

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes March 3, 2011

Members Present: K. Doyle; D. Crane; G. Delaplaine by telephone; J. Fowler; W. Gaasch; M. Gibbons; M. Kalish; E. Mowbray; M. Meyers; R. Lipps; P. Dischinger for A. Faden; K. May by telephone; J. Scheulen; R. Simonds; A. Walker; R. Berg; K. Yamamoto; S. Edwards; J. Markey; L. Dousa; M. Muth; W. Bethea; J. Brown.

Members Absent: J. Fillmore; S. Henry; W. Baxter; K. Grote; S. Haas; C. Mays

MIEMSS: R. Bass; L. Myers; P. Hurlock; A. Aycok; L. Rowe; C. Hyzer; M. Beachley; P. Fiackos; J. Barto; P. Trissel; P. Gainer; J. Abramson; J. Brown; L. Hawthorne; J. New.

OAG: E.F. Magee

STC: R. Hartsock

JAC: Mike Deckard

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kalish at 1:01 pm

The November 4, 2010 SEMSAC meeting minutes and January 11, 2011 Joint EMS Board/SEMSAC meeting minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Bass

- EMS Today is meeting in Baltimore this week.
- The eMEDS pilot is going well. There have been two outages that MIEMSS believes have been addressed and resolved.
- The Ambulance Safety Task Force has continued to meet and anticipates the release of a white paper and is planning a summit.
- Information on the development of comprehensive stroke centers was shared with SEMSAC in November 2010. MIEMSS plans to present draft standards for review in April 2011 with a goal for action in May 2011.
- A bill to rename Maryland EMS providers consistent with national nomenclature has moved out of committee in the House of Delegates. The bill also includes law enforcement officer (LEO) training curriculum changes for medical response and will no longer require LEOs to complete First Responder certification if not dispatched on medical calls.
- The Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) bill that would integrate the existing EMS DNR and hospital forms into one form that will cover patients throughout the spectrum of care is moving forward in the House of Delegates.
- Yellow alerts peaked in 2006 and have since been declining especially during the last 2 years. Part of the decrease in alert utilization may be attributed to improvements in emergency department throughput. MIEMSS will be updating EMS return to service times as well to see if there are similar trends for the same time period.

- The EMS Plan was updated in 2006 and is due to be updated again in 2011. A committee to include members of the SEMSAC planning committee will be formed to assist with updating the Plan.
- The EMS Care Conference is scheduled to be held in Ocean City, Maryland April 2-3, 2011. There are pre-conference workshops scheduled on March 31-April 1. National speakers will be attending and participation is encouraged.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-Dr. Kalish

Dr. Kalish circulated a list of committees and asked SEMSAC members to consider participation on a committee.

Dr. Kalish reported on the November and December 2010 EMS Board Meeting Action items as follows:

November 2010 EMS Board Action Items

- Approved the proposed revisions to the SEMSAC Bylaws
- Approved the proposed changes to the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers
- Approved Union Hospital in Cecil County as a Primary Stroke Center for the remainder of a four year Period.

December 2010 EMS Board Action Items

- Approved Perinatal Regulations – COMAR 30.08.01 through .15 as final. The regulations reflect the guidelines produced and updated by the Perinatal Advisory Committee in 2008 that MIEMSS translated into designation regulations.
- Approved draft Licensing & Certification Regulations – COMAR 30.02.02 through .06 and .09 for promulgation as proposed regulations. The draft revisions included the addition of adaptive testing for providers, changes to reciprocity requirements, and a fee increase of \$10, which is the first increase since 1999.
- Approved Proposed Infection Control Regulations – COMAR 30.03.02 and 30.03.09 as final. The regulations require an infection control program in each EMS operational program.
- Approved the MIEMSS designation of Queen Anne's County Emergency Center as a freestanding emergency center.
- Approved the Secret Service Training Academy BLS Education Program for five years.
- Approved Hatzalah of Baltimore EMS Refresher Program for five years.

National Study Center-Pat Dischinger

Updates on two projects with MIEMSS

- Kim Auman has been attending meetings of Trauma Quality Improvement Committee, working on data analysis to look at inter-hospital transfers from 2007-2009.

- “The Book” is being re-designed (data on ambulance transports). Work being done by Kim, Shiu Ho, and Eric Lund.

Follow-up on DriveCam Project

- Data collection completed and will be presented at Tri-County Council (Southern Maryland) and Lifesavers this month.
- An abstract was submitted to AAST (American Association for the Surgery of Trauma).

Committee Reports

ALS-Pete Fiackos

- New Student Applications, aka, “pink bubble forms” contain language regarding probation before judgement in legal question 3. All programs are being reminded to utilize the new forms. The new forms have the title across the top with a red background, the old forms have the title with a gray background.
- No CRT-99 will be certified by the national registry after 2013, however they will still provide the exam utilizing the current process as long as it remains fiscally reasonable. The cost will remain the same (\$100).
- CRT99 Scope of Practice concerns have been expressed related to the expansion of the I99 scope of practice in Maryland. While the scope of practice has expanded, the hours in some programs have remained unchanged. The committee is in the process of exploring ideas to address.

