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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Director's EMS Pre-hospital Advisory
Committee

FROM: Alasdair Conn, M.D.

SUBJECT: Brief Meeting Summary

Enclosed is a copy of the Brief Meeting Summary for
the meeting held on October 4, 1983. Your attendance at
this meeting was appreciated.

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Enclosure



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BRIEF MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING: Director's EMS Pre-hospital Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 4, 1983, 6:30 PM
West Annapolis Volunteer Fire Department
Annapolis, Maryland

PARTICIPANTS:

R Adams Cowley, M.D., Chairman - MIEMSS
John Barto - Region IV EMS Administrator
Mary Beachley, R.N. - REMSAC
Marcus Bramble - Region IV EMS Administrator
William Clark - MIEMSS
Alasdair Conn, M.D. - MIEMSS
Lt. James H. Craumer - Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue
Academies
Robert N. Dempsey - Maryland State Firemen's Association
John Donohue - Region III EMS Associate Administrator
M. H. "Jim" Estep - Metropolitan Fire Chiefs of Maryland
Leon Hayes - Charles County EMS
Albert Henley, Jr. - Montgomery County Fire Rescue Academy
John W. Hogle - Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
John Holloway - Region IV EHS Intern
Jesse V. Jackson - Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
Louis Jordan - MIEMSS
Leonard T. King - Maryland State Firemen's Association
Robert P. Lynch - Maryland State Ambulance & Rescue
Association
James R. Miller - Prince George's County Fire Department
Charles R. Mooney - Acting Deputy Chief, Baltimore County
Fire Department
F. E. "Ted" Porter - Maryland Fire Rescue Education &
Training Commission
David Ramsey - Region I EMS Administrator
Charles W. Riley - Maryland State Firemen's Association
Ronald Schaefer - MIEMSS
Robert Schappert - Maryland Fire Rescue Institute
Michael S. Smith - Region II EMS Administrator
Marie Warner - Region V EMS Administrator

The meeting was convened by Dr. R Adams Cowley, who stated that some of the Agenda items were being switched around since Mr. Riley had to leave early.

Item 1. Darlington EMT-A Class Problem.

- Ron Schaefer reported that in July, we had experienced a poor success rate with the CPR Station, and as soon after as possible, a meeting was held with MFRI and MIEMSS, with all the interested individuals from the Darlington area, and the class. After this meeting, the students were provided the opportunity for retraining and eventually re-testing, and all those who were retrained and retested, did pass.
- A mail survey was conducted of these students to which very poor responses were received. This was followed up by phone calls to each student, but we were unable to ascertain exactly what the problem with the class was.
- Dr. Conn stated that what we would like to do when we realize there is a problem with a class, is the next day have a representative of the local jurisdiction, a representative from MIEMSS in terms of certification, and a representative of the training agency (in this case, MFRI) look at the problems concerned and see if we can address them. The mailing survey and phone call follow-up is how we chose to look at this particular class. The results weren't very satisfactory; but hopefully, in future problems like this, this is how we will handle them.
- Dr. Cowley stated that he hopes all the Fire Chiefs, etc. will welcome this kind of a critique to see what else we can do to improve the test, and to make it better for the students so they don't have to repeat examinations.
- It was asked if Chiefs Lyons and Terrel were satisfied with the management of this problem. Mr. Schaefer stated that as far as he was aware, they had closed the matter.

Item 2. EMT-A Task Force.

- Dr. Cowley stated that Jim Estep had agreed to be the Chairman. It has been suggested and agreed that Mr. Leonard King will be the Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Curt Wilkerson will also be placed on this Committee.

Item 3. EMT-P Program.

- Dr. Conn reported that he has spoken with the Regional Medical Directors who have given him input as to the types of medications they want the EMT-P to manage. Basically, they will be the same medications as the CRT, but in Region V, they have additional medications above the basic CRT minimum medications, such as decadron and valium. It was the Medical Directors' feeling that these should be added to the EMT-Ps' armamentarium with medications, but only given on direct physician control. It was the feeling from both field providers and Medical Directors that endotracheal intubation should be utilized at the EMT-P level, following the success of the pilot program in Montgomery County. The Maryland and D.C. Society of Anesthesiologists have indicated that they are willing to train EMT-P candidates in the hospitals in that skill.
- A Memo will be going out shortly to the Regional Advisory Councils, DEMSPAC, and Regional Medical Directors, with a copy of the Draft of the EMT-P Program Standards. Subsequent meetings will be held, and MIEMSS will use this input, and generate another Draft. When it is finalized, the document will go to the State Board of Medical Examiners for an announcement in the Maryland Register, and then enter into the official bureaucratic process of implementation of program standard changes. It will have to be announced in the Maryland Register; public hearings will be held, an opportunity will be given for members of the public to write in; but hopefully, by that time we will have reached a consensus throughout the State.

