

## SEMSAC Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2009

SEMSAC Members Present: M. Kalish; J. Fowler; R. Lipps; G. Delaplaine; R. Berg; S. Haas; M. Meyers; K. Grote; S. Edwards; J. Scheulen;; R. Simonds; A. McAndrew; J. Fillmore; W. Baxter; J. Spearman; S. Henry; D. Crane; T. Kerns for A. Faden; L. Dousa; C. Mays

SEMSAC Members Absent: K. Yamamoto; K. May; D. Graham; A. Walker; W. Gaasch; J. Brown

MIEMSS Staff Present: R. Bass; L. Myers; R. Dubansky; P. Hurlock; J. Brown; P. Gainer; C. Hyzer; W. Seifarth; A. Aycock; R. Alcorta; P. Trissell; M. Beachley; M. Warner-Crossen

AAG: F. Magee

MSFA: R. Powell; D. Cox

MSPA: M. Gartland

STC: J. Huggins; J. Radcliffe; B. Johnson

Kent County: D. Rice

Public: D. Johnson

The meeting convened at 1:02 p.m.

The October 2009 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report-Dr. Robert Bass**

- There have not been as many H1N1 hospital admissions as expected. There have been a small number of unexplained complications but overall the virus is reported to be a less virulent strain than seasonal flu with fewer associated deaths.
- CDC guidelines still encourage health care providers to use N95 masks if possible, although reduced inventory remains a concern. Everyone is encouraged to try to minimize exposure by employing routine measures such as frequent hand washing and covering cough and sneezing.
- MIEMSS is continuing to monitor hospital bed status using FRED and the number of H1N1 cases arriving at the emergency departments appear to be decreasing. The cycle typically lasts approximately eight weeks and may be winding down however, seasonal flu has yet to have begun being reported in Maryland and there is a shortage of seasonal flu vaccine.

## **SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Murray Kalish**

Dr. Kalish introduced and welcomed the new SEMSAC representative for the Maryland State Fireman's Association, Linda Dousa.

## **National Study Center Report-Tim Kerns**

- Mr. Kerns reported on behalf of Dr. Faden. Mr. Kerns reported that NHTSA recently held a crash reconstruction project meeting in Baltimore. The CIREN project is due to end in June and the Study Center plans to re compete for funding for the CIREN project.
- A CODES report was recently published. Maryland is a CODES program resource center and ties states together to generate reports.
- The Southern Maryland Drive Camera project is in progress. Currently, cameras have been placed in 200 teenagers' vehicles with 18,000 events reviewed during the last year. Opportunities to expand the project may be available.

## **ALS Committee-Scott Haas**

The ALS committee met last week and is working on several items to include:

- The development of education standards for the CRT course
- CRT to EMT-P standards
- RN to EMT-P standards
- State minimum clinical requirements for paramedics
- An Education Standards update was given to the committee. Information is also available online.

## **BLS Committee-William Seifarth**

- A draft EMTB refresher course syllabus was distributed. Course content focuses heavily on medical emergencies and pathophysiology. Input is being requested from several agencies including MFRI, MIEMSS, and the education centers. The course takes 24 hours to complete and emphasis is on competency.

## **EMD Committee-William Seifarth**

- Educational supplements on several topics including the trauma C&D protocol have been added to the LMS.

## **Regional Affairs-Did not meet**

## **By-Laws-Melissa Meyers**

- The "education committee" should be removed from page 7 since it is not a standing committee. The amended By Laws were unanimously approved to be presented to the EMS Board for consideration for approval.

## **Old Business**

- Mr. Seifarth provided an updated EMS provider status report. SEMSAC requested the report be presented on a quarterly basis in the future.
- Dr. Bass gave a power point presentation on Medevac Utilization.
- The draft EMS data submission regulation was distributed for review. COMAR 30.03.04.04 Maryland Ambulance Information System has been developed by a workgroup and includes requirements for patient care reports and data submission. The draft regulation was approved to be taken to the EMS Board for review. SEMSAC would like to review the document that will be left at the hospital if the patient report is not immediately completed and left with the patient.

## **New Business**

- Dr. Alcorta presented the 2010 EMS protocol changes. All of the changes were distributed for review. An executive summary was also distributed and will be sent to the members of SEMSAC.
- The election of the 2010 officers of SEMSAC was held. Murray Kalish was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as chairman. Roland Berg was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as vice-chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.