

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2012

Members Present: J. Scheulen; S. Edwards; P. King for M. Gibbons; E. Ganson; J. Brown; K. Yamamoto; M. Meyers; L. Dousa; J. Markey; K. Doyle; J. Fillmore; T. Kerns for A. Faden; R. Berg; S. Haas; A. Walker; W. Gaasch; J. Fowler; E. Carlson; L. Tenney; E. Smothers; K. May (phone).

Members Absent: M. Kalish; W. Bethea; M. Muth; M. DeRuggiero; R. Simonds; K. Grote

MIEMSS: R. Bass; P. Gainer; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; P. Hurlock; R. Oliveira; L. Hawthorne; B. Slack; J. Brown; D. Floccare; J. Barto; J. Donohue; R. Alcorta; J. New; B. Adams.

OAG: F. Magee.

MSFA: D. Lewis; J. Denver.

STC: J. Huggins; R. Hartsock

Region III Council: Mike O'Connell.

Others: B. Dousa; M. Miller

Vice-Chairman Berg opened the meeting at 13:06.

The minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report-Dr. Robert Bass

- eMEDS continues to progress. Most jurisdictions have committed to using or are in the process of implementing eMEDS statewide.
- 2012 Legislative Update:
 - The EMS Workgroup re-convened and discussed the status of the MSP Medevac helicopter replacements and the MIEMSS communications upgrade that is needed in SYSCOM/EMRC. Current funding for the MEMSOF is not keeping pace with inflation. A possible new funding source may be available for the communication system upgrade. Some adjustments to the original

MSP helicopter procurement have been necessary but late 2012 is still the targeted for the first replacement helicopter to arrive.

- The MEMSOF funded agencies have decreased spending and the Amoss fund has not had an increase since 1999, however, the viability of the MEMSOF continues to be of concern without additional funding.
- A proposed DHMH glucose testing bill had been reviewed and determined to have no impact on EMS.
- MIEMSS is monitoring the Yellow Dot bill that would require individuals to keep medical information in their glove box for EMS providers to obtain in the event of an emergency.
- MIEMSS is closely monitoring an AED bill that would alter existing training requirements for PAD programs and would not be consistent with the 2010 AHA ECC Guidelines. MIEMSS plans to meet with the sponsor to request the existing training requirements for PAD programs remain in place.
- Winterfest took place in Talbot County the last weekend in January and had good attendance.
- The Ambulance Safety Task Force will reconvene after the 2012 legislative session ends to review the Report recommendations and identify the next priorities.
- The Regional Councils' STEMI Committees are actively engaged in coordinating STEMI systems of care at the regional level. The Committees have been reviewing regional level data including transfer times for patients arriving at non-Cardiac Interventional Centers.

SEMSAC Chairman's Report-No Report

National Study Center Report-T. Kerns

- The NSC participated in an injury training program in Egypt.
- NSC is working with MVA on Maryland crash statistics for the Maryland General Assembly.
- NSC has received several requests from DHMH related to legislation introduced during the legislative session to date.
- The crash reconstruction report is continuing.
- A 25th NSC anniversary seminar is being held on February 21, 2012.
- NSC is continuing on work to update the "Red Book".

Committee Reports

BLS Committee-Rae Oliveira

- “First Responder” will be changing to “Emergency Medical Responder”. There will be a few additional hours for training. The new patch has been approved.
- The committee is working on the EMT refresher update.
- Under the new EMT education standards, 5 of 10 required runs must be actual patient contacts. Simulation may be used for the remaining 5 if necessary.
- Opportunities for utilizing eMEDS for student internships are being explored with Joe Davis. The internship packet is being updated.
- Protocol updates are available online at the MIEMSS online training center.

ALS Committee-Melanie Miller

- Centralized location options are being considered by the ALS committee for the NREMT-P practical exam.
- The protocol review committee is evaluating the test.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012.

Regional Affairs- Chief Mike O’Connell

- MIEMSS received an EMSC grant of \$50,000 to provide pediatric capable AEDs for transport units. All grants were completed within the abbreviated grant period.
- MIEMSS received an additional year of funding from the Maryland Highway Safety Office for CAD Interface Grants – which are awarded to those EMS Operational Programs using eMEDS.
- Applications for the radios grant will not be accepted after 06/30/2012.
- Region II office is relocating to a new location in Hagerstown.
- DHS grant cuts – Significant cuts anticipated for FFY2012 for UASI
- Miltenberger Conference –March 16-17
- EMS Care - April 12-15 in Ocean City
- Pyramid Planning underway for fall of 2012

Update of Activities

MSFA- President David Lewis

- Mr. Lewis expressed condolences for the passing of past MSFA presidents Raymond Atkins and Jenks Mattingly.
- The 2012 Legislative reception was a success.
- MSFA appreciates MIEMSS consideration of MSFA's concerns about the new EMT program.

Old Business

- Lisa Myers provided an update on the status of red and yellow alerts. After years of significant decline in utilization, there was a slight increase in 2011 from 2010.

New Business

- Dr. Bass provided a presentation on the "Report Evaluating the Configuration and Distribution Trauma Centers in Maryland" that was jointly written by MIEMSS and the Maryland Health Care Commission. The report was provided to the Maryland General Assembly in January. The report outlines the levels of existing Maryland trauma centers, a needs analysis, potential costs and savings. The report does not make recommendations for any additional trauma centers, nor does it recommend any existing trauma centers be removed from Maryland.
- Pat Gainer provided a presentation on the MSP Aviation Billing Report provided to the Maryland General Assembly. The report outlines the study charge, members of the study group, explanation of policy context, legal considerations, payer information, potential ramifications, impact of potential revenues, and potential inequities. The final report does not include a recommendation for MSP Aviation to bill for medevac transports.
- Rae Oliveira provided a presentation on the new EMS Education Standards that included the new names and scope of practice for each of the provider levels at the national level as well as in Maryland, changes to EMR and EMT curricula, changes to testing, and the transition timeline for the changes. The CRT will continue in Maryland and National Registry will continue to provide testing until 2020, however there will not be national recognition of CRT after 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 14:25