

**State Emergency Medical Services Board  
December 13, 2011  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D., Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, MD, PhD.

**Board Members Absent:** Victor Broccolino

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Les Hawthorne, Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Myers; Mr. New; Mr. Schaefer, Dr. Floccare, Mr. Linthicum.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

**MSP Aviation Command:** Major Mark Gibbons; Chris Lovejoy

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** President Dave Lewis; First Vice President John Denver, Second Vice President Jackie Olson

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center:** Karen Doyle, Jaime Huggins

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Sally Showalter, which was seconded by Mr. Maloney, the Board approved the minutes of the November 8, 2011, Board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Electronic Patient Care Reporting. Dr. Bass suggested that the EMS Board may wish to consider requiring eMEDS for patient care reporting in order to receive consistent, accurate data. eMEDS could then export information to any jurisdiction's third party vendor. Information coming from third party vendors into the MIEMSS system has never captured the entire required data elements.

EMSOF. Dr. Bass said that recent projections from the Department of Budget & Management regarding the solvency of the EMS Operations Fund (EMSOF) indicated the EMSOF is viable until 2016. He cautioned, however, that by their nature, projections fluctuate up and down; consequently, the DBM projections could once again change. Dr. Bass said that DBM has been made aware of the increased hours for EMT, the need for the over the mark requests and the need for an increase to the AMOSS Fund.

Trauma System Report. Dr. Bass said that the Maryland Health Care Commission and MIEMSS are finalizing work on the Trauma System Report requested by the General Assembly. A copy of the final report will be sent to EMS Board members when complete.

HEMS Billing Study Taskforce. Dr. Bass said final edits are being made on the HEMS Billing Study Taskforce report to study the legal and other ramifications of MSP MedEvacs. This is an information only report with no recommendations made by the Taskforce.

Dr. Kalish asked if plans were being made to address the EMSOF viability come 2016. Dr. Bass said the EMSOF Coalition is meeting today to discuss.

Mr. DeVries, Chair of the HEMS Billing Study Taskforce thanked Mr. Magee for his legal advice regarding MedEvac billing and acknowledged and commended Ms. Gainer, MIEMSS Deputy Director, for her excellent work on the report.

### **STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

No report; Dr. Kalish said that the SEMSAC did not meet in December 2011.

### **R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER**

Ms. Doyle reported that admissions to the Shock Trauma Center continue to remain strong. She said that inter-hospital transfers remain flat and on scene transports remain steady. She said that Shock Trauma OR volumes match to the admission which speaks to the acuity of the patients. Neurotrauma patients are now being tracked on a quarterly basis. Chamber dive hours are up slightly from last year. Ms. Doyle said the Center for Injury Prevention and Policy hosted 21 events from July to September with 489 attendees at the prevention programs.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Bass said that the EMSOF Agencies have a new analyst, Michael Vorgets.

### **UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES**

Maryland State Firemen's Association. President Lewis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President John Denver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jackie Olson and the MSFA; he said his Christmas wish would be for a viable EMSOF and that he and the coalition members will be working hard to accomplish this.

Mr. DeVries thanked President Lewis and the MSFA for their diligence and hard work supporting EMS throughout the year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Telemedicine Pilot Program. Dr. Bailey gave a brief history of the Level III Perinatal Center designation regulations, PRMC's designation status and reviewed the handouts of the MOU between PRMC and MIEMSS and the Action Plan Summary which includes for PRMC's Perinatal Telemedicine Pilot. Dr. Bailey said that after an extensive search, PRMC initiated the Pilot due to the inability to have a perinatologist on site within 30 minutes as required by COMAR by 2013. Dr. Bailey said that the Telemedicine Pilot started one year ago and changes were made to the Pilot during 2011. MIEMSS should have one year's data at the end of 2012 with a site visit in January or February 2013. Dr. Bailey said that DHMH will meet in the spring of 2013 and if the Perinatal Telemedicine Pilot is successful, standards could be changed which would require a change in COMAR. Mr. DeVries said that if the Pilot was not allowed to continue, perinatal patients would be underserved in that part of the state.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the PRMC Telemedicine Pilot as presented.**

Mr. DeVries announced that this would be Dr. Dave Fowler's last day on the EMS Board and thanked Dr. Fowler for his continued participation and valuable insight and counsel. Dr. Fowler thanked the EMS Board.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.**

The purpose of the closed session was to carry out administrative functions under State Government Article §10-502(b), to obtain legal advice from counsel under State Government Article § 10-508 (a) (7), and to discuss certain site reviews and maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occupations Article §14-506 (b) under State Government Article § 10-508(a) (13).

The closed session was attended by:

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; David Fowler, M.D.; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter; Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, MD, PhD.

**Board Members Absent:** Victor Broccolino

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Myers.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the November 8, 2011, meeting.

The Board considered nominations to SEMSAC.

The Board was provided information Educational Programs.

The Board discussed the status of the informational medevac billing report and the legal aspects of billing for helicopter transport.

The Board reviewed and took action on pending disciplinary cases.

**The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:20 a.m.**

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**Board Members Absent:** Vic Broccolino

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Fiackos.

**OAG:** Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Fowler, the Board voted to approve the designation of Oak Crest Village EMS as a First Responder only Educational program with a five year designation.**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by acclamation.