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**State Emergency Medical Services Board
April 14, 2015
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino (by phone), Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg (by phone); David Hexter, M.D.; Fred Cross (by phone); Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy (by phone); Sally Showalter; Kyrle Pries (by phone).

Board Members Absent: Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Alban; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Aycock; Mr. Balthis; Mr. Brown; Mr. Deckard; Mr. Darchicourt; Ms. Gilliam; Ms. Goff; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Ms. Oliveira; Mr. Schaefer.

OAG: Ms. Sette

MSPAC: Major Lioi

MSFA: First Vice President Roth

RACSTC: Ms. Doyle

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the March 10, 2015, meeting of the State EMS Board.

MIEMSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Seaman highlighted items on the distributed MIEMSS Report.

National Registry Training. MIEMSS continues monitoring the National Registry test results of the initial testing of Emergency Medical Technicians. Dr. Seaman said he has asked the BLS Subcommittee to form a workgroup to review best practices and to consider options for improving first time test results and the testing process.

EMS/Firefighter Night at Oriole Park. Dr. Seaman announced that the Orioles will recognize and honor Maryland's EMS providers across the state during EMS Week on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:05 pm when the Orioles play the Seattle Mariners. For each ticket sold, \$5-\$7 of the sale price will go directly to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF). Look for ticket information in the near future.

SYSCOM/EMRC. Dr. Seaman said that the SYSCOM / EMRC renovation project is still on schedule and on budget. The new SYSCOM/EMRC should be fully operational by May 2015. The anticipated go-live date is May 27, 2015.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Dr. Seaman said that SEMSAC has been asked to form a workgroup to assess options for consideration regarding Mobile Integrated Healthcare for Maryland EMS.

SEMSAC REPORT

Mr. Berg reported that the SEMSAC Minimum Equipment Standards Workgroup has finalized the list of equipment it will recommend to be standard on ALS and BLS Transports and ALS Chase Cars. The Workgroup continues to work on medications, including quantities, for ALS Transports and Chase Cars. Next steps include drafting standards inspections, implementation and assurance of compliance.

Mr. Berg said the ePCR Workgroup continues to work on solutions to EMS patient hand-off and improving compliance with leaving patient care reports at the ED. The Workgroup will likely report to the SEMSAC at the June 2015 meeting.

Mr. Berg added that SEMSAC has asked Karen Doyle and Scott Haas to Co-Chair the Mobile Integrated Health Workgroup. Ms. Doyle and Mr. Haas will be asking for volunteers to sit on the workgroup from all disciplines in the EMS system.

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Major Lioi introduced Colonel Anthony Satchell, Bureau Chief of Special Operations, which oversees the Aviation Command.

Major Lioi said the MSPAC has scheduled the Trooper #1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for 1:00 pm on May 7, 2015, at Martin's State Airport. Noting that the May SEMSAC meeting is scheduled at the same time, Major Lioi invited the SEMSAC to meet at Martin's before/after the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Major Lioi reported that a committee has been formed and planning initiated to honor the fallen heroes of the Trooper 2 crash by erecting a memorial to be dedicated on September 27, 2015, the date of the crash six years ago. Major Lioi added that two memorials are being planned, one at the Walkersville Park entrance and one at the crash site.

MSPAC continues to work with Augusta Westland on the video training in the Flight Training Device (FTD). The FTD is scheduled to be complete and installed by May 2016. MSPAC is working with DGS to have the building renovations completed in time for delivery.

MSFA UPDATE

President Keller said the next MSFA Executive Committee meeting will be held April 18-19, 2015, at Urbana, starting at 10am on the 18th.

The MSFA Convention will be held on June 20 - 26, 2015, in Ocean City. The featured guest speaker is Liz Marks, a young woman who crashed her vehicle due to texting while driving. Additional EMS hands on training and a "Combat Challenge" has been added to schedule.

Work continues on the SAFER grant with 164 open houses to foster recruitment and retention held on April 12, 2015.

