

STATE OF MARYLAND

STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2008

SEMSAC MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth May; Roger Simonds; Murray Kalish; Steven Edwards; Wade Gaasch; Jim Scheulen; Roland Berg; David Crane; Allen Walker; Ronald Lipps; Jay Fowler; Melissa Meyers; Major AJ McAndrew; Katherine Yamamoto; John Spearman; Jeffrey Fillmore; Dave Balthis; Carole Mays; Tom Scalea; Scott Haas; Sharon Henry; Wendell Baxter.

SEMSAC MEMBERS ABSENT: Denise Graham; Charles Wills; Tom Reilly; Zeina Khouri; Kathleen Grote; Joe Brown; George Delaplaine.

MIEMSS STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Robert Bass; Lisa Myers; Chris Handley; Chris Hyzer; Robert Dubansky; Jim Brown; John New; John Barto; William Seifarth; Dr. Douglas Floccare

OAG: E. Fremont Magee.

SHOCK TRAUMA STAFF: Brenda Johnson; Jim Radcliffe; Robbi Hartsock.

MSFA: Frank Underwood; Roger Powell; Doyle Cox.

Regional Affairs: Michael O'Connell

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Action: Moved (Dr. Fillmore), seconded (Dr. Walker), and passed unanimously the minutes of the September 4, 2008 and October 2, 2008 SEMSAC meetings.

The following individuals were recognized for awards received:

- Dr. Alcorta received a HERO in emergency medicine award from ACEP
- Dr. Floccare received the Air Physician Medical Association's Medical Director of the Year award
- Dr. Kalish is now the president-elect of Med Chi

National Study Center- Dr. Thomas Scalea

- NSC is finishing the recruiting process for the Director position and has received 12 applications. The first round of interviews will be conducted before the end of the year and a selection is planned to be made by early 2009.

- The NSC's robust research program made the first cut in Maryland and has submitted nearly \$5 million in grant applications.

BLS Committee-William Seifarth

- The BLS Committee met today.
- The BLS Committee's newest project is revising the EMT refresher curriculum. The focus is on anatomy and physiology. The project is expected to take 4-6 months to complete.
- The lower extremity instructor toolkit is continuing to be reviewed and is being well-received.

ALS Committee-William Seifarth

- The ALS committee met on October 16, 2008.
- An ALS funding increase per class has been approved.
- Paramedic accreditation solutions to meet data requirements from national registry .
- Outcome data related to training in simulation labs has shown that human resources are most important.

EMD Committee-David Balthis

- The EMD committee drafted bylaws were distributed for review by SEMSAC. SEMSAC will be asked to vote on the bylaws at the next meeting.
- The committee received a \$55,000 grant that will be partially used for EMS continuing education.

Regional Affairs-Michael FX O'Connell

- Regional Affairs met today.
- We are waiting for a final letter from State Highway Administration.
- Matching grants are going well.
- DHMH bioterrorism grant has been extended one year.
- Plan to conduct two train the trainer courses in each region.
- Region I is conducting an EMT-P class.
- Region III is looking for a vendor for electronic application for ambulance inspections.
- UASI has identified three funding initiatives
 1. Patient tracking
 2. Alternative care sites
 3. Ambulance Bus
- Region IV QA Program is advancing; planning for Winterfest 2009; STEMI consortium has been formed.

- Region V-Walter Reed will no longer be the National Disaster Medical Site. Services will be shifting to the VA. Inauguration planning is underway. 1.5 million people are expected to attend.

Old Business

- William Seifarth gave an updated EMS Provider Status Report that indicates there is significant growth in the number of EMS providers in Maryland. First Responder numbers have decreased however, because of many law enforcement officers no longer being certified/re-certified as First Responders. Mr. Seifarth distributed a handout with the updated figures.
- Chief Simonds requested SEMSAC members sign up to be on a committee if they have not already done so.
- Major McAndrew provided an update on the Trooper 2 investigation and status. The National Transportation Safety Bureau (NTSB) issued a preliminary report last week. MSP is assisting NTSB with the investigation. A final report is expected late next year. SYSCOM transcripts were released to the media last week. An internal administrative investigation is underway r/t to content of dialogue in the transcripts.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Bass

- Dr. Bass reported that a team from MIEMSS went to Waldorf to review the Trooper 2 crash details with Charles County EMS providers. It was determined that both patients were appropriate to be flown to a trauma center according to the 2008 Maryland Medical Protocols-Trauma Triage Decision Tree. The drive time from the scene to the trauma center would have taken an estimated 48 minutes.
- A panel of national experts is meeting in Maryland on November 24-25, 2008 at the BWI Sheraton to examine existing protocols related to helicopter use. The panel will also examine helicopter utilization data and be asked to prepare a report of recommendations. The portion of the meeting on November 24, from 8 am-1pm will be open to the public. The remainder of the meeting will focus on the writing of the report. A list of the members of the panel was distributed to SEMSAC.
- A new protocol is in place that became effective immediately that requires a medical consult for all category C & D patients requested to be flown to a trauma center. The consult includes the scene unit personnel, the trauma center physician and the local emergency department physician. MIEMSS is collecting data to understand the impact of the protocol on helicopter utilization and will review the HSCRC data and Trauma Registry for any trends that may emerge. A report will be presented to SEMSAC at the next meeting. It was suggested that feedback

from local EDs on the impact of caring for rerouted trauma patients also be considered.

New Business

- Chief Simonds announced that he does not wish to run for SEMSAC chairman again in 2009. A Nomination from the floor for chairman was requested and Dr. Murray Kalish was nominated. Dr. Kalish was the sole nominee and was unanimously approved as the 2009 chairman of SEMSAC. A nomination from the floor for the vice chairman was then requested and Chief David Balthis was nominated. Chief Balthis was the sole nominee and was unanimously approved as the 2009 vice chairman of SEMSAC.
- Dr. Alcorta gave a 2009 Protocol Update. An executive summary was distributed and an overview of the summary was presented for review and discussion.
- Dr. Bass gave an overview of a draft EMS data regulation for information and informal comment. The draft regulation would require all EMS operational programs to submit pre hospital EMS data to MIEMSS electronically by July 1, 2010. The regulation would also require reports to be completed within 24 hours of a call's dispatch. There was discussion about what the amount of time should be from dispatch call to report. Comments are welcome as MIEMSS proceeds with the draft.
- Sarah Sette gave a handout of draft infection control regulations. Ms Sette stressed that the requirements in the regulations are already in place and the regulations are consistent with the existing requirements. No comments were made about the draft.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.