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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA

July 6, 2017

1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Approval of the April 4, 2017 meeting minutes
- II. SEMSAC Chair Report – Dr. Kalish
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Alcorta
 - Personal Protective Equipment Recommendations and Unknown Substance Precautions for First Responders
- IV. MSFA Update -
- V. MSPAC Update – Captain Konold
- VI. National Study Center – Dr. Kozar
- VII. Committee Reports
 - ALS – Dr. Fillmore
 - BLS – Mr. Tiemersma – No Report
 - EMD – Mr. Markey
 - Regional Affairs – Mr. Smothers
- VIII. Old Business
 - Phase II MIH Committee Recommendations – ACTION – Ms. Doyle
 - Reversing the Deadly Highway Trend; Moving Maryland Toward Zero Deaths Update – Mr. Gianni
- IX. New Business
 - COMAR30.08.02.03 Amendment to Initial Application Process – INFORMATION/ACTION – Mr. Magee
 - COMAR 30.08.02.10 Reverification of Trauma or Specialty Referral Center Designation – INFORMATION/ACTION - Mr. Magee



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Meeting Minutes

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SEMSAC Members Present: Murray Kalish, MD, Chairman; Scott Haas, Vice Chair; Karen Doyle; Jack Markey; Jonathan Lerner; Eric Smothers; Steve Edwards; Jeffrey Filmore, MD; Jay Fowler; Wade Gaasch; Tim Burns; Scott Haas; Wayne Dyott; Melissa Meyers; Tom Gianni; Rosemary Kozar; Wayne Tiemersma; Lisa Tenney; Jennifer Anders; Brian Frankel; Linda Dousa; Michael DeRuggiero

Members Absent: Jim Scheulen; Kathleen Grote; Roger Simonds; Karen Vogel; Jason Day; Tim Chizmar

Others Present: Bill Dousa; Vanzetta James (STC);

MSPAC: Steve Konold for Scott Lowman; Lance Woods

OAG: Fremont Magee

MIEMSS: Dr. Alcorta; Pat Gainer; Anna Aycock; Lisa Myers; Jim Brown; Jonathan Bratt; Barbara Goff

Chairman Kalish opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence in memory of MSFA Past President and former EMS Board member Richard Yinger who passed away on July 2, 2017.

Action: A motion was made by Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Mr. Smothers and unanimously agreed upon to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting as written.

SEMSAC Report

Dr. Kalish said the following items were approved by the EMS Board at the June meeting:

Incorporation by Reference: Maryland Medical Protocols for Emergency Medical Services Providers and the Maryland State Trauma Registry Data Dictionary for Adult Patients for Incorporation by Reference by proposed amendment to COMAR 30.01.02.01.

COMAR Licensure & Certification regulation change for EMT requirement in Education Article, §13-516, Annotated Code of Maryland .03 which would incorporate the EMR-to-EMT Bridge course that had recently been developed.

COMAR Licensure & Certification regulation changes for renewal and reinstatement for CRT This will bring CRT in line with Paramedic renewal and reinstatement until 2019 when CRT will no longer be supported.

COMAR - Education Article, §13-516(d) - Definition Change “CECBEMS” to “CAPCE,” changing the “Continuing Education Coordination Board for EMS” to the “Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education” under Subtitle 04 Emergency Medical Services Education Programs and Courses .01 Definitions and .06 Other Courses.

JH Bayview was approved as an Adult Burn Center for the remaining four years of the five year designation period.

MIEMSS Report

A written report was distributed.

Dr. Alcorta announced that EMS Board member Kyrle Preis was appointed to the position of Fire Chief of the Baltimore County Fire Department.

Opioid Operational Command Center (O OCC)

Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS has produced a two-sided (business size) card providing information for EMS to share with opioid overdose patients who refuse transport to a hospital. The card displays the Maryland Crisis Hotline “1-800-422-0009,” includes information on the Overdose Response Program (at NaloxoneMD.org) for procuring Naloxone, and provides the steps to take in the event of an opioid overdose. The cards have been distributed to be carried on all EMS ambulances for distribution as appropriate. There have been inquiries from schools and other entities on acquiring the cards; the card is on the MIEMSS website for anyone to reproduce at their own expense:

http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EMS_News/Opiod-Business-Card-V4A.pdf?ver=2017-06-27-080150-120

Dr. Alcorta distributed a copy of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Recommendations and Unknown Substance Precautions for First Responders (EMS and Law enforcement). He said that PPE used today by first responders is adequate for overdose responses. Respiratory protection applies only if handling and processing high risk agent fentanyl and its analogues.

