

SEMSAC Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2012

**Members Present:** M. Kalish; J. Scheulen; S. Edwards; M. Gibbons; E. Ganson; J. Brown; K. Yamamoto; M. Meyers; J. Markey; K. Doyle; J. Fillmore; A. Faden; R. Berg; S. Haas; A. Walker; W. Gaasch; J. Fowler; L. Tenney; E. Smothers; M. Muth; J. Fortney; M. DeRuggiero; N. McQuay

**Members Absent:** W. Bethea; R. Simonds; K. Grote; L. Dousa; K. May; E. Carlson

**MIEMSS:** R. Bass; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; P. Hurlock; R. Oliveira; L. Hawthorne; B. Slack; J. Brown; J. New; B. Adams; C. Mays; D. Balthis; J. Davis; C. Wright-Johnson

**OAG:** F. Magee.

**MSFA:** J. Denver

**STC:** J. Panduro

**Regional Affairs:** M. O'Connell.

**Others:** K. Seaman, MD

Dr. Kalish opened the meeting at 13:02.

The minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

- The EMS Plan is due to be updated. MIEMSS is drafting a Straw Man document that will include the core elements and a work plan to present to SEMSAC for review and input.
- A helicopter utilization update will be given at the next meeting.
- The new MSFA President John Denver was introduced to SEMSAC. The first and second MSFA Vice-Presidents, Jackie Olson and Dave Keller were also announced.

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

Dr. Kalish provided an update on the EMS Board's activities from the May, June, and August meetings.

### **National Study Center Report- A. Faden**

- The mission of STAR is to focus on trauma, critical care and resuscitation and includes participation by Shock Trauma, the UMMC Department of Anesthesia, and the National Study Center. STARS has received additional funding to continue its work.
- NSC has received additional grants from the Department of Defense and NIH.
- A new pain study has been launched and includes the University of MD Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- The BLS Committee is working on building the test bank for certification examinations for EMR & EMT to meet the National EMS Education Standards. Additionally, the committee is working to revise the Field Training Couch (FTC) program

#### **ALS Committee-Rae Oliveira**

- Dr. Alcorta has approved the new scopes of practice and curriculums for the new provider levels. The committee's next step is to draft the new CRT (EMT-I) curriculum.

#### **EMD Committee**

- The EMD Committee met in August.
- Several online training courses have been made available to the EMDs on the MIEMSS Learning Management System.
- Calvert County has utilized the CISM team twice recently and dispatchers attended one of the debriefings. The debriefing was well received by the dispatchers.
- The next EMD Committee meeting is October 16, 2012 at MIEMSS.

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

- Regional Affairs met on August 23, 2012.
- Pyramid is being held October 27-28, 2012 in Southern Maryland.
- The 50/50 grants have been reconciled resulting in 4-6 allocations per region.
- All jurisdictions are focusing on the narrowbanding of radios.

### **Update of Activities**

#### **MSFA- President John Denver**

- The annual MSFA Convention held in June in Ocean City was a success.

- MSFA is planning a retreat to focus on recruitment and retention of volunteers and marketing and communication efforts for the Association.

### **MSP Aviation-Major Gibbons**

- Delivery of the first 2 new helicopters is expected by the end of the year pending FAA certification of modifications to the search light and medical interior. The new aircraft has slightly more room for two patients than the existing aircraft.
- The current transition pilot training has been deemed insufficient by the FAA for single pilot type certification in the new AW 139 aircraft. MSPAC is working to resolve.
- Eighteen troopers with ALS medical training will begin to transition into the MSP Aviation Command as second providers when the current academy class graduates in February.
- Trooper 5 (Cumberland) has begun utilizing dynamic deployment during peak times to address increased demand from Garrett County.
- MSPAC will be receiving aerial rescue training with Los Angeles Fire Department in October 2012.
- The FCC has issued Maryland a waiver to utilize 700 MHz channels for air to ground communications.
- In accordance with the Early Activation Guidelines established last year, 104 early activations were launched from January-June 2012 resulting in 99 patients being transported.
- MSPAC continues to have challenges with recruitment and retention of civilian pilots, maintenance technicians, and paramedics, due to salaries being lower than industry standards.
- Due to the vacancies and ongoing training requirements, the MSPAC has temporarily reduced the hours of operation of Trooper 2. MSPAC is working to ensure peak hours are staffed and is working closely with U.S. Park Police to ensure 24/7 coverage.