Item 4. Resolution of the Hospital and Health Services Committee of the Board of Regents on the Subject of Governance and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems.

- Dr. Cowley asked the members to read the Resolution, and then he reported on the background of MIEMSS regarding governance.
- Dr. Cowley stated that this Resolution was produced by Allen Schwait, the Chairman of the Hospital & Health Service Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Board of Regents. The previous week, it was decided that this would be presented to the Board of Regents. Dr. Cowley stated that after passage through the Board of Regents it would be forwarded to the Governor.
- Mr. Dempsey stated that the Bill has not come down to the Governor's office yet.
- Dr. Cowley stated that MIEMSS did not request this Bill. MIEMSS was given 10 minutes to present the MIEMSS case.

- Mr. Riley announced that the MSFA would send a letter to the Board of Regents asking to be advised of the meeting at which the Resolution is coming up.
- Mr. Dempsey suggested that 40-50 copies be made of this Bill and distributed for discussion.

Item 5. EMS Funding Mechanism.

- Chief Estep asked what is the future funding mechanism that MIEMSS will require for Field Programs, in particular for some of the capital improvements. Dr. Cowley stated this was being addressed, and asked Mr. Clark to respond.

Item 6. EMS Communications Plan.

- In response to Items 5 and 6, Bill Clark stated that MIEMSS is presently dealing with an approximate \$10 million communications system cost. MIEMSS is meeting to revise this within the week.
- Chief Estep would like to have this figure before next Tuesday, when the full committee meets.

Item 7. Evaluation of Practical Skills Examination.

- Bill Clark discussed the Draft which was included in the hand-outs.
- He began by expressing the existing concern with the practical examination, and that some agencies had wanted to use some of their local resources in evaluating this exam. After checking into this matter, MIEMSS felt that the eight points contained in this Draft would give integrity to local evaluation and MIEMSS would still have a program that all could have faith in. The criteria are: (1) must be a Level II; (2) can't be a course instructor; (3) have to have successfully completed a MIEMSS Evaluation Workshop; (4) utilize an approved testing environment; (5) must be an evaluator on standardized skills in a MIEMSS approved manner; (6) evaluators must certify that the evaluation was conducted in this approved manner; (7) MIEMSS has to be notified in advance of when the practical will be given; and finally, MIEMSS reserves the right to monitor, - MIEMSS can't be there all the time, but there is always a chance that a MIEMSS monitor would come by just to make sure that the sponsoring agency abides by the rules. The monitor will be out of Ron Schaefer's office, and the instructor or evaluator should be advised that his class is being monitored.

- If this procedure is implemented, it would give those agencies, who so choose, the ability to evaluate their own practical examinations, and eliminate some of the complicated scheduling problems. No one is being forced to do this, but any department who has the need to, would have the ability to do so.
- There was concern expressed as to what would be the ramifications if a monitor came by and they weren't doing any one of these things. It was stated that if it were a major defect, a hearing might have to be held. If it is something small, common sense will have to be used.
- If the EMT-A Task Force doesn't approve of these criteria, then this will go into their report and will be acted upon by the Director.

Item 8. Grant Forms for Block Grant.

- Dr. Conn stated that MIEMSS administers approximately \$100,000 of DOT Grants and some Block Grants which come from the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.
- These forms normally come out around the end of the year, and there is usually a short time frame to get the projects that the Field want funded back to MIEMSS; then we have to prioritize them.
- This year, the forms for Expressions of Interest for the DOT Grants are included in the handouts. This should serve as a forum to get the word out, and various subcommittees can deliberate about the projects they wish funded.
- We anticipate that these will be funded at the same level as last year. One should find out what one needs now, so that in January we are not caught short-handed.
- This is currently being administered through REMSAC, but this Committee should also have the opportunity for input into that form.

