

**State Emergency Medical Services Board
February 12, 2013
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chair; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Sally Showalter (by phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy

Board Members Absent: Donald L. DeVries, Jr.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D., Ph.D.

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycok; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Darchicourt; Mr. Fiackos; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Gainer (by phone); Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira (by phone); Mr. Schaefer

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSP Aviation Command: Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy; Lt. Keith McMinn.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President John Denver

Mr. Broccolino called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. He reminded Board members to declare any potential conflicts of interest before consideration of an issue that might give rise to the potential conflict.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board approved the minutes from the December 11, 2012 meeting.

STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Kalish reported that SEMSAC did not meet in February.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS continues to work with the General Assembly on various bills and budget issues. He said that the top priority for the agency is to address the projected insolvency of the Maryland EMS Operations Fund (MEMSOF). He reported that the Senate and House budget hearings on the MEMSOF were held two weeks ago, and the MIEMSS budget hearings will be held this week. Dr. Bass said MIEMSS continued to work with the House EMS Workgroup to address MEMSOF solvency issues. He said that the Department of Budget & Management had added \$2.7 million from General

Fund monies to fund MSPAC needs this year, and had proposed to postpone continued work on the MIEMSS Communications project for one year. He said that the effect of this would be to postpone insolvency until FY14.

Medications Shortage. Dr. Bass reported that medication shortages continued and that the Office of the Medical Director is continuing to monitor these shortages. Dr. Bass said that most of the shortages involved inexpensive and frequently-used medications, e.g., 50% Dextrose and Atropine. He said that the General Accountability Office had been studying the issue which has affected healthcare nationwide.

eMEDS. Dr. Bass reported that the implementation of eMEDS throughout Maryland continues to be successful. He said that Prince George's County had started eMEDS implementation and MIEMSS anticipated that eMEDS will be implemented in Charles, Howard, Frederick and Caroline counties in the next several few months. Dr. Bass said current eMEDS work included efforts to ensure that trauma and specialty centers have eMEDS access for patients transported to those centers.

Cardiac Arrest. Dr. Bass said that the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Kevin Seaman, continued its work. He said that another Resuscitation Academy will be held in May 2013 to teach EMS personnel the unique Seattle approach to resuscitation.

Trauma Center Re-Designation. Dr. Bass reported that MIEMSS has started the process to re-verify the designation of Maryland's adult trauma centers. He also said that the new web based Trauma Registry had been implemented on January 1, 2013.

MOLST. Dr. Bass reported that the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene's final regulations for use of Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) had become effective on January 1, 2013. He said that beginning July 1, 2013; certain facilities will be mandated to have MOLST form completed for their patients, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health agencies, hospices, dialysis centers and hospitals.

Narrowbanding. On January 1, 2013, the FCC mandate to convert certain radio equipment to Narrowband Operation became effective. Prior to that date, MIEMSS completed replacement of Maryland's non-narrowband-capable infrastructure and switched all MIEMSS Regions to narrowband operations as required.

National Pediatric Readiness Project. Dr. Bass reported that Maryland has a 98% (48 of 49) hospital response to the National Pediatric Readiness Project survey, a nationwide online quality assessment of emergency departments benchmarking the preparedness for the care of children on a daily basis. Dr. Bass thanked all the Maryland hospitals for their support and response to the project.

Alerts. Dr. Bass reported that hospital alerts increased in 2012 which is most likely due to the fact that Maryland had two flu seasons during the year. He said that five (5) hospitals' alerts accounted for approximately 45% total of the total yellow alert hours. MIEMSS will follow-up with these hospitals to determine the cause of the increase in hours and to identify a plan to address these issues.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Dr. Bass and Ms. Gainer briefly summarized several proposed bills of interest being considered by the General Assembly.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND

Deputy Director Lovejoy reported that the first six (6) AW139 helicopters should be delivered by the end of February 2012.

Mr. Lovejoy reported that the RFP for the Flight Training Device (FTD) should be released in March, with the contract being awarded by October. MSPAC anticipates the FTD to be operational in early 2015. He said that there is an alternate proposal for a full motion simulator in the Request For Information (RFI).

Mr. Lovejoy said that although the AW139 is certified for single pilot visual flight rules, MSPAC has decided to operate initially with two pilots during nighttime hours. He said that after MSPAC gains additional operational experience with the new AW139 helicopters, it will make a final determination on the need for two pilots during nighttime and daytime operations.

Mr. Lovejoy said that some recent media coverage of the new AW139 helicopters had been inaccurate, and MSPAC was working to those inaccuracies.

SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER

A written report was distributed to the Board.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

President Denver thanked the EMS Board for their support of the volunteer companies throughout Maryland. He invited Board members to the next MSFA Executive meetings on February 23 & 24, 2013 on Kent Island.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board adjourned to Closed 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 DeVries, Esq., Chair (by phone); Victor A. Broccolino, Vice-Chair; Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D.; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Gene Worthington; Sally Showalter (by phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy

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

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Gainer (by phone); Ms. Goff; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira (by phone); Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the December 11, 2013 meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding two EMS educational programs.

The Board approved appointments to the Statewide EMS Advisory Council.

The Board considered provider disciplinary cases.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:51 a.m.

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ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband the Board voted to approve the UMBC ALS Education Program for a five year period.

Having no additional business, the EMS Board adjourned by acclamation at 10:55am.