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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis; Fred Cross.

Board Members Absent: David Hexter, M.D.; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Sherry Adams

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Cantera; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Reynolds.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major Lioi; Lt. Lt. King.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: President Keller; First Vice President Roth.

R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma: Ms. Doyle; Mr. Mealy.

Others: Mr. Molnar.

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

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Berg said a plaque was presented to Dr. Kathryn Yamamoto at the June 5, 2014, SEMSAC meeting in appreciation of her dedication and commitment to emergency medical services in Maryland, serving as the ACEP representative to the SEMSAC since 2005. Dr. Yamamoto will continue to support EMS by serving on the Provider Review Panel. Mr. Berg added that Dr. Tim Chizmar, Region III Medical Director and Assistant Jurisdictional Medical Director for Harford County EMS, is the new ACEP representative on the SEMSAC.

National Study Center Report (NSC)

Dr. Faden reported that the National Study Center (NSC) is collaborating with the new Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling which will involve monitoring the effects of the new casino in Baltimore on pedestrian injuries in the communities in and around the casino.

Dr. Faden said the NSC submitted a grant proposal to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to develop a training module for Advanced Automatic Collision Notification (AACN). If awarded, the NSC will work with MIEMSS and the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) over a two year period developing a training module for State EMS Medical Directors and other prehospital care providers.

Ambulance Strike Teams

Mr. Linthicum gave an update on the Ambulance Strike Team and said there are currently four to five Ambulance Strike Teams in various stages of development. The Ambulance Strike Team Committee is working to firm up these teams with the goal of having ten pre-designated Ambulance Strike Teams in Maryland.

Active Assailant Incident Workgroup

Mr. Donohue gave an update on the Maryland Active Assailant Incident Workgroup and provided a copy of the "Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident" document that was published for comment on June 6, 2014. The 30-day comment period ended on July 7, 2014.

Emergency Vehicle Crash Data

Mr. Gianni from the Highway Safety Office gave an overview of crash trends from 2009 through 2013 in Maryland that included information on Emergency Vehicle Crash Trends (Ambulance, Fire and Police).

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP)

Mr. Berg said the SEMSAC approved the Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP) for 2014 with one amendment. Mr. Berg added the VAIP would be presented for action to the Board under New Business.

Equipment Standards for EMS Transport Units and Chase Cars

Mr. Berg said the SEMSAC is forming a workgroup to study the potentiality of equipment standards for Ambulances and ALS Chase Vehicles. Mr. Simonds has agreed to Chair the workgroup which will include representatives from State, Regional and Jurisdictional Medical Directors, the Jurisdictional Advisory Council, the Maryland State Fireman's Association and various county organizations.

MIEMSS REPORT

Ms. Gainer recognized Past President Jackie Olson for a successful year as President of the MSFA and congratulated President Keller on his recent election as President of the MSFA. Ms. Gainer also congratulated First Vice President Johnie F. Roth, Jr. and Second Vice President Mike Davis, on their election to MSFA leadership roles.

SYSCOM/EMRC Upgrade

Ms. Gainer said construction for the upgrades to SYSCOM/EMRC began on Monday, June 23, 2014. Ms. Gainer said Mr. Balthis and Ms. Alban will update the Board on the status of the renovations under Old Business.

Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident

Ms. Gainer said the guidance document grew out of efforts by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, MIEMSS and the Maryland Department of the State Police, which convened the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group to develop guidance for county and local jurisdictions.

MIEMSS continues to work with the Active Assailant Workgroup to review and incorporate proposed changes from the comment period into the guidance document.

EMS Plan

Ms. Gainer said the MIEMSS staff has completed review and incorporation of suggested changes from submitted comments received about the draft EMS Plan. Ms. Gainer said she anticipates presenting the final draft to the EMS Board at the August 2014 meeting, with a request for final approval at the September 2014 EMS Board meeting.

Back up Commercial Air Services

MIEMSS is working on a report requested by the Joint Chairmen regarding payment for patient scene helicopter transport provided by a back-up commercial air ambulance service. The report is due by December 1, 2014.

Executive Order

Ms. Gainer said Dr. Alcorta will be participating on the Overdose Prevention Council formed by Executive Order to counter an increase in the number of heroin overdose deaths. To address the epidemic, the Council will advise and assist in establishing a coordinated, statewide effort to reduce the number of fatal and non-fatal heroin overdoses in Maryland.