Item 9. State Disaster Assistance Plan.

- Bill Clark stated that the State Disaster Plan has the EMS component in it which MIEMSS is responsible for updating from time-to-time. The last time it was updated was in 1970. MIEMSS presently has an intern working through the end of May who will be revising this Plan, as far as we are concerned.
- MIEMSS hopes to go to all the jurisdictions and speak with the Fire Services to find out what plans they might have and how the State can help in times of a mass casualty situation. MIEMSS will also speak with the Council of Governments and various entities. MIEMSS is speaking with the National Transportation Safety Board right now, looking at the human impact

of the disasters they have been investigating over the past years, particularly at the mass casualty situations, to see actually what has been that experience and how local entities have responded to the handling of these mass casualties.

- MIEMSS plans to duplicate the information gathered and distribute it to everyone so one can review what's been going on around the country, and how various departments have reacted to the situations. Hopefully, then, with this upgraded Plan, one can look at these disasters around the country and see if the Maryland EMS Plan can respond to these situations. MIEMSS has written to the other 49 states and is receiving copies of their state plans. MIEMSS hopes to establish a plan by which, if we were in a mass casualty situation, MIEMSS as a state EMS Agency, could meet its requirements under law.
- This Plan will not be going to the Governor's Office.
- Dr. Cowley stated that if anyone wishes, they can write a note to him with their address, and we will send them an edited manual on Mass Casualty Management & Terrorism, which is the aftermath of our meeting held last summer.

Other Business

- Dr. Conn stated that an ambulance captain in Carroll County has asked us how he could obtain certification for the use of the Thumper. We are not performing certification for the use of the Thumper, - that is up to the local jurisdiction; and everyone should be informed of this.
- Lou Jordan informed the group that a UMAB Newspaper covering the EMS Olympics is in the back of the handouts. On page 3, is an interview regarding the role of the volunteers in the EMS System.
- Lt. Jim Craumer (on behalf of Chief Fuston), stated that the Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies has two questions they would like answered. One deals with the standard equipment which is supposed to be used in EMT testing. Is there going to be a list made available of standard and acceptable equipment, as certain jurisdictions differ in the types of equipment they use for trade-name? Ron Schaefer stated that a list has been sent out to the sponsoring agencies. If there are any questions on this, they may be referred directly to him.
- The other question deals with The Maryland Way. Will it be legal and binding, and how will it impact if local protocol differs from the protocols set down in The Maryland Way? Mr. Schaefer stated that this year, we are not testing on "The Maryland Way", it is on any medically accepted way. As a result of the findings of the Task Force and their recommendations to Dr. Cowley, that will be the way MIEMSS will be guided in the future.

- Lt. Craumer indicated he wanted to extend this further, - not just for testing purposes, but for practical purposes in the street, if it gets down to a court case.

Lou Jordan stated that at the beginning of the textbook, it clearly states that this is a medically acceptable way, and has the endorsement of Dr. Cowley and Dr. Conn, as well as others who have contributed to it. This statement is in the front of every draft manual that is out, and will be verbatim in the new manual.

Lt. Craumer stated that the real question is if they do it some other way than The Maryland Way, and it did turn into a legal situation, what will be the result.

Ron Schaefer stated that they would not be liable. They would be judged on whether it was a medically accepted procedure.

- The Maryland Way (complete with modifications, - photos to be taken in a few days) is all ready to go to the publishers, and it should be a resource book.
- Mr. Porter noted that changes need to be made in the Minutes of the July 7, 1983 meeting as follows:
 - Page 3, 2.0, should read "to provide an advisory forum of the representative field providers, trainers, and the certification agencies in order to provide guidance in pre-hospital EMS matters to the Maryland State Director of EMS.
 - Page 7, 5.2 - add following paragraph: Chief Estepp also made a motion that the EMT program for the school year 1983-1984 should be administered by MIEMSS. After verification that this will be a five-skill practical, the group concurred with this motion.
 - Page 7, 5.3 - the following should be added to the first paragraph:

A recommendation to the Director was made that would require the sponsoring agency to request permission to use their equipment prior to the start of the course. This request should be made to the Medical Director of the Field Programs.
 - The Minutes will be revised to reflect these changes and sent out to all the members.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.
- The next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

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