### **New Business**

- A draft of AED regulation revisions was presented and Dr. Bass explained the intent is to streamline the regulations while keeping the critical components of the program in place. Ms. Sette walked through the actual changes. Dr. Walker indicated pediatric pads should be available unless there is no chance of a child under the age of 8 being on the premises. MIEMSS staff suggested putting language in the AED Information and Application packet about when pediatric pads should be considered. After discussion by the committee it was agreed that putting the information in the packet would be acceptable. Dr. Walker also requested the regulations

be changed to make it clear that individuals other than “expected operators” as defined in the regulations may use an AED if necessary. With that addition, SEMSAC approved the revisions to the AED regulations.

- The SEMSAC Bylaws Committee Chairperson, Melissa Meyers submitted a revision to the current SEMSAC Bylaws that would allow participation by phone for up to 2 meetings a year with the approval of the Chairman to count toward meeting the attendance requirements. The revision was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Kevin Seaman gave a presentation on the newly formed Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee that outlined the need for the Committee, goals, membership, and topics to be covered. The presentation highlighted the disparity among communities in survival from cardiac arrest and how committees could improve outcomes. The committee will have its first meeting in October and will be chaired by Dr. Seaman.
- Cyndy Wright-Johnson gave a presentation on the National Pediatric Readiness Project which was piloted in California from January-April 2012 and will be rolled out in 5 groups of states beginning in January 2013. The goal of the NPRP is to assess every emergency department in the nation that sees children to determine if they have the minimum recommended resources necessary to provide effective emergency care to children. Maryland has been given the opportunity to be in the Phase 2 pilot starting in November 2012. Fifty Maryland hospitals will be asked to participate (46 Acute Care, 3 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facilities, and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center).

#### **Old Business**

- Joe Davis provided an update on the status of eMEDS implementation. All jurisdictions except one have either begun utilizing or have committed to utilizing eMEDS. MIEMSS is in the process of finalizing an agreement with NEMSIS to transfer data to the national EMS database.
- Jeanne Abramson reported that MEMSOF will be insolvent in FY 2014 without an additional funding source. Possibilities for next legislative session (2013) include inclusion in a new gas tax bill, inclusion in the BRFA, or introduction of an independent bill.
- Lisa Myers reported that there will be a STEMI Workshop on October 20, 2012 at MITAGS. The workshop is being sponsored by the American Heart Association and continuing education credits will be offered. MIEMSS is in the process of registering Maryland and regions 3 and 5 as STEMI Systems with Mission Lifeline. Once registered, MIEMSS will receive quarterly system reports.

Talbot County EMS received approval from the EMS Board to modify their STEMI Plan of Care for EMS patients allowing an additional drive time of up to 45 minutes so that STEMI patients can be driven directly to a CIC instead of going to the local hospital for transfer.

- Dave Balthis reported that the narrowbanding transition is on schedule. Region 4 has been completed and Regions 1 and 2 are currently in the process. Region 5 is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Region 3 is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Statewide 700 MHz implantation is underway with phase 1 testing to be complete by the end of the year. The FCC issued Maryland a waiver to allow a designated set of frequencies to be dedicated for Medevac communications. No operational changes will result for SYSCOM. MIEMSS has submitted a budget amendment for the renovation of SYSCOM.

Dr. Kalish announced the next meeting will be on October 4, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 14:31