LMS Report-Pete Fiackos

- MIEMSS hosts a Learning Management System (LMS) that is linked directly to the MIEMSS homepage. This LMS is known as the Online Training Center and was developed in cooperation between Licensure and Certification and the IT departments.
- There are currently 15, 713 registered users of the Online Training Center.
- The Online Training Center offers various continuing education courses via an online environment that can be completed in the providers homes, stations, or workplace at a self-guided pace.
- There are currently 8 active online courses, with an additional course in late production and several others in early production.
 - Currently:
 - TBI (ST)
 - 60 Second Consult (ST)
 - Go Team (ST)
 - 2011 ALS and BLS Updates
 - 2010 ALS and BLS Updates
 - MSP Aviation
- 2011 Protocol Update
 - As of today

- 586 ALS
- 2115 BLS
- 2701 Total

BLS-Leona Rowe

- The state practical evaluation forms are being revised to reflect the 2010 AHA guidelines. Both versions will be available depending on the AHA standard taught by the teaching agency.
- There is no active pilot program this semester for the new Education Standards. Anne Arundel Community College is however continuing to run their program to meet the new standards and is at least 165 hours in duration.
- The next EMS Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15 @ 0900 hrs room 212

EMD-Leona Rowe

- Currently 1643 providers licensed as EMD in Maryland. About 1000 of these are currently affiliated with a 911 Center.
- By decision of the committee, meetings will be quarterly on the last Tuesday of the month beginning in January. The next meeting is scheduled for April 29 at 1000 hours in Room 212
- The Committee is still in need of a new Chairperson.
- All requests for EMD funding should be made as early as possible. The June 30 deadline will be strictly enforced. Programs not planning to utilize their funds are being asked to let us know as early as possible so the funds may be re-allocated as needed. The jurisdictions are also reminded they must notify MIEMSS by June 15 (per agreement contract) if allocated funds will not be used. Funds not accounted for by June 15 will be subject to re-allocation. Last FY, \$25,000.00 was not used by EMD.

EMS Education Standards Operations-no report

Regional Affairs-no report

Old Business

STEMI System Update-Lisa Myers

MIEMSS has completed site surveys for all hospitals that applied to be designated as Cardiac Interventional Centers. A press release and announcement to the EMS Community with the list of designated hospitals is planned for April 1, 2011. The list will also include out of state hospitals that have entered into Memoranda of Understanding. Each Region is also working on Regional STEMI plans which will be available on the MIEMSS webpage. Consideration is being given to how and when designated centers may communicate temporary unavailability of services

to EMS so that STEMI patients can be diverted to another CIC if the additional drive time is within the EMS Protocols.

MSP Aviation Update-Major Mark Gibbons

Major Gibbons gave a presentation on the status of several issues including:

- Mission Overview
- Resource Availability
- 2010 Mission Performance breakdown by mission type
- 2010 Trends
- Review and status of the Expert Panel Recommendations on CAMTS and Part 135
- Second EMS provider for medical missions
- Time line for Augusta Westland AW-139 Procurement and delivery. First aircraft expected by May 2012.

New Business

Jurisdictional Advisory Committee (JAC) Bylaws-Action-Mike Deckard

The newly revised JAC Bylaws include the addition of a member from SEMSAC and were presented for approval to SEMSAC. SEMSAC approved the revised Bylaws to go to the EMS Board.

Maryland EMS Operations Fund (MEMSOF)-Dr. Robert Bass

Current projections indicate MEMSOF insolvency in 2013. The agencies funded by MEMSOF have ongoing needs that cannot be addressed with the existing funds. Needs highlighted as priorities for each agency include:

MFRI: Increased instructors and materials to provide the new EMT training course in accordance with Department of Safety Educational Standards and structural burn building improvements at regional training centers.

MSPAC: Meeting recommendations for operational and safety enhancements recommended in the November 2008 "Expert Panel Review of Helicopter Utilization and Protocols in Maryland" report.

MIEMSS: Upgrade of outdated, nearly obsolete emergency medical communications network.

Shock Trauma: New National Training and Simulation Center

MSFA AMOSS Fund: The AMOSS Fund which provides grants to local fire, rescue, and ambulance services for capital equipment and facilities has not had a funding increase in over a decade. The costs of equipment and apparatus purchased have nearly doubled exceeding the rate of inflation. Fundraising revenues have also continued to decline as well as decreased support from state, county, and local government sources.

The agencies are working with the legislature and DBM to identify possible sources of revenue streams to address the ongoing agency needs and pending MEMSOF insolvency issue. DLS made a recommendation in its Analysis of the FY 2012 MEMSOF Budget presented at the 2011 MEMSOF Budget Hearings to provide a "Report Evaluating the Feasibility of Insurance Provider Billing for Medevac Services" to the budget committees by January 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.