



State Emergency Medical Services Board
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Minutes

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Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman (phone & in person); Roland Berg; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (phone); Fred Cross; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis (phone); Sherry Adams;
Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (phone).

Board Members Absent: N/A

Others Present:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette (phone).

Maryland State Police Aviation Command: Major Lioi.

Maryland State Firemen's Association: First Vice President Roth (phone).

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2014, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

REPORT OF THE STATEWIDE EMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Mr. Berg said that the Statewide EMS Advisory Council did not meet in July or August 2014.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA CENTER REPORT (RACSTC)

A written report was submitted to the Board.

MIEMSS REPORT

SYSCOM/EMRC Upgrade. Dr. Alcorta said the SYSCOM/EMRC upgrade is going well and is on schedule.

Overdose Prevention Council. Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS is working collaboratively with DHMH as a member of the Overdose Prevention Council formed by Executive Order to counter an increase in the number of heroin overdose deaths. MIEMSS has had in place an MOU with

DHMH since 2012 for providing de-identified data for identifying opioid overdoses. DHMH is integrating MIEMSS data with other agency data sets to track trends for intervention, treatment and prevention to reduce the likelihood of heroin overdose death. The use of Naloxone has been expanded to include many law enforcement agencies, as well as the public in certain circumstances. Dr. Alcorta also advised the Board of recent overdose incidents at a concert at Merriweather; however, those incidents did not involve heroin.

EMS Plan. Dr. Alcorta said the MIEMSS staff has completed review and incorporation of suggested changes from submitted comments received about the draft EMS Plan. Staff will submit the final draft to the EMS Board at the September 2014 meeting.

Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident. Dr. Alcorta said the draft guidance document has been developed that will aid county and local jurisdictions in planning for an active assailant incident. He said the document grew out of efforts by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security, MIEMSS and the Maryland Department of the State Police which convened a Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group. The Work Group has incorporated comments received into the draft guidance document and will soon distribute the guidance document to county and local jurisdictions.

Ebola. Dr. Alcorta updated the Board on the current status of the Ebola outbreak in Africa; he noted the over-1000 deaths so far which is ten times more than past outbreaks. There have been no confirmed cases in the United States other than the two aid workers who were transferred from Africa for treatment to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. The CDC has taken an active posture by sending health assets to Africa. Ms. Adams added that DHMH is working on outreach materials and is targeting schools. In the United States, there have been only two laboratories capable of testing for Ebola. There have not been any testing requests from Maryland and every suspicious case has been ruled out. Late Friday, the CDC developed a package of testing protocols for state health labs which will reduce travel time to the CDC for testing; Maryland is one of the eleven labs. Ms. Adams added that the current international concern is for this disease to emerge in other countries, e.g., Nigeria. The Governor recently conducted a table top exercise which included discussion of travel protocols. Ms. Adams said that DHMH is strongly recommending that everyone receive a flu shot this year since Ebola symptoms are similar to flu systems. Provider education regarding travel and infectious disease was discussed.

New Hospital. Dr. Alcorta also announced that Holy Cross' new Germantown facility is scheduled to open in October 2014. He said the hospital has contacted MIEMSS to obtain information on designation requirements.

MIEMSS Personnel. Dr. Alcorta reported that Mike Deckard had accepted the MIEMSS Ombudsman position and is expected to start on September 3, 2014.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

AW139 Transition Plan. Major Lioi said the Trooper 6, Cumberland, began their transition training on July 28, 2014; he said that this marks the 6th Section in the State to transition to the new helicopters. To date, crews have completed their first two weeks of ground school and are currently flying sorties and familiarization flights. Trooper 1, Baltimore Section, is scheduled to begin transition training in October. Major Lioi thanked all those who attended the Trooper 2 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony which was well-attended and thanked the partners for their support.

Second in Command (SIC). Major Lioi said that the MSP is in the process of interviewing and polygraphing candidates on the eligibility list. Interviews are scheduled through September to select the ten (10) additional SIC PINs funded this year (FY 2015).

Inspection and Acceptance of New Helicopters. Major Lioi said that the MSPAC received and accepted the 10th AW-139 helicopter on Friday, August 1, 2014. This aircraft is now in service and has been flown to the Cumberland Section, to be used for continued transition training.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION (MSFA) UPDATE

Mr. Roth extended greetings from the MSFA Presidents who are traveling this week to the Virginia Beach and the West Virginia Volunteer Firemen's Association meetings, as well as the MACO Conference in Ocean City, MD.

Mr. Roth encouraged the partners to attend next year's Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association meeting in Delaware. Notices will be sent in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Roth congratulated the MSPAC on the completion of the transition of Trooper 2 and the recent Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

MFRI is accepting registrations to the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference September 23, 2014, at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel.

The National Fallen Firefighters weekend is scheduled for October 11 & 12, 2014, in Emmetsburg, MD.

The MSFA Executive meeting is scheduled on August 23 & 24, 2014, at the Williamsport Fire and Rescue outside of Hagerstown, MD.

The next MSFA Annual Convention is scheduled for June 20 thru 26, 2015, in Ocean City, Maryland.

OLD BUSINESS

Mobile Integrated Community Health Pilot Program. Dr. Alcorta said the Protocol Committee has reviewed and approved the Mobile Integrated Community Health Pilot Protocol. He gave an overview of the pilot protocol. Dr. Alcorta said the pilot protocol will be applied to help address fragmented access to healthcare by identifying the health needs of those in Queen Anne's County who frequently utilize 911 for non-life threatening or medical reasons in Queen Anne's County. He asked for the Board's approval of the pilot protocol. Ms. Vanhoy added that once the protocol is implemented, there will likely be three to four months of data available for review by the end of the year. EMS roles and procedures within the Pilot Protocol, patient special needs resource referrals and funding sources for the Pilot Program were discussed.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Cross, which was seconded by Mr. Berg, the Board approved Mobile Integrated Community Health Pilot Program. Ms. Vanhoy abstained.

Neonatal and Specialty Care Transport Regulations. Ms. Sette said the Neonatal and Specialty Care Transport Regulations were published in the Maryland Register on May 30, 2014. No comments were

received. Ms. Sette asked for final action by the Board for the Regulations to be effective September 1, 2014.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, which was seconded by Mr. Broccolino, the Board approved Neonatal and Specialty Care Transport Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, 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 (phone & in person); Roland Berg; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (phone); Fred Cross; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis (phone); Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (phone).

Board Members Absent: N/A

Others Present:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette (phone).

In closed session, the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meeting of May 13, 2014;
2. Discussed the Prince George's Hospital Perinatal Program;
3. Reviewed and recommended appointments to SEMSAC; and
4. Discussed the search for a new Executive Director of MIEMSS;

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino, Vice-Chairman (phone & in person); Roland Berg; David Hexter, M.D.; Sally Showalter (phone); Fred Cross; Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis (phone); Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD (phone).

Board Members Absent: N/A

Others Present:

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

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette (phone).

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

- Prince George's Hospital Center
- St. Joseph Medical Center
- Suburban Hospital
- Union Memorial Hospital

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