

**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**February 11, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman (by phone); Sherry Adams; David Hexter, M.D.; Roland Berg; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Gene Worthington.

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D.  
Robert Maloney.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Bailey;  
Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers;  
Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Schaeffer;

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

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Major Lioi; Capt. Landon;

**Maryland State Firemen's Association:** Mr. Roth

**1199 SEIU:** Gisume Ashenafi.

**UMMS / MIEMSS Fellow:** Dr. Kevin Pearl

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**ACTION:** Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the minutes of the December 2013 and January 2014 meetings of the State EMS Board.

**REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mr. Berg said that SEMSAC met with the EMS Board in January 2013 and that the February SEMSAC meeting was cancelled.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Gainer said that Dr. Hexter represented the EMS Board at the MEMSOF Budget Hearings in Annapolis. A copy of the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Operations Fund (MEMSOF) analysis presented by the Legislative Analyst was distributed to the EMS Board members for review. Original projections of the MEMSOF showed viability through 2023; it is now estimated through 2020.

The Legislative Analyst recommended an audit be performed on the reporting discrepancies in MSPAC mission numbers.

House Bill 534 Maryland Intrastate Compact Assistance Bill hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2013.

House Bill 1313, requiring MIEMSS to conduct a study on the potential for development of mobile integrated health care services in the State (expansion of scope of practice to encompass Community Paramedicine) is scheduled for March 6, 2013.

Mr. DeVries thanked Dr. Hexter for representing the EMS Board at the hearings. Dr. Hexter added that in his presentation to the Committee he noted that the recent report card issued by the American College of Emergency Medicine, Maryland scored an “A” and was ranked #1 in the nation in Quality and Patient Safety.

Mr. Worthington questioned why the “Widows and Orphans Fund” is now coming out of the MEMSOF when it has historically come from General Funds. Ms. Abramson will inquire with DBM.

## **SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT – No Report**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Dr. Alcorta said as Co-Acting Executive Directors, he and Ms. Gainer will be alternating responsibility for the Executive Directors report to the EMS Board.

eMEDS®. Dr. Alcorta reported the eMEDS® implementations continue statewide, for both public safety and commercial services. Prince George’s County migrated to eMEDS® in January. MIEMSS continues efforts to import legacy data from other electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCRs) vendors into the new Maryland system. MIEMSS continues to work with Montgomery County on their anticipated move to eMEDS®.

Shortages of Intravenous Fluids. Dr. Alcorta said the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reporting a severe shortage of IV fluids across the nation-particularly 0.9% sodium chloride (normal saline). The cause of the shortage is being compounded by increased demand during flu season and recent issues with manufacturer s. MIEMSS has issued an awareness memo to hospitals and EMS Operations.

Early dispatch directed CPR. Based on recommendations from the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee (CSAC), MIEMSS has issued a memo to Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS), EMS Operational Programs (EMSOPS) and state / jurisdictional Medical Directors indicating the dispatch specific areas where expediting interrogation and rapidly moving to dispatch directed CPR can significantly extend the resuscitation success window. MIEMSS is also working with some PSAPS in updating their versions of “Medical Priority Dispatch” to 12.2 or 13.0 when available.

Active Assailant Incident Workgroup. At the request of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, MIEMSS and the Maryland State Police (MSP) convened an interdisciplinary work group to investigate current literature on assailants causing or threatening harm with a firearm or explosive device. This workgroup will develop general guidelines for response, make suggestions to ensure adequate levels of protection, develop consistent learning objectives to guide response training across the state, and identify gaps and resources to address those deficiencies. Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the response to the recent Howard County Mall incident involving a single assailant.

Mr. DeVries said that although the search for a new Executive Director for MIEMSS is still in progress, MIEMSS has excellent leadership with Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta as interim Co-Executive Directors.

### **MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE**

Major Lioi said the MSPAC appeared before the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on January 31st and February 4th, respectively, with our MEMSOF partners for the MEMSOF Budget Overview. The MSPAC briefed both Committees on the 2013 highlights, transition training status and the SIC hiring process. In addition, the MSPAC addressed mission data discrepancies that were reported to the DLS and the plan of action to reduce and/or eliminate those reporting discrepancies. By working with our partners at MIEMSS and having a Quality Review process, the goal of MSPAC is to ensure that all mission data is accurate, verifiable and consistently reported to all entities. Mission data pertaining to EMS missions and patient transports have already been reconciled with MIEMSS data. Major Lioi said MSPAC embraces the requested audit by the DLS Analyst.

