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State Emergency Medical Services Board

July 14, 2015

Minutes

Board Members Present: Donald L. DeVries, Jr., Esq., Chairman; Vic Broccolino; Vice-Chairman; Roland Berg (by phone); Mary Alice Vanhoy; Kyrle Preis; Dean E. Albert Reece, MD., (by phone); Sally Showalter; David Hexter, M.D.; Dany Westerland, M.D.

Board Members Absent: Fred Cross; Sherry Adams

Others Present:

MIEMSS: Dr. Seaman; Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Mr. Brown; Mrs. Oliveira; Ms. Gilliam; Mr. Cantera; Mr. Reynolds; Ms. Goff.

MFRI: Mr. Edwards

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

MSPAC: Captain Konold; Lt. King

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

ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerland, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015, meeting of the State EMS Board as written.

SEMSAC REPORT

Mr. Berg reported the ePCR Workgroup, chaired by Dr. Anders, and has developed a survey regarding patient care reporting for prehospital providers. MIEMSS will distribute the survey and the Workgroup anticipates reporting results by September EMS Board meeting.

Mr. Berg said Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup's first meeting was held on July 1, 2015. The workgroup will assess current capabilities within the scope of practice for ALS and BLS providers and determine what roles EMS provider can play in Mobile Integrated Healthcare. The workgroup has set an aggressive target of work completion between 90 and 120 days.

The Minimum Equipment Standards Workgroup's next meeting is July 23, 2015 at 1:00pm in room 212 at MIEMSS. No comments have been received on the proposed

equipment list that was submitted to SEMSAC members for review. The mechanism for compliance of the proposed standards is on the agenda for the next meeting.

MIEMSS REPORT

Dr. Seaman said that MIEMSS is working collaboratively with MFRI and the MSFA on the NREMT testing process for EMT and EMR. A Best Practices subgroup of the BLS Committee has been formed and MIEMSS has begun receiving regular reports from National Registry on test completions. Dr. Seaman added that MIEMSS' goal is assisting those who have taken the course and passed the practical in to take the National Registry test.

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Written Report

MSP AVIATION COMMAND UPDATE

Captain Konold reported that Part 135 Certification remains at the FAA in the Document Review phase. MSPAC will move quickly to the Compliance Inspection phase as soon as the Document Review phase is completed by the FAA.

The Command currently has 2 pilots in their initial training. After an internal recruitment, four experienced pilots have been selected for promotion to Flight Instructor. Factory training for these Flight Instructors in the AW-139 will begin August 3, 2015.

Six MSP Paramedics were transferred into the Aviation Command on April 29, 2015 as Rescue Technicians - ALS level, on July 7, 2015 and have been assigned to operational sections.

The Critical Design Review with Agusta Italy was completed on schedule and construction on the FTD has begun. Major components for construction are being procured by Agusta Italy. Delivery of the FTD is scheduled for May 2016, with operation expected in late summer/early fall 2016.

Building design requirements were reviewed with Agusta Italy engineers and approved by Department of General Services (DGS) personnel. DGS is preparing a design-build bid specification for release by September 2015. It is anticipated the building will be substantially complete when the FTD is delivered for installation.

MSPAC is working with UMD Procurement and MDOT to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for master services agreements for heavy maintenance on the AW-139 airframes to coincide with warranty expiration in 2016. UMD Procurement has completed the bid packages and is reviewing with DBM. The Agreements will be DBM procurements once the documents are finalized and approved.

Mr. Broccolino arrived at 9:11am

Dr. Reece called in at 9:12am

MSFA UPDATE

Mr. DeVries said the MSFA Convention was a great success which was well attended. Mr. DeVries added that the video by Jim Brown (MIEMSS) on distracted driving in conjunction with the presentation by Liz Marks on texting and driving was very well done.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MFRI 2015 Strategic Plan. Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards thanked the EMS Board for the opportunity to give a quick presentation on the MFRI 2015 Strategic Plan. Mr. Edwards gave an overview of the Plan which was distributed to the members in attendance.

Mr. Edwards said that MFRI is celebrating its 85th year of providing fire, rescue and EMS training.

Mr. Edwards reviewed the process by which the plan was developed and said input from students, field instructors and organizations throughout Maryland was incorporated.

Mr. Edwards said the Plan revolves around five strategic goals: student success, safety, infrastructure, human resources and partnerships.

MFRI will now have a Student Council; the Council will have input regarding process, course review and assessment. MFRI is considering switching to My Brady Lab, an interactive learning management system, to be utilized for EMT and EMR. My Brady Lab will assist individual students by showing areas of weakness with each module that may need additional instruction. During the pilot program, students showed a marked increase of between 10 and 12 points when tested. Another change being instituted by MFRI is the minimum class size which will now be determined by jurisdictional population. Mr. Edwards added that MFRI is changing the retest policy by allowing students one retest regardless of initial test score.

On January 1, 2016, MFRI will institute the PAR System. For every exam taken, student will receive direct feedback on the areas of incorrect answers. It will not repeat the questions; but it will inform students in what chapters the incorrect answers were given. Instructors will be given a master copy of the results for each course.

Mr. Edwards said MFRI has received a \$500,000 grant for PPE and Breathing Apparatus.

The MFRI 2015 Strategic Plan can be found on the MFRI web site at: www.mfri.org

Chief Preis thanked Mr. Edwards for the change in the retesting policy and said it will make a significant improvement in recruitment. A discussion regarding utilization of the online Learning Management System ensued.

ACTION: Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to move to closed session.

In Closed Session:

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

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OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette.

In closed session the Board:

1. Approved the closed session minutes of the Board meetings June 9, 2015
2. Considered Educational Program Designations;
3. Considered a nomination to fill vacancies on the Statewide EMS Advisory Council;
4. Considered attendance waivers for three SEMSAC members;
5. Reviewed the status of developing minimum equipment standards and inspections for public safety ambulances; and
6. Current designation of a hospital Burn Center.

The Board returned to open session.

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Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Vanhoy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following educational programs:

- East Coast Ambulance- BLS Refresher Education Program Renewal for 5 years
- Towson University Police Department- EMR Education Program Renewal for 5 years

Mr. DeVries said the EMS Board is pleased with the progress that the Minimum Equipment Standard Workgroup has made and applaud the efforts and commitment to achieve a consensus by Chief Simonds and the Workgroup members. The Board recommends that SEMSAC submit the recommended Minimum Equipment Standards to the Board for review and have the SEMSAC Workgroup continue to collaborate with MIEMSS on recommendations for statewide implementation.

Upon the motion of Ms. Vanhoy, seconded by Chief Preis, the Board voted unanimously to delegate the course approval for NIEMS to the OAH.

Upon the motion of Ms. Showalter, seconded by Chief Preis, the Board voted unanimously to revoke program approval for NIEMS but hold in abeyance to see if NIEMS' attempt to renew.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.