

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2011

**Members Present:** M. Kalish (chair); J. Scheulen; S. Edwards; P. King for M. Gibbons; M. DeRuggiero; E. Ganson; J. Brown; K. Yamamoto; R. Simonds; M. Meyers; C. Mays; L. Dousa; J. Markey; R. Lipps; J. Fowler; K. Doyle; J. Fillmore; A. Faden; W. Gaasch; M. Muth; K. May (phone); R. Berg (phone); K. Grote (phone).

**Members Absent:** W. Bethea; D. Crane; S. Haas; E. Carlson; G. Delaplaine; A. Walker.

**MIEMSS:** R. Bass (phone); P. Gainer; J. Abramson; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; J. Davis; P. Hurlock; R. Schaeffer; J. Darchicourt; D. Balthis; R. Hoban; S. Alban; J. Donohue; R. Oliveira; J. Brown; A. Aycock; D. Floccare.

**OAG:** F. Magee; S. Sette.

**MSFA:** D. Lewis; J. Denver; J. Olson.

**STC:** R. Hartsock.

**Region III Council:** Mike O'Connell.

**Others:** K. Bishop; R. Lewis; S. Cromer; B. Dousa; M. Miller.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13:05. New member Elliot Ganson, representing the volunteer field providers was introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report**

Dr. Bass reported that he would be participating by phone and that his report would be provided by agency staff under Old Business on the agenda.

**SEMSAC Chairman's Report**

Dr. Kalish provided the following report:

**July, 12 2011 EMS Board Action Items**

1. The EMS Board approved for publication the proposed regulation change COMAR 30.03.05.02 that better specifies the members of the Protocol Review Committee.
2. The EMS Board approved for publication the proposed regulation change COMAR 30.01.02.01 to update the EMS Protocols and Trauma Data Dictionaries which are incorporated by reference.
3. The EMS Board approved for publication the proposed regulation change COMAR 30.06.03.01 that would remove the protocol from the public access AED regulations that specifically describes the procedures to be followed for layperson AED use. The revision simplifies the protocol for

- individuals to follow the machine prompts and training and is in alignment with national guidelines.
4. The EMS Board approved the addition of the list of approved Cardiac Interventional Centers to the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers.
  5. The EMS Board approved the draft changes to the DNR protocol to include recognition of the Maryland MOLST form.
  6. The EMS Board voted to approve the Harford Community College ALS Program for the remainder of a five-year period.
  7. The EMS Board voted to approve the Carroll County Community College ALS Program on a one-year provisional basis.
  8. The EMS Board voted to approve the Butler Medical Transport EMS Refresher Program for five years.

### **September 13, 2011 EMS Board Action Items**

1. The EMS Board voted to approve Washington County's ALS Program for the remainder of a five-year period.
2. The EMS Board voted to approve Bethesda Naval Fire and Emergency Service as an EMS Operational Program.

### **National Study Center Report**

- Dr. Faden reported that Dr. Hirshon's injury prevention grant has been renewed.
- NSC is working with NIH and the UMB School of Nursing on a post-injury spinal cord pain project.
- CCODES has been awarded an additional \$2 million annually.
- To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NSC there will be a seminar on 11/21/11 on geriatric trauma and critical care followed by a recognition reception from 4-6 pm. The event will kick off a year long program with quarterly speakers and is being integrated with the STAR program.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **EMS Education Standards-Rae Oliveira**

An overview of the MIEMSS Transition Timelines was presented that included the name changes and dates for when the new courses will be implemented as well as when the transitions must be completed.

#### **BLS Committee-Rae Oliveira**

- Instructor Rollouts for 2012 EMT curriculum have started. Four were conducted at MFRI training sites. Two additional requests for rollouts have been requested. Any teaching agency interested in hosting a rollout should contact Rae Oliveira.
- The committee is reviewing the Internship Guidelines to reflect the increase to 10 patient contacts and other necessary updates
- The committee is revamping the EMT 24 hour refresher to reflect the education standards changes.

- The committee is working on the EMR curriculum for the new standards. Currently the class time is projected to increase to 60 hours. The final recommendation will be approved on October 28, 2011.

Concern about additional hours were expressed by Director Edwards from MFRI and President Lewis from MSFA. Dr. Bass recommended allowing the BLS committee to review, discuss and make recommendations. He indicated most states are anticipating a moderate increase in the number of hours to complete the class.

#### **EMD Committee-Rae Oliveira**

- There are currently 1,820 licensed EMDs in Maryland however, only 1,047 are currently affiliated with a 911 dispatch center.
- EMD funding requests for educational purposes only have been funded.
- The next meeting is October 25, 2011.
- Dave Balthis spoke to the committee and reported a federal grant has been secured for funding to interface between eMEDS and CADs. Interested centers should contact him.
- EMD continuing education programs must be approved and assigned numbers and the completed continuing education information submitted to MIEMSS in order for MIEMSS to provide credit and include in the provider records. Dispatch centers that have programs they wish to submit for approval should contact Leona Rowe.

#### **ALS Committee-Melanie Miller**

- The committee is working to develop a protocol review program to improve first time pass rates on the protocol updates.
- The committee is reviewing the scope of practice for I-99s.
- The committee is discussing methods to improve ALS practical exam administration efficiency.