Mr. Keller thanked MIEMSS for all of their partnership and support. Mr. DeVries thanked Mr. Keller for his leadership as President of the MSFA.

R ADAMS COWLEY SHOCK TRAUMA

Reporting for Ms. Doyle, Ms. Carlson said patient volumes were down slightly over last year at this time and added that statewide trauma volumes are down, as well. Ms. Carlson reported on the current volume statistics for Total Patient Admissions, Lost Inter-hospital Transfers, Air Scene vs Air Inter-hospital Transports, Operating Room and Neuro-trauma Volumes, and Hyperbaric Chamber Dive Hours.

Ms. Carlson gave an overview of RACSTC's 2015 Legislative Outreach, Organ and Tissue Donation Program and the Global Outreach-Trauma Observation Program.

Ms. Carlson said the RACSTC Center for Injury Prevention & Policy held 1,495 events with 13,283 attendees from July 2014 through March 2015. Ms. Carlson added that EMS Outreach and Education Activities included Observation in the TRU and Critical Care Units for EMS providers, twenty six (26) tours groups and three (3) ALS Airway Courses.

Legislative Session - 2015.

Ms. Gainer said the MIEMSS and EMSOF Budget hearings went well and MIEMSS was awaiting a copy of the final approved budget.

Ms. Gainer distributed a summary of the various bills of interest considered by the General Assembly during the 2015 session and highlighted the passing of the Assault on a First Responder Bill (making an assault on a First Responder a felony). The Immunity from Liability – Emergency Medical Care for Drug overdose bill provides immunity protections for Law Enforcement Officers who administer Narcan to Heroin overdose victims. The 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System – Multiple Line Telephone Systems- Dial Direct (Kari's Law) requires by December 31, 2017, multiple-line telephone systems must be able to connect to the PSAP without requiring the individual to dial any other number or set of numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

Title 30. Mr. Magee said effective October 1, 2014, certain State statutes, including certain sections of the Maryland Public Information Act, have been relocated from the State Government Article of the Maryland Code to a new article, the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code. MIEMSS Title 30 regulations relating to public access to MIEMSS records and to the confidentiality of MIEMSS records refer to certain of those relocated statutes. He distributed proposed amendments to MIEMSS Title 30 regulations to correct the statutory references in light of this change.

Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Dr. Hexter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendments to COMAR Title 30.

NEW BUSINESS

COMAR 30.01.02.01.

Mr. Magee said this amendment is to “Incorporate by Reference” the updated Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers.

Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed the Incorporation by Reference.

Upon the motion of Dr. Hexter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, 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 (by phone), Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg (by phone); David Hexter, M.D.; Fred Cross (by phone); Dany Westerband, M.D.; Mary Alice Vanhoy (by phone); Sally Showalter; Kyrle Pries (by phone).

Board Members Absent: Sherry Adams; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD.

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Ms. Goff; Ms. Abramson; Mr. Brown; Dr. Alcorta; Mr. Schaefer; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Oliveira; Josh Roberts.

MSP: Lt. Col. Satchell; Maj. Lioi; Capt. Konold; 1st. Lt. King.

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

In closed session the Board:

1. Considered Educational Program Designations;
2. Considered a Primary Stroke Center Designation;
3. Considered Perinatal MOU
4. Reviewed EMS provider disciplinary actions.

The Board reconvened in Open Session which was attended by:

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OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, which was seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve Carroll Hospital Center for a one-year provisional period as Primary Stroke Center.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Mr. Cross, the Board voted unanimously to approve Prince George's Community College and Shore Health/Chesapeake College as an ALS Education Program for five years. Ms. Vanhoy abstained.

ACTION: Upon the motion by Ms. Showalter, which was seconded by Dr. Westerband, the Board approved the MOU with Children's National Health System as a Level IV Perinatal Center under COMAR 30.08.01.03 C. Mr. Berg abstained.

The Board adjourned by acclamation.