

**State Emergency Medical Services Board  
June 11, 2013  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq.; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Sherry Adams; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by telephone); Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Vic Broccolino; David Hexter, M.D.; Robert Maloney; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Ph.D.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Bailey; Mr. Brown; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Mr. Hurlock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. New; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Slack.

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

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** President John Denver.

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy; Lt. Pat King; Mark Carter, CFO.

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Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved the minutes of the May 15, 2013, meeting of the State EMS Board.**

**REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

No report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**EMS Week.** Dr. Bass said that the Star of Life / Right Care When It Counts Awards ceremony was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Annapolis as part of the National EMS Week celebration. He said the awards honored EMS providers who have contributed to the statewide EMS system, as well as children who have provided assistance during an emergency situation.

Resuscitation Academy. Dr. Bass said that MIEMSS had co-sponsored with Howard County the “Maryland Resuscitation Academy” that was held May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. He said the two-day symposium was aimed to increase survival from sudden cardiac arrest. He said that the meeting had been well attended, and that medical directors and jurisdictional officials were among the participants. He noted that Howard County has been particularly successful in efforts to improve outcome from sudden cardiac arrest, having nearly doubled their resuscitation rate of witnessed cardiac arrest patients over the past two years.

eMEDS. Dr. Bass reported continuing progress on eMEDS implementation. He said that Caroline, Howard and Charles counties would soon begin using eMEDS, and that Prince George’s County was working toward implementation as well.

EMS Plan. Dr. Bass said that staff had completed a working draft of a revised Statewide EMS Plan. He said that in August and September, MIEMSS would hold meetings in each EMS region to solicit comments on the draft from the EMS community and the public at large. He said that comments may be submitted to MIEMSS until September 30<sup>th</sup>, after which the draft would be revised and presented to SEMSAC and the Board for approval.

Community Paramedicine. Dr. Bass discussed challenges with health care access in certain areas. He said that Caroline County is one of only two counties in Maryland that does not have a hospital or an emergency room. He said that MIEMSS staff had been working with Caroline County and Shore Health to explore the possibility of an expanded role for paramedics to help address this need. Dr. Bass said that he will keep the Board updated as discussions continue. He noted that consideration of community paramedicine is included in the draft EMS Plan.

MSFA Convention. Dr. Bass said that the Annual MSFA Convention would be convening on the weekend in Ocean City. He said that President John Denver had done an outstanding job during the year and would be missed. Mr. DeVries asked that Mr. Hurlock convey the Board’s congratulations to Mr. Denver for his successful tenure as MSFA President.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

No report.

## **SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT**

A written report was submitted to the Board.

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi reported that the transition to the new AW-139 helicopters began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and was proceeding according to plan. He said that the transition requires that all pilots and medics to go through a five-week transition course consisting of one week of ground school and four weeks of flight training. He said he anticipated that Trooper 3 would be operational by mid-July. He said that Trooper 6's transition should begin 2 – 3 weeks after Trooper 3 is operational. He said that MSP continues training of second providers, which number 21 at present. He reported that MSPAC received the AW13- Cabin Training Device on June 7, and the command is working with MDOT to procure a flight training device.

## **MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Hurlock said that President Denver was delayed in arriving at the meeting. Mr. Hurlock reported about the upcoming MSFA Annual Convention.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Provider Regulation Change. Ms. Sette reminded the Board that they had previously reviewed draft regulations regarding veterans wishing to become EMS providers in Maryland. She said that draft had been revised to reflect the requirements of the Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 (VFEA) that had recently been enacted in Maryland. She said that the law requirements that service members seeking EMS licensure / certification be credited for any training or experience that is substantially equivalent to that required by the Board and that doesn't conflict with other requirements. Dr. Bass said that historically, MIEMSS has facilitated the entry of returning service members into the practice of EMS in Maryland. He said the passage of VFEA provides the opportunity to formalize and promote our efforts and to integrate them with similar efforts in other state agencies. She said that the proposed regulations would be presented for a vote at an upcoming Board meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Freestanding Regulation Change. Mr. Magee asked the Board to approve changes to COMAR regulations to remove a prohibition against freestanding emergency facilities becoming base stations. He said that after Board approval, the changes would be promulgated as proposed regulations.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Adams, and with Ms. Van Hoy abstaining, the Board approved the proposed regulation change.**

**Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, 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 L. DeVries, Jr., Esq.; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Sherry Adams; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by telephone); Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

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

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Chris Lovejoy; Lt. Pat King; Mark Carter, CFO.

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the March 15, 2013, meeting.

The Board was provided information regarding the MSPAC budget.

The Board was provided information regarding designation of trauma centers, primary stroke centers, and comprehensive stroke centers.

The Board considered provider disciplinary matters.

**The Board reconvened in Open Session at 10:52 a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq.; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Sherry Adams; Murray Kalish, M.D.; Sally Showalter (by telephone); Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

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

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved a budget amendment for the MSP Aviation Command in the amount of \$1,359,332.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board provisionally approved Meritus Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center for a period of one year.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Adams, which was seconded by Ms. Van Hoy, the Board approved Peninsula Regional Medical Center as a Level III Trauma Center for a period of five years.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Ms. Adams, and with Dr. Westerband abstaining, the Board approved Suburban Hospital as a Level II Trauma Center for a period of five years.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Van Hoy, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the Johns Hopkins Hospital as a Comprehensive Stroke Center for a period of five (5) years.

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