Licensure & Certification

The office of Licensure and Certification has completed the annual provider renewal process. As of July 1, 2014, there are 26,771 certified or licensed EMS providers in Maryland.

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| EMD: | 1,113 |
| First Responder/EMR: | 2,822 |
| EMT: | 18,848 |
| CRT99: | 781 |
| Paramedic: | 3,207 |

Implementation of National Registry Testing for EMTs will begin with the fall semester classes.

State Office of Commercial Ambulance Licensing and Regulation (SOCALR)

SOCALR has completed the annual inspection and license renewal process.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT (RACSTC)

Ms. Doyle introduced Mr. Darryl Mealy who reported that work has begun on the Fire Marshall's requested upgrade in fire suppression tanks on the new helipad. Mr. Mealy added that a membrane is being placed over the concrete. All work will be reviewed by an independent contractor. The new helipad should be operational in two to three months. Ms. Doyle said the current helipad will still be the primary helipad used.

Dr. Westerband arrived at approximately 9:30 am.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

AW139 Transition Plan.

Major Lioi said the recent report by WBAL stating that MSPAC had been approached to sell the helicopter were not true.

Major Lioi submitted a written report and highlighted the AW139 Transition Plan. Five sections, Trooper 3 (Frederick), Trooper 6 (Easton), Trooper 4 (Salisbury), Trooper 7 (Southern Maryland), and Trooper 2 (Andrews) have completed the transition to the new AW139 helicopters.

Major Lioi invited the Board to the celebration and ribbon cutting of Trooper 2 on August 5, 2014 at FedEx Field.

Second in Command (SIC)

Major Lioi said all ten PINs approved in November 2013 have been filled. The MSP Personnel Unit has begun the review of over 150 applications and will begin selection for interviews to fill the ten PINs allotted in FY15.

Major Lioi said the last helicopter is due to be delivered by Augusta by the last week in July 2014.

Major Lioi added that preparation for the sale of the Dauphines will begin when Trooper 1 begins the transition to the AW139. It is anticipated this will occur by October 2014.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION (MSFA) UPDATE

Mr. DeVries welcomed President Keller and congratulated him on his election to President of the MSFA. Mr. DeVries also congratulated Mr. Roth and Mr. Davis on their election to 1st and 2nd Vice President respectively. President Keller said that the MSFA leadership will not be able to attend the June EMS Board meeting as they will be attending the Maryland Municipal League conference in Ocean City, MD.

President Keller thanked the EMS Board and EMSOF Partners for their continued support. President Keller added a special thanks to MIEMSS and Jim Brown for supporting the MSFA during convention and throughout the year.

President Keller said that the "Hands on Training" at the MSFA Convention was well-received and requests were received for more EMS training.

President Keller said the Cumberland Valley Fireman's Association meeting will be held August 4, 2014

The MSFA Executive Committee will be meeting on August 24, 2014, in Williamsport. Topics of discussion will include a briefing on the Charles Riley Fund by Chip Riley, a possible tour of the Washington County Children's Village, and a possible presentation on Texting and Driving.

On July 3, 2014, Senator Mikulski announced the awarding of the "Safer Grant" to the MSFA and the Maryland Fire Chiefs. A meeting has been set to discuss the parameters for execution of the grant.

OLD BUSINESS

SYSCOM/EMRC Upgrade

Mr. Balthis and Ms. Alban briefed the Board on the upgrade. Mr. Balthis said that MIEMSS secured the services of DiDonato Consulting Services (DCS), a veteran telecommunications design firm, under the State's Two-Way Radio Master Contract, to provide a comprehensive redesign of the SYSCOM / EMRC facility including telecommunications connectivity, as well as mechanical, electrical and fire suppression systems.

Originally, MIEMSS expected to relocate communications operations to another facility during the renovations. However, Motorola, the Maryland FiRST 700 MHz contractor, provided MIEMSS with a more aggressive installation schedule which required MIEMSS to maintain current operations in the communications center while the renovations are underway. A backup SYSCOM Center has been established in room 534 at MIEMSS.