Major Lioi reported that on January 27, 2014 Trooper 7 began the AW139 transition. Trooper 2 has repositioned from Andrews to Southern Maryland to cover missions, while the crew of Trooper 7 continue transition training at Andrews. The United States Park Police Aviation Unit, Eagle 1, will be covering the area vacated by Trooper 2. Ground School training has been completed and Trooper 7 pilots and medics began sortie mission training. It is anticipated that day time operations will commence in approximately 2 to 3 weeks and 24/7 operations should occur sometime in March.

Major Lioi said the MSPAC has received (115) applications for the SIC position with (12) completed interviews to date.

Major Lioi added that the ribbon cutting ceremony at Salisbury Section, which was postponed last week due to inclement weather, has tentatively been rescheduled for March 5, 2014.

Major Lioi said Lt Steve Connell, a MSPAC fixed wing pilot, will be Acting Director at MSPAC in lieu of Director Lovejoy's resignation.

## MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Roth said the MEMSOF hearings in Annapolis went well and that all legislation being monitored by the MSFA can be found with position descriptions at [www.msfa.org](http://www.msfa.org).

The MSFA is in support of the proposed bill requiring students take CPR and AED for credit before graduation. This may also inspire some students to go further and look in the direction of EMS.

The AMOS 508 Fund hearing is on February 13, 2014. MSFA is in favor of the Bill without amendments.

Mr. Roth thanked Ms. Gainer and Dr. Alcorta for their continued support of the MSFA. Mr. DeVries in turn, thanked the volunteers and the fire services as the backbone of the system.

### NEW BUSINESS

Educational Programs. Mr. Fiackos said that all Educational Programs are in compliance with reporting. Due to change in command and direction of the EMS program, Aberdeen Proving Ground has withdrawn their EMS Educational Program status.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP). Mr. Berg asked for EMS Board support in convening a subcommittee of SEMSAC to investigate and propose minimum standards for ambulances based on a scaled back VAIP. The subcommittee would be a collaborative effort with MSFA, medical directors, fire chiefs and JAC. This would assist in the formation of statewide Ambulance Strike Teams. Dr. Alcorta said, as of August 2013, approximately 15 counties participate in the VAIP.

### OLD BUSINESS

Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols. Mr. Magee said the regulation proposed by the EMS Board in August 2013 and published in the Maryland Register in November 1, 2013. The purpose of the regulation is to incorporate the 2013 Maryland Emergency Medical Protocols and the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Burn Patients into the regulations. One comment was received from Calvert Memorial Hospital regarding the drive time rate from (30) minutes to (45) minutes to a Cardiac Intervention Center (CIC). Dr. Alcorta said that strategies are being drafted with Calvert County EMS collaboratively with Calvert Memorial Hospital to address the hospital's concerns. Dr. Alcorta added there is consensus throughout the rest of the state on the (45) minute drive time to a CIC.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board approved the Incorporation by Reference of the Maryland Medical Protocols.**

Specialty Care Transport (SCT) Regulation. Ms. Sette said the EMS Board previously approved the SCT regulation, but when the Board of Nursing (BON) finalized its regulation with a definition change; we now need to make the same change to the SCT Regulation to mirror the BON regulation. This is a technical change in the definition of medical direction for the Nurse or other health care provider other than EMS provider on the ambulance.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the SCT Regulation.**

**Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, 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:** Mary Alice Vanhoy, R.N.; Dean Albert Reece, M.D. Robert Maloney.

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Goff; Ms. Gainer; Dr. Bailey; Ms. Abramson; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Mays

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

**Maryland State Police Aviation Command:** Maj. Lioi

The Board approved the closed session minutes from the January 2014 meeting.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Berg, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board approved the re-designation of Level III Perinatal Centers: Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC), University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center (UMSJMC), Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (SGAH) and Holy Cross Hospital (HCH).**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved Western Maryland Regional Medical Center as a Level III Adult Trauma Center and Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Sinai Hospital as a Level II Adult Trauma Centers.**

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Adams, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved a five year approval as a pediatric burn center under the MOU between MIEMSS and Children's National Medical Center. (Mr. Berg abstained)**

**The EMS Board adjourned by acclamation at 11:00AM.**