

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

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Esq. (Chairperson); Vic Broccolino (Vice-Chairperson); Murray Kalish, M.D; Sally Showalter; M.D.; Gene Worthington; David Hexter, M.D.; Dany Westerband, M.D. (arrived at 9:20 am); Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Mary Alice Vanhoy; Robert Maloney; Sherry B. Adams, R.N., CPM. (arrived at 9:20 am).

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Maloney.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Abramson; Dr. Bailey; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Fiackos; Ms. Goff; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Brown; Mr. Slack; Mr. Thompson.

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

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Frank Lioi; Deputy Director Lovejoy.

**MSFA:** Jackie Olson, President; David Keller, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

**R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma:** Ms. Doyle.

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

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Dr. Kalish, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board approved the minutes of the October, 2013, meeting of the State EMS Board.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ambulance Safety Summit 2013. Dr. Bass reported the Ambulance Safety Summit was very well attended with over 100 participants.

RACST New Wing Ribbon Cutting. Ms. Doyle said there were over 400 persons present at the Ribbon Cutting for the new STC Wing. Among those in attendance were Governor O'Malley, Senator Cardin and Congressman Ruppertsberger.

eMEDS. Mr. Balthis reported that MIEMSS is actively working with Charles and Prince George's counties. MIEMSS is also actively engaged in discussions with Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Service leadership who is investigating the possibility of a direct contract with ImageTrend.

## **REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Dr. Kalish reported that at the November 7, 2013, SEMSAC meeting, the Council approved the amended draft regulations specific to Neonatal and Specialty Care Transports. The minutes from the October 8, 2013 and the protocol updates presented by Dr. Alcorta were also approved.

The election of new officers for the SEMSAC also took place at the November 7, 2013 meeting. Captain Roland Berg, representing the Region V EMS Advisory Council was elected Chairman, and Mr. Jim Scheulen, representing the Maryland Hospital Association, was elected Vice Chairman.

Dr. Kalish said that the resolution proposed by the MD Society of Anesthesiologists to assist Paramedic students gain access to airway management skills passed in October by the Board of Directors and is posted on the CoA website.

Mr. DeVries thanked Dr. Kalish for his years of service to the EMS Board and system as Chair of SEMSAC for the past five years.

## **SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT**

Ms. Doyle submitted a written report to the EMS Board members and added that volumes are on target and as compared to last year. Ms. Doyle added that there have been fewer concussion patients and credits the continuing education of EMS providers.

Ms. Doyle also reported the STC has opened an eight bed Critical Care Resuscitation Unit on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Trauma Center. This unit is accepting patients with time sensitive conditions who are in need of high level, critical care intensivists. The anticipated length of stay in the unit is approximately twelve hours using trauma triage method “right patient, right time, right location,” then moving to the most appropriate area. Ms. Doyle will give a full detailed report on this new unit at the January or February EMS Board meeting. Dr. Reece said this is a very unique application of the trauma model and critical care medicine by applying trauma triage and evaluation skills to the critically ill patient and has, so far, exceeded expectations.

## **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi updated the Board on MSPAC activities. The 9<sup>th</sup> AW139 was delivered on November 9, 2013. MSPAC anticipates that the 10<sup>th</sup> helicopter will be delivered in July 2014. Trooper 6 (Easton) has completed its transition training for the AW139 and is now operational 24/7. Trooper 4 (Salisbury) began its transition training for the AW139 on October 28 and is anticipated to be operational for daytime missions on November 20th.

Regarding pilots, on September 18th, the Board of Public Works approved 10 additional pilot PINS and on September 30th, DBM approved the SIC position for MSPAC. It is anticipated hiring of the SICs will begin the next month.

MSPAC currently has four Pilots-in-Command (PIC) positions vacancies.

MSPAC continues to work with the Maryland Department of Transportation on the procurement of a Flight Training Device.

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

President Olsen said the MSFA will be coordinating EMS Training Drills with MFRI and MIEMSS in January 2014. Also in 2014 MSFA will be instituting a mentoring program for incoming members. The MSFA will be working to increase the Widows and Orphans fund by \$75,000.00; there are currently 39 families receiving benefits.

President Olsen reiterated the success of the Ambulance Safety Summit mentioned in Dr. Bass' report and thanked Dr. Alcorta for presenting "Break It to Me Gently" at the MSFA Committee meeting.

The next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Ferndale Volunteer Fire Company on December 7, 2013.

President Olson also congratulated Karen Doyle and the Shock Trauma Team on the opening of the new STC and thanked Dr. Murray Kalish for his leadership and support as the SEMSAC Chair. President Olson concluded by thanking Dr. Bass for his partnership and support through the years and wished him great success with his impending retirement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

COMAR 30.03.02.02 – Neonatal Ambulance Service Regulation – Ms. Sette reviewed the proposed changes in the regulation and said these proposed changes were developed after a lengthy consensus process by the Commercial Ambulance Services Council (CASAC) and the Pediatric Emergency Medical Council (PEMAC) and review and approval by SEMSAC. Service providers who do not currently meet the proposed standards will have until July 2014 to meet the standards. MIEMSS will be providing training sessions across the state for providers on the new training requirements.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the proposed regulation.**

COMAR 30.09.11.05 – Specialty Care Transport (SCT) - Ms. Sette reviewed the proposed changes in the regulation and said these changes were developed after a lengthy consensus process by the (CASAC) and its SCT subcommittee which included members from the Board

of Nursing (BON) who requested the transfer of training responsibilities for a nurse providing specialty care transports to MIEMSS.

**Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the proposed regulation.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Provider Name Change in Regulations – Ms. Sette reminded the Board that recent statutory changes modified the names of provider levels in Maryland. She said that the regulations needed to be modified to reflect those name changes.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Dr. Kalish, the Board approved the proposed regulation.**

EMS Protocols. Dr. Alcorta presented draft changes to the 2014 Medical Protocols for EMS Providers. Regarding changes to the Stroke Protocol, EMS Board members asked Dr. Alcorta to emphasize that even though the dosing timeframe has increased, the shortest time to dosing is preferred. An asterisk will be included after the 3 ½ hour time frame to reference the added phrase “Stroke Treatment is time sensitive; reduction in time from onset of symptoms to treatments improves outcomes.”

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Reece, the Board approved the 2014 Protocol changes.**

Hospital Nomenclature. Dr. Alcorta explained that recent changes in the names of a number of hospitals to reflect their corporate ownership or affiliation has resulted in some confusion for EMS during radio communications or prehospital data collection and reporting, e.g., the name of the receiving hospital. He said that MIEMSS had developed a list of “common names” to address the need for uniformity and would be used internally for MIEMSS data bases and EMS provider purposes. Dr. Alcorta said this has been published widely with no comments.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board approved the proposed Hospital Nomenclature changes.**

Freestanding Emergency Department. Mr. Magee distributed copies of the regulation published in the Maryland Register on September 6, 2013 allowing Free Standing Medical Facilities to become Base Stations. Mr. Magee said there were no comments during the publication period.

**Upon the motion of Dr. Reece, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the final regulation. Ms. Vanhoy abstained from the vote.**

Mr. DeVries announced that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session, after which it would reconvene in Open Session.

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, 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:

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**Board Members Absent:** Robert Maloney

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Bass; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Goff; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Abramson.

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

The Board returned to open session at 11:10am

The Board considered provider disciplinary matters.  
The Board considered nominations to SEMSAC.

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