

## SEMSAC Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2012

**Members Present:** M. Kalish; S. Edwards; M. Gibbons; E. Ganson; K. Yamamoto; M. Meyers (phone); J. Fillmore; A. Faden; R. Berg; J. Fowler; L. Tenney; J. Fortney; R. Simonds; L. Dousa; W. Bethea; J. Scheulen (phone); K. Grote; K. May (phone); J. Brown; T. Gianni; A. Walker; M. DeRuggiero;

**Members Absent:** E. Carlson; K. Doyle; M. Muth; N. McQuay; J. Markey; S. Haas; W. Gaasch; E. Smothers.

**MIEMSS:** R. Bass; L. Myers; C. Hyzer; P. Hurlock; R. Oliveira; B. Slack; J. Brown; C. Mays; J. Donohue; R. Alcorta; P. Gainer; A. Aycock; D. Stamey; D. Floccare; J. New; J. Kelly; L. Hawthorne; S. Alban; R. Linthicum.

**OAG:** F. Magee.

**MSFA:** J. Denver; J. Olson; W. Dousa

**JAC:** M. Deckard

**Dr. Murray Kalish opened the meeting at 13:03.**

A moment of silence was for the victims of Hurricane Sandy and for the personnel going to New Jersey to render assistance.

New MDOT representative Tom Gianni was introduced.

**The October 4, 2012 SEMSAC Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.**

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

- Compared to New Jersey, Maryland was fortunate to have not incurred more damage during Hurricane Sandy. In Maryland, there were power losses, some flooding, a snow storm, and evacuations that took place. Several teams of EMS personnel were deployed within the state to support local response and evacuations. Teams have also been deployed to New Jersey.
- Various funding options are being considered to address the MEMSOF including direct and indirect sources. Legislation is likely.
- A critical care module is being added to eMEDS for critical care ambulances. MIEMSS has evaluated Field Bridge Express and decided not to purchase the option at this time.
- The narrowbanding transition continues and is going smoothly. All regions are complete except for Region 3 which is to be converted in November.

- New EMT certification/licensure cards are coming out soon. MIEMSS expects the new cards are more durable than the previous cards.
- The Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee had a first meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Steering Committee will focus on three key areas: dispatch, EMS, and community response. EMS systems in other states have seen increases in outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest by using a collaborative approach focusing on early aggressive dispatch intervention, uninterrupted high quality CPR, and therapeutic hypothermia after resuscitation.
- The American Heart Association hosted a STEMI workshop at MITAGS on October 20. There was a good turnout by EMS, CICs, and non-CICs.
- The Regional STEMI committees are continuing to meet to coordinate response of and the interface between EMS and the CICs.
- Twelve Base Stations have recently been re-designated. Yellow and Red alert utilization is addressed during the site surveys as necessary. This has become a concern, especially in Region 5.

### **SEMSAC Chairman's Report - No Report**

#### **National Study Center Report – Dr. A. Faden**

- The NSC and School of Pharmacy have received a grant to study head injuries in the elderly that are taking anticoagulants.
- UMMC working with the STC, STARS and NSC is resubmitting for a Clinical Translation Studies Award (CTSA) which was not funded last year. The CTSA would include a pre-hospital care. If funded, the CTSA would result in 6-7 million dollars per year.

### **Committee Reports**

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

The BLS Committee meets on November 16, 2012. The primary project the committee is working on is the revision of the Field Training Coach Guidelines for 2013.

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

The ALS Committee is working on the new CRT curriculum.

#### **EMD - Les Hawthorne**

- Met on October 16, 2012.
- A member of the National Academy of Dispatch attends the meetings.
- Region 5 narrowbanding was completed October 3 after which Charles County needed to create a patch for back-up.
- APCO was held in Easton, MD and included several good speakers and presentations.
- UMCP is piloting a 911 call application for smartphones.
- Karlea Brown is representing the EMDs on the Cardiac Arrest Steering Committee.

## **Update of Activities**

### **Maryland State Firemen's Association - President John Denver**

- President Denver thanked all the public safety responders for the great job in responding to the severe weather last week.

### **Maryland State Police Aviation Command - Major Mark Gibbons**

- A ceremony was held on October 5, 2012 to introduce the new MSP helicopter to the public. A delivery date for the new aircraft has not been given.
- MSP Aviation Command was the regional lead on coordination of air rescue assistance for Hurricane Sandy. No requests have been made at this time for Maryland to send assistance out of state.
- The FAA has responded regarding the limitations recently put on pilot certifications for the AW-139 which would have required a second pilot.

### **Jurisdictional Advisory Committee – Chairman Mike Deckard**

The election of officers that should have occurred in December 2011 was recently discussed at JAC. JAC requested SEMSAC to allow an election of officers to serve a one-year term in December 2012. In December 2013, election of officers for a two year term will resume. The nominations for the 2012 election of Chairman and Vice Chairman are Mike Deckard and Christian Griffin. **SEMSAC unanimously approved the request.**

### **New Business**

- Dr. Alcorta gave an overview of the 2013 EMS protocol changes. The document was emailed in advance to the members of SEMSAC for review. **The 2013 EMS Protocols were unanimously approved by SEMSAC.**
- Dr. Alcorta expressed thanks to MIEMSS staff that has assisted with Hurricane Sandy.

### **Election of 2013 Officers**

Chairman Kalish relinquished control of the meeting to Past Chairman Roger Simonds. Chief Simonds requested that the bylaws be suspended to take a vote by voice since there was only one nominee for chairman and vice-chairman. After the Bylaws were suspended, **SEMSAC voted unanimously to re-elect Dr. Kalish to serve as chairman in 2013 and Roland Berg to serve as vice-chairman in 2013.**

### **Old Business**

- Dr. Walker gave an overview of the National Pediatric Readiness Project which surveys hospitals on their capability to care for pediatric patients. The voluntary survey is conducted online and the results are confidential. We are hoping for 100% hospital participation in Maryland. Aggregate results will be available in early 2013.
- SEMSAC will not meet in December. The next meeting will be the joint SEMSAC-EMS Board. The date will be sent by email as soon as it is finalized.

**The meeting adjourned at 13:42**