



Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA

August 1, 2024 - 1:00pm

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Smothers
 - Call the roll
 - Approval of the May 2, 2024 SEMSAC minutes.
- II. SEMSAC Chair Report – Mr. Smothers
- III. MIEMSS Report – Mr. Linthicum
- IV. MSPAC Report – Major Tagliaferri
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. Committee Reports
 - ALS Report – Dr. Fillmore
 - BLS – Mr. Linthicum
 - By-laws Committee – Ms. Burroughs
 - MIH Report – Chief Matz
 - Regional Affairs – Chief Koch
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business



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Theodore R. Delbridge, MD, MPH
Executive Director

State EMS Advisory Council
Virtual meeting
August 1, 2024
Meeting Minutes

SEMSAC Members Present: Eric Smothers, Chairperson; Scott Haas, Vice Chairperson; Gordon Wallace; Jeffrey Sagel; Kathleen Grote; Michael Tagliaferri; Tim Kerns; William Teeter; Kathryn Burroughs; Danielle Katz; Lisa Tenney; Lisa Lisle; Bruce Klein; Alan Butsch; Jeffrey Fillmore; Justin Orendorf; Farheen Qurashi; Danny Platt; Wayne Dyott; Michael Cox; Jennifer Milesky; Elliott Haut; Doug Beitzel; Susan Mott; Tony Rose

SEMSAC Members Absent: Kristie Snedeker; Erik Abrahamson; Linda Young; Matthew Levy;

MSFA: Kate Loveless

OAG: Mr. Malizio; Ms. Pierson

Other: Rick Koch; Chair, Regional Affairs Committee;

MIEMSS: Todd Abramovitz; Kenny Barajas; Mark Bilger; Lisa Chervon; Bryan Ebling; Doug Floccare, MD; Pat Gainer; Jeff Huggins; Dwayne Kitis; Scott Legore; Randy Linthicum; Mustafa Sidik; William Thompson; Bev Witmer; Cyndy Wright-Johnson; Barbara Goff

Chairman Smothers called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. The roll was called.

Chairman Smothers asked for approval of the May 2, 2024 SEMSAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: A motion was made by Dr. Sagel seconded by Ms. Mott, and unanimously voted upon to approve the May 2, 2024 SEMSAC minutes as written.

SEMSAC Report

Chairman Smothers said that there was nothing to report at this time.

MIEMSS Report

Randy Linthicum, Deputy Director

Grocery Stores and Restaurants AED Program (SB299/HB288)

Mr. Linthicum gave an overview of the 2024 legislation requiring some grocery stores and restaurants to have AEDs. The legislation exempts grocery stores and restaurants from the “facility” definition in current AED statute and regulations that requires training and reporting. Grocery stores and restaurants with AEDs will need to register and be able to receive alerts. AED placements begins January 1, 2025.

AED/Naloxone (SB1099)

Mr. Linthicum said that starting October 1, 2024, two doses of Naloxone is to be co-located with certain public access AEDs (public buildings supported by public funds) by October 1, 2027. MIEMSS will be seeking funding through MDH from the Opioid Restitution fund for staffing, containers, and signage. MIEMSS will also be looking to MDH to supply the Naloxone.

Mr. Linthicum said that this program will tie in to the AED registry. He added that Zoll, the current registry provider, is ending the registry program. MIEMSS is working on an in-house registry for AEDs and the naloxone placement programs. The in-house program will have more flexibility allowing 9-1-1 centers to access all AED and naloxone placements.

Licenses and Certifications (SB374)

Mr. Linthicum said that SB374 prohibits MIEMSS from requiring a social security number or proof of lawful residence in the US when licensing EMS clinicians effective October 1, 2024. Applicants can use another form of documentation approved by the US Department of Health and Human Services. MIEMSS may need to make slight changes in the EMS clinician application process.

Office of Clinician Services

Mr. Linthicum said that current first attempt student pass rate for the EMT psychomotor exams is approximately 75% with the majority of students passing on the second attempt. He added that the EMT skills verification for renewals has been placed on hold for further review and adjustments. The existing renewal process remains in place for the January cycle re-certifications.

