoy said that the electronic transmission of the program had gone very well. Mr. Spearman indicated that this effort would be expanded. He also said that a "Special Topics in Trauma" Program had been held on Nov. 3 and 4 for EMS and nursing participants.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Stroke. Dr. Bass said that there had been substantial progress with the designation of Primary Stroke Centers, and as of September 1st, patients were being triaged to designated stroke centers. He said that this should help ensure that stroke patients receive timely care.

Cardiac Centers. Dr. Bass reported that MIEMSS was focusing on the development of draft regulations for the designation of Acute Cardiac Interventional Centers. He said that these centers would receive ambulance-transported patients with acute ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) who need rapid primary percutaneous coronary intervention. He said that MIEMSS had been working with the Maryland Health Care Commission on the draft regulations, and that the MHCC issues Certificates of Need (CON) or CON waivers to interested hospitals. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS would soon meet with the Maryland Hospital Association to discuss the draft regulations.

Legislative Reports. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had been working to complete several reports that were required by the Legislature. Ms. Gainer said that MIEMSS had submitted a report to the Legislature on injuries from All-Terrain Vehicle crashes in Maryland. She said that the Board had received a summary of the report and that a complete report was available. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS was in the process of drafting a report on Automated External Defibrillators in response to a directive from the Legislature. He said that the report would identify potential locations where AEDs should be required. He summarized the major recommendations from the draft report.

New Scope of Practice. Dr. Bass said that proposed changes at the national level might result in new provider levels for EMS. He said that the new standards will likely be published by August 2009 and will likely call for the following providers levels:

- Emergency Medical Responder (similar to Maryland's First Responder);
- Emergency Medical Technician (basic emergency medical care and patient transport under medical oversight);
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and patient transport under medical oversight);
- Paramedic (an allied health professional to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients under medical oversight).

Dr. Bass said one question presented by the proposed new levels was how Maryland's CRTs could be integrated into the proposed new system. He said that the CRTs could revert back to a basic level; alternatively, he said that their CRT status could be extended for several years which might aid in any transition. He said that MIEMSS would continue to monitor developments in this area.

Mr. DeVries congratulated Dr. Bass, on behalf of the EMS Board, for his recent award from the American College of Emergency Physicians. He said that Dr. Bass had made outstanding contributions to EMS at both the state and national levels during his career. Dr. Bass thanked Mr. DeVries. He also announced that Leonard King had suffered a stroke and that surgery had recently been performed on Fred Cross. He said that he hoped for a speedy recovery for both individuals.

SEMSAC REPORT

No report.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Legislative information was presented in the Executive Director's Report.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board adjourned to closed session to carry out administrative functions and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under State Government Article § 10-508(7), to consult with staff and counsel on pending litigation under State Government Article § 10-508(8), to discuss certain matters subject to executive privilege, to maintain certain records and information in

confidence as required by Health Occupations Article § 14-506(b) under State Government Article § 10-508(13), and to thereafter resume open session.

Board Members Present at the Closed Session: Donald L. DeVries, Jr.; Victor Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Chief Scott Graham; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D.; Roger Simonds; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Gene Worthington.

Others Present: Dr. Bass, Ms. Bailey, Mr. Contestabile, Mr. Dubansky, Ms. Gainer, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Molnar, Major McAndrew, Capt. Cornwell, Mr. Magee, Mr. Seifarth, Ms. Sette,.

The administrative function was the review of confidential hospital information, the review of educational program information, the application of provider disciplinary rules to existing cases, and to discuss certain matters subject to executive privilege.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:24 p.m.

Approval of Educational Program. **Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board approved the Talbot County EMS Refresher Educational Program; Ms. Van Hoy was not present for this vote.**

2008 Maryland Medical Protocols. Dr. Alcorta presented the 2008 Maryland Medical Protocols to the Board for approval. Chief Graham and Dr. Hexter raised several questions about the protocols. Dr. Alcorta indicated that he would modify the protocols to address the questions raised. Mr. Worthington asked several questions regarding how jurisdictions could purchase 12-lead defibrillators, since those devices were relatively expensive. **Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board voted to approve the 2008 Maryland Medical Protocols, as modified by the changes discussed.**

MSP Aviation Command Budget. Major McAndrews asked the Board to approve an FY08 deficiency request for the purchase of a flight simulator. He said that if the purchase was made in FY08, the Command could recognize certain savings in FY09. **Upon the motion of Dr. Fowler, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved the FY08 deficiency request by the MSP Aviation Command for the purchase of a flight simulator. Dr. Hexter was not present for this vote.**

Incorporation by Reference. Mr. Magee asked the Board to approve modifications to COMAR 30.01.02.01 to incorporate the EMS Protocols and Data Dictionaries into the MIEMSS regulations. **Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr.**

Fowler, the Board approved a proposed amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01 to incorporate by reference the Maryland Medical Protocols, the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary, and the Maryland State Pediatric Trauma Registry Data Dictionary; the Board approved the motion. Dr. Hexter was not present for this vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the Board was adjourned by acclamation at 12:46 p.m.