Mr. Balthis said the risks associated with the renovation have been assessed, and a Mitigation Plan has been written. MIEMSS is conducting weekly meetings with the Project Team which includes the Acting Executive Directors, SYSCOM/EMRC reps, MSPAC, and the construction manager. All "construction" concerns, plans, review and exercise back-up options (MEMA, STC Backup center, Sat phones, etc.) are addressed.

Ms. Alban said all construction staff has been issued either IDs. The official work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, with some sub-contractors arriving earlier to off load tools and equipment. The security staff at the front door has been instructed to pay strict attention to those coming in the front door.

Ms. Alban added that it has been requested that no one park in the front of the building even to load or unload, if possible, as there are ongoing construction deliveries. The security guard has been made aware that this is a loading zone for the construction trades only. It has also been requested that during the construction phase, all tours and visitors to SYSCOM/EMRC be discontinued, and the construction zone be avoided as much as possible.

Ms. Alban provided a screen shot of the overall SYSCOM/EMRC design as well as a computer aided design drawing of the consoles.

NEW BUSINESS

Research Protocol: EMS Linkage to Addiction Treatment

Dr. Alcorta submitted the proposed protocol, the IRB approval, IRB amendment and the IRB extension for the protocol to the Board. He said the overall study goal is to link at risk prehospital patients to available substance abuse resources within the community. Participating Paramedics must complete a training curriculum that reviews the epidemiology of addiction and instructs health care providers on brief, targeted intervention techniques. The study was specifically structured not to interfere with general patient care or other treatment interventions. Screening questions take place after the completion of the assessment and treatment related tasks.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Berg, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board unanimously approved the Research Protocol: EMS Linkage to Addiction Treatment.

Mobile Integrated Community Health Pilot Program

Dr. Alcorta submitted a written description and gave an overall briefing on the Queen Anne's County Mobile Integrated Community Health Pilot Program. Dr. Alcorta said the pilot protocol seeks to address community-wide fragmented access to healthcare by identifying those individuals who frequently utilize 911 for non-life threatening or medical reasons. A nurse practitioner will have oversight of the program and Dr. Ciatola, Jurisdictional EMS Medical Director and Queen Anne's County Health Officer, will have medical oversight. Only paid Queen Anne's County career Paramedics will participate. This protocol will be submitted to the Protocol Review Committee on July 9, 2014.

Voluntary Ambulance Inspection Program (VAIP)

Mr. Berg submitted the 2014 VAIP approved by the SEMSAC with one amendment to make optional for BLS First Responder units adult and child epinephrine auto injectors. Dr. Alcorta advised the Board of the probable approval by the Protocol Review Committee (July 9, 2014) to allow alternative epinephrine administration, with additional education, by BLS providers to adults and children.

The Board discussed the need for epinephrine in the EMS formulary and the effect of the sharp increase in the cost of auto injectors.

Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board unanimously accepted the VAIP as approved by SEMSAC except that BLS transport units are required to carry epinephrine in one of the following forms: the auto injector, preloaded syringe or in vials after completion of approved education and that the VAIP as amended and approved shall be effective July 10, 2014.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, 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., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerland, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis; Fred Cross.

Board Members Absent: David Hexter, M.D.; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD; Sherry Adams

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Brown; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major Lioi; Lt. Lt. King.

Others: Mr. Molnar.

In closed session, the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meeting of May 13, 2014;
2. Reviewed and discussed preliminary budget issues and procurement issues relating to the state police Medevac program;
3. Reviewed and recommended appointments to SEMSAC;
4. Reviewed and acted on a provider disciplinary case;
5. Discussed the search for a new Executive Director of MIEMSS; and
6. Were advised on certain legal issues by legal counsel.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:38 a.m.

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg; Sally Showalter; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis; Fred Cross.

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Others Present:

MIEMSS: Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Dr. Floccare; Ms. Goff.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the re-designation of the following Hospitals as Cardiac Interventional Centers for five years.

- Carroll Hospital Center
- Baltimore Washington Medical Center
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
- Howard County General Hospital

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the University of Maryland Midtown Campus as a Base Station.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board voted unanimously to approve the five-year re-designation of Union Cecil Hospital and Frederick Memorial Hospital as a Primary Stroke Centers.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to support the Maryland State Police Aviation Command in changing the procuring agency for the MSPAC to the Department of Transportation.

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