

State Emergency Medical Services Board
August 14, 2012
Minutes

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Esq., Chairman; Sherry Adams; Vic Broccolino (by phone); David Hexter, M.D. (by phone); Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter (by phone); Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Robert Maloney.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Mr. Fiakos; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Shaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President John Denver; 2nd Vice President David Keller.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center: Jaime Huggins.

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the minutes of the June 12, 2012 Board meeting.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board Appointments. Dr. Bass reported that the four-year term of several Board members had expired. He said that, by statute, at the end of a term, Board members continue to serve until they are reappointed or their successor is appointed and qualifies. He asked that members wishing to be considered for re-appointment to

send him the required information which would then be forwarded to the Governor's Appointment Office for consideration.

Social Media. Dr. Bass announced that MIEMSS will soon start using social media, i.e., Facebook and Twitter. He said that the social media sites will also link to MIEMSS' official website.

Grand Prix Race. Dr. Bass said that because of the Grand Prix Race, scheduled to be held in Baltimore over the Labor Day weekend, MIEMSS would be closed to the public on Thursday, August 30th. He also said that State offices would be closed Friday, August 31st and Monday, September 3rd.

eMEDS. Dr. Bass said that eMEDS implementation continued statewide for both public safety and commercial services. He said that MIEMSS was working with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) to work out an agreement whereby Maryland would begin to send data to this national EMS database.

MSFA. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS would be meeting with MSFA officials after the Board meeting to discuss objectives for the upcoming year.

EMS Plan. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS staff was working on a revised draft of the EMS Plan. He said that the revised version would be built around a "core plan" which would contain layout the basic components of the plan. He said that an "implementation plan" would set forth the details of how the core plan would be achieved. He said that while the implementation plan would require periodic update, the core plan should remain relevant for decades.

Cardiac Arrest. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS was continuing its work to develop a comprehensive approach to cardiac arrest. He said that early and high quality CPR and defibrillation were important to optimal patient outcome. He said that MIEMSS will convene an out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest steering committee in early October to consider multiple elements important to cardiac arrest including 911 dispatch, pre-hospital provider treatment, community response, and data collection and reporting. Dr. Kevin Seaman (Howard County) will chair the committee. He also said that MIEMSS and the Maryland Health Care Commission are working with the American Heart Association to coordinate a statewide STEMI conference that will be held on October 20, 2012.

Ambulance Safety Task Force. Dr. Bass reported that the Ambulance Safety Task Force continues its work to identify best practices and trends from jurisdictions throughout the State.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Gainer reported that the General Assembly had reconvened on August 9th to consider several issues, including gambling. She said that a proposed MIEMSS departmental bill for the 2013 General Assembly Session would be discussed in Closed Session.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

A written report was distributed to the Board.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Mr. Lovejoy reported that MSP Aviation was working with the manufacturer of the new helicopters toward acceptance of the initial order. He said that the MSP had identified a few minor technical issues that the manufacturer was working to correct. He said that they were also waiting for FAA certification on the changes to the medical interior and the search light. He said that the initial delivery was still anticipated to occur in the December / January timeframe, and that delivery of the first six should be completed by July 2013. He also said that MSP Aviation continued to work with the FAA to resolve the pilot type restrictions that had recently been identified.

Mr. Lovejoy said that MSP Aviation was working with the Department of Budget & Management to secure a consultant to develop a master contract for MSP helicopter maintenance. He also updated the Board on the Command's efforts to secure additional paramedics for the helicopters. He reported that recruitment and training of these personnel were going well.

Mr. Lovejoy said that MSP Aviation was very pleased with the results of its dynamic deployment in Cecil County and at Ocean City. He said there was also discussion of instituting a similar initiative in Garrett County for the summer season.

MSFA UPDATE

President John Denver introduced the new MSFA 2nd Vice President, David Keller. President Denver reported that the MSFA Convention in June had been very successful. He invited the Board members to attend the MSFA's Executive Committee meeting scheduled for August 25 – 26 in Elkton.

Mr. DeVries congratulated President Denver and said that he and the Board looked forward to working with President Denver and the MSFA officers in the upcoming year.

NEW BUSINESS

Draft AED Regulations. Ms. Sette presented draft changes to the AED Regulations for the Board's information. She said that the draft would greatly simplify existing AED regulations to make them as user-friendly as possible, while still maintaining important program elements. She said that the draft reduced the regulations down to two chapters: (1) definitions and (2) registration and requirements. Dr. Bass said that the draft preserved the necessary safeguards that were a key part of the AED Program, while focusing the AED Program on essential program needs. Ms Van Hoy suggested that the draft be modified by the specifying that required supplies include age-appropriate pads and scissors.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mr. DeVries announced that the Board would be retiring to Executive Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, 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), 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; Sherry Adams; Vic Broccolino (by phone); David Hexter, M.D. (by phone); Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.; Sally Showalter (by phone); Mary Alice Van Hoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

Board Members Absent: Robert Maloney.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Fiakos; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding pilot training.

The Board was provided information regarding several EMS educational programs.

The Board approved an appointment to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council.

The Board was provided information regarding a designated perinatal referral center.

The Board was provided information regarding the designation of primary stroke centers.

The Board approved a draft departmental bill.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:50 a.m.

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Board Members Absent: Murray Kalish, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted to approve Carroll Community College Advanced Life Support Program for the remainder of a five-year period.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Adams, the Board voted to approve the Primary Stroke Center designations as shown below, with Mr. Broccolino abstaining as to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

and Johns Hopkins Hospital, Ms. Van Hoy abstaining as to the Memorial Hospital of Easton, and Mr. DeVries abstaining as to MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

Five-Year Primary Stroke Center Designation

**Anne Arundel Medical Center
Atlantic General
Baltimore Washington Medical Center
Good Samaritan Hospital
Greater Baltimore Medical Center
Harbor Hospital
Harford Memorial Hospital
Holy Cross Hospital
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Maryland General Hospital
Memorial Hospital at Easton
Mercy Medical Center
Meritus Medical Center
MedStar Franklin Square Hospital
MedStar Montgomery General Hospital
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital
Peninsula Regional Medical Center
St. Agnes Hospital
St. Joseph Medical Center
Sinai Hospital
Southern Maryland Hospital
Suburban Hospital
University of Maryland
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
Western Maryland Regional Medical Center**

One-Year Provisional Primary Stroke Center Designation

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

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