Legislative

Dr. Alcorta reported that MIEMSS has been tasked with three (3) Legislative Studies that are due by December 31, 2017: an AED Placement Recommendation Study, a Mobile Integrated Healthcare Evaluation Study and an ED Overcrowding (with HSCRC) Study.

Licensure

Dr. Alcorta said that MIEMSS is aware of and working on the issues surrounding the “Taken/Not Taken” reports. He added that an eLicensure Steering Committee has been formed to discuss issues and solutions with the new eLicensure system. The first meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 10:00 am in room 212 at MIEMSS.

Communications Upgrade

Dr. Alcorta said that the RFP closing date was June 1, 2017. MIEMSS is currently reviewing the proposals for technical sufficiency.

MSFA

Ms. Dousa said that the funeral for MSFA Past President Richard Yinger is on Saturday, July 8, 2017.

MSPAC

Captain Konold said that the Flight Training Device is on schedule for delivery in October which will coincide with the completion of the Flight Training Building.

Captain Konold introduced Mr. Lance Woods, MSP Aviation Command's new Flight Operations Director.

NATIONAL STUDY CENTER (NSC)

Dr. Kozar said that the NHTSA CIREN grant has been fully funded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALS Committee – No Report

BLS Committee – No Report

EMD Committee – No Report

Regional Affairs Committee

The Regional Affairs Committee intends to return to meeting the morning of SEMSAC meetings.

Mr. Bratt said award letters are in process for the State Highway (SHA) Active Assailant equipment grant.

Mobil Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup:

(A paper copy of the MIH Recommendations Document was distributed for review)

Ms. Doyle submitted the finalized MIH Recommendations document for approval for recommendation by SEMSAC to the EMS Board.

Upon the motion of Mr. Gianni, seconded by Ms. Tenney, the SEMSAC voted unanimously to recommend the EMS Board consider the MIH Recommendations document.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Reversing the Deadly Highway Trend: Moving Maryland Toward Zero Deaths – Mr. Gianni

Mr. Gianni gave an update on progress regarding the “Trauma Band Project” being conducted in Arkansas. He said the State Highway Administration (SHA) hopes to move forward a pilot program with Meritus Hospital and Peninsula Regional Medical Center to assess the feasibility of such a program in Maryland. A discussion of trauma bands and triage tags ensued. Mr. Gianni added that better data on trauma outcomes would assist SHA in obtaining more accurate patient injury data.

NEW BUSINESS

LAMS Stroke Research Protocol for Baltimore City FD

Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the Baltimore City Fire Department’s, LAMS Stroke Research protocol being conducted in conjunction with Johns Hopkins, JHH Bayview and UMMC which has received IRB approval.

This research will assess EMS identification of patients in the field with severe stroke-like symptoms using in-field modified versions of two different stroke severity scales designed to predict the presence of a large vessel occlusion that may require specific intervention. The project will also assess whether if taking a patient directly to a facility that offers both IV tPA and mechanical embolectomy improves patient outcomes.

Upon the motion of Ms. Doyle, seconded by Dr. Filmore, the SEMSAC voted unanimously to recommend the EMS Board consider approval of the LAMS Stroke Research Protocol.

COMAR 30.08.02.03 Initial Application Process & COMAR 30.08.02.10 Reverification of Trauma or Specialty Referral Center Designation Regulation

Mr. Magee presented the language changes made to both regulations removing obsolete language and including updated application designation process language.

Upon the motion of Mr. Tiemersma, seconded by Mr. Fowler, the SEMSAC voted unanimously to recommend the EMS Board consider approval of the COMAR 30.08.02.03 Initial Application Process & COMAR 30.08.02.10 Reverification of Trauma or Specialty Referral Center Designation Regulation.

SEMSAC adjourned by acclamation.