MIEMSS is actively in the process of recruiting a director for the Office of clinician services.

MSPAC

A written report was disseminated.

Major Tagliaferri highlighted current personnel vacancies, hires, hoist missions and medical training, three heavy helicopter maintenance inspections (noting no coverage gaps), current statistics on the Whole Blood program (155 units of blood administered), and the number of missions and hours flown. He said the written report includes mission statistics for each section and notable missions.

Major Tagliaferri also highlighted recruiting and outreach events for encouraging high school students to consider MSP aviation as a career path.

Major Tagliaferri said that at the last EMS Board meeting, MSPAC requested and received for FY24 a budget amendment for up to \$4,871,706 to cover expenditures for helicopter maintenance and repairs and personnel salary enhancements. He gave an overview of previous budget amendment requests. He added that MSPAC will be working on budget projections for FY2025 and FY2026.

MSFA

A written report was distributed.

Ms. Mott said that the recent MSFA convention was very successful. She said that the name of the MSFA was changed from the Maryland State "Firemen's" Association to the Maryland State "Firefighters" Association.

The recruitment and retention committee is garnering a lot of attention on its Facebook posts including training opportunities.

The MSFA continues to monitor the new proposed OSHA guidelines.

Ms. Mott said that changes are being made to the MSFA web site. There is no longer a login requirement to visit the site.

MS Mott noted that there have been small changes in the VAIP due to medication adjustments. She also mentioned that some jurisdictions are purchasing the LIFEPAK 35's. She added that Dr. Chizmar said that LIFEPAKs are for use associated with the medic unit and not for personal use.

The EMS committee discussed ALS and BLS mutual patient care decisions when transporting a patient, dual sequential defibrillation, and cannabis use within the fire service. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding clinician use of cannabis.

A discussion regarding the safety issues surrounding welfare check request to EMS along with law enforcement ensued.

SEMSAC Committee Reports

ALS Committee –

Dr. Fillmore said that Melissa Meyers' workgroup has published the state content courses online.

Dr. Fillmore said that a letter will be sent to the jurisdiction considering charging EMS students for precepting.

Dr. Fillmore advised that ALS clinicians taking a refresher course for recertification in 2026, please verify that the course taken adheres to the changes in curriculum criteria.

BLS Committee Report

Reporting for the committee, Mr. Linthicum said that teaching institutions need to ensure students fulfill the internship requirements, which were suspended during COVID, prior to taking the psychomotor skills exam. Students are also required to have an ePins # and completed application prior to testing.

MIH Committee – No report

Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)

Chairman Koch said that RAC met today. He said the FY23 cardiac arrest grant issues were discussed. There are still several jurisdictions that have not submitted invoices due to equipment delivery delays and incorrect payment addresses for Stryker. There is a hard deadline of September 1, 2024 for all remaining submissions for the FY23 grant. The FY24 grant is going more smoothly with a handful of jurisdictions owing invoices. All POs have been cut.

Old Business

SEMSAC By-laws

A copy of the proposed changes to the by-laws was disseminated.

Ms. Burroughs gave an overview of the proposed changes to the SEMSAC by-laws including the option of attending all meetings via virtual access and adding the MIH Committee as a standing

committee. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding options for attendance by virtual and in-person meetings.

Upon the motion by Dr. Haut, seconded by Dr. Sagel, SEMSAC voted unanimously Board to approve the proposed changes, including allowing virtual attendance for all meetings, to the SEMSAC by-laws.

The SEMSAC by-laws will be presented to the EMS Board at a future meeting for approval.

Chairman Smothers lead a discussion regarding converting long-standing optional and supplemental protocols into permanent protocols for all jurisdictions. The Protocol committee has been discussing the feasibility of making changes for all jurisdictions. Mr. Linthicum added that MIEMSS has launched a protocol app for clinician use. The app can be accessed through the MIEMSS web site.

Next schedule meeting is September 5, 2024.

Upon the motion Ms. Grote, seconded by Ms. Burroughs, SEMSAC unanimously voted to adjourn.