



**State Emergency Medical Services Board**  
**August 9, 2016**  
**Minutes**

State of Maryland

**Maryland  
Institute for  
Emergency Medical  
Services Systems**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Alice Vanhoy; Jim Scheulen

**Others Present:**

**MIEMSS:** Ms. Gainer; Dr. Alcorta; Ms. Abramson; Ms. Aycock; Ms. Mays; Ms. Myers; Mr. Schaefer; Mr. Fiackos; Dr. Bailey; Ms. Goff; Mr. Brown (phone).

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

**RACSTC:** Ms. Doyle (phone)

Mr. DeVries called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ACTION: Upon the motion Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve as written the minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting of the State EMS Board.**

**MIEMSS REPORT**

Communications Project. Ms. Gainer reported that MIEMSS is making revisions to the RFP as requested by DoIT and, at this point, the RFP is still on schedule for release at the end of August 2016.

New Licensure System. MIEMSS continues to work with ImageTrend to implement a self-service system that will allow providers/users to log in and perform many of the functions that could only be accomplished in the office by Licensure and Certification staff utilizing a paper process.

CARES Registry. Ms. Gainer said that the CARES Registry for uniform data collection and quality improvement in Maryland and nationally, has been implemented using a “phased in” approach. Phase #5 of the jurisdictional implementation was begun on August 1, 2016: Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Garrett and St. Mary’s County’s cardiac arrest data is being exported to CARES directly from eMEDS®. It is anticipated that all jurisdictions in Maryland will be participating in the CARES Registry by the end of 2016.

Hospital Designations/Re-designations. Ms. Gainer gave a status update on current and future hospital specialty center regulations, designations and re-designations.

Base Stations: MIEMSS has completed the site survey re-designation process on the thirteen (13) Base Stations due for re-designation in 2016.

Primary Stroke Centers: There are twenty-five (25) hospital specialty centers due for Primary Stroke Center re-designation in 2017.

Trauma Centers: The Adult Trauma Standards Workgroup is finalizing revisions to the COMAR Trauma Center Standards.

Freestanding Medical Facilities (FMF). Ms. Gainer said that the proposed regulations for hospital conversion to a FMF will be presented to the Board for information today.

**RACSTC:** No report

**MSPAC:** A written report was submitted.

**MSFA:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

Freestanding Medical Facility Regulation. Ms. Myers, Ms. Sette

A copy of the proposed FMF regulation was distributed.

Ms. Myers said that hospitals do not currently need to notify or consider the impact on emergency medical services when deciding to close or reduce services provided. SB 707 exempts the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility from the requirement to obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) and establishes the procedures for obtaining an exemption. To qualify for an exemption, the conversion must not be inconsistent with the State Health Plan; must result in the delivery of more efficient / effective health services; and must be in the public interest. Further, the EMS Board must make a determination that the conversion will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the Statewide EMS System.

Ms. Sette said the role of the EMS Board is to advise MHCC on the impact of conversion from a full service hospital to a freestanding medical facility on EMS resources and the delivery of adequate and appropriate emergency medical care. She said the proposed regulation identifies the factors the EMS Board will consider in making such a determination. The draft regulation will be posted to the MIEMSS website for informal comment in advance of MIEMSS seeking approval from the Board to publish the draft in the *Maryland Register*.

Any questions regarding the proposed regulation should be directed to Ms. Lisa Myers, MIEMSS' Director of Cardiac and Special Programs at: [lmyers@miemss.org](mailto:lmyers@miemss.org) or by calling 410-706-4740.

**ACTION: Upon the motion of Dr. Westerband, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted to go into closed session.**

Adjourn to closed session to carry out administrative functions, to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on pending disciplinary actions under General Provisions Article §3-305(a) (7), and to maintain certain records and information in confidence as required by Health Occ. Art. §14-506 (b) under General Provisions Article §3-305 (a) (13).

**In Closed Session:**

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**In closed session the Board:**

1. Discussed educational programs;
2. Discussed a Trauma Center and an Freestanding Emergency Medical Center re-designations;
3. A Provider Review Panel appointment; and
4. Considered EMS provider disciplinary actions.

**The Board returned to open session.**

**Upon the motion of Mr. Broccolino, seconded by Ms. Showalter, the Board voted to approve the Carroll Community College ALS Education program for five years; the Hatzalah of Baltimore Training Center EMS Refresher education program for five years; and the Shady Grove Germantown Emergency Center re-designation for five years.**

**The Board adjourned by acclamation.**