#### **Regional Affairs-Mike O'Connell**

- Regional Affairs met today and reviewed the following grants:
  - Matching Fund Grant for AED's
  - BT-VIII (Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Grant – Year 8)
  - CAD interface with eMEDS
  - Radio replacement (January 2012 FCC mandates that all must be narrowband)
- Pyramid is being held in Solomon's Island on October 22, 2011.
- EMS Care 2012 will be held again in Ocean City. Additional information will be provided as plans are made.

#### **Update of Activities**

##### **MSFA-President David Lewis**

The officers for 2011-2012 were recognized from the audience. Mr. Lewis said that the officers have been meeting with the EMS partners and recognize that the

partnerships are important. Mr. Lewis indicated MSFA has also met with other states and exemplified the Maryland system. He gave many examples of successes of Maryland's system including the opening of a new EMS training center and renovation of the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. The 1<sup>st</sup> Executive meeting was held in August and the next will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in Parsonsburg.

## **JAC-No report**

### **Old Business**

#### **eMEDS Update-Joe Davis**

Mr. Davis provided an update on the status of eMEDS including an overview of the counties that have implemented eMEDS or have a commitment in place with MIEMSS and a timeline for their implementation. He indicated that there has been good feedback from the counties that are up and running. A CAD interface grant is available. MIEMSS will match 60% to the counties 40% of the cost for the ImageTrend component for CAD integration with eMEDS, but not for the cost of hardware installation. Mr. Davis also provided a list of counties that are going to implement CAD integration with eMEDS.

#### **MOLST Update-Sarah Sette**

Ms. Sette indicated the period for comment on the MOLST regulations has been extended by DHMH beyond 30 days. Many facilities are still going ahead with the new form. Both the MOLST and DNR forms are valid for EMS providers to honor. A copy of a memo sent out by Dr. Alcorta to EMS regarding the forms can be viewed on the MIEMSS webpage. An online LMS for EMS and other providers is available on the MIEMSS webpage and should be completed by the end of the year.

#### **Cardiac Interventional Center Update-Lisa Myers**

MIEMSS is currently working with the hospitals, the National Cardiovascular Data Registry (NCDR), and the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) on how to obtain the required "Action Registry-Get With the Guidelines" data from the hospitals. The agencies and NCDR are working to implement a uniform, streamlined process so that hospitals will have minimal additional steps to complete in order to meet the data submission requirements.

MIEMSS is working with the CICs on the Interhospital Transfer Resource Manual section for STEMI patients that require transfer from a non-CIC to a CIC. New guidelines from AHA are anticipated to be released in November 2011 which will assist with drafting of the cardiac section of the Manual.

#### **Provider Background Checks-Ron Schaeffer**

A summary of the sampling results presented to the EMS Board resulted in the EMS Board directing MIEMSS to conduct background checks on all EMS providers at the time of initial licensure and at renewal. The checks are being completed by MIEMSS staff at no cost to EMS providers. A suggestion was made to consider pre-establishing a list of offenses that would bar licensure or certification for clarity and consistency in the future. Currently the procedure is to consider each criminal conviction on a case by case basis considering the nature of the offense, the underlying conduct, the time that has passed since the

offense, the conduct of the provider or applicant since the offense, and such other considerations as may be relevant. While certain offenses such as murder or abuse of a patient would likely bar an applicant, other offenses require a more searching inquiry. This approach has been worked well over the past several years.

#### **Ambulance Safety Leadership Summit-Phil Hurlock**

The Summit is being coordinated by a committee consisting of the MSFA EMS committee, MIEMSS, and commercial ambulance services and will be held on November 1, 2011 at MITAGS. The targeted audience is EMS leadership. A draft summary of recommendations to be presented at the Summit was distributed to SEMSAC. The draft will be presented to the committee next week for review and approval. The recommendations will be incorporated into a white paper after the Summit. The Summit is being funded by an EMS-C grant.

#### **Regulatory Changes Update-Fremont Magee**

Effective October 3, 2011 the following regulatory changes became final:

- The regulations for the provisional designation period for EMS educational programs and trauma and specialty centers were modified to allow flexibility in the amount of time for a provisional designation. Prior to the modification, provisional designations could only be issued for a one year period.
- The regulations on the renewal of trauma and specialty center designations were modified to allow modification of the type of team that conducts a site visit, allowing for re-designation without a site visit, and recognizing accreditations of national organizations as sufficient for designation.
- The standards for the designation of Comprehensive Stroke Centers will allow for the designation of Comprehensive Stroke Centers.

#### **New Business**

##### **Helicopter CAD Demonstration-Scot Cromer, Flight Vector, Inc.**

The demo gave an overview of the new computer aided dispatch to be installed in the EMRC that will provide increased accuracy of patient location, safety information, and weather conditions when dispatching MSP helicopters. The new system can interface with ImageTrend to create a patient record as well as with CHATS. Additionally, interface with EMRC will diminish duplication of records. The system can produce multiple reports and the potential for integration with private services exists.

##### **Emergency Operations Activities-John Donohue**

Mr. Donohue gave a presentation on the coordination of activities that occurred during Hurricane Irene, the earthquake that took place August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Maryland and several states on the East Coast, the Grand Prix held in Baltimore, and Tropical Storm Lee. MIEMSS staff assisted jurisdictions with evacuations of patients and with coordination and planning efforts. A tremendous effort by commercial ambulance services, hospitals, EMS, and state and local agencies resulted in positive outcomes and no untoward events.

The next SEMSAC meeting will be held on November 3, 2011 at MIEMSS.

Hearing no further new business the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 14:30.

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**OAG:** F. Magee

The SEMSAC received an overview from Ms. Abramson of the FY 2013 EMSOF budgets for information.