

**Legislation and Planning Committee Meeting (L&P)**  
**1001 Technology Park Drive**  
**Friday, February 11, 2011**  
**9:00 A.M.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Gary Dalton</b>	<b>Ed Rhodes (excused)</b>	Scott Winston	Gary Samuels
<b>Michael Player</b>	<b>Art Lipscomb (excused)</b>	Gary Brown	Linda Hale
<b>Kent Weber</b>		Michael Berg	Greg Woods
<b>Rob Logan</b>		Tim Perkins	Wayne Peer
<b>Mike Harmon</b>			Bruce Edwards
<b>Robin Foster, MD</b>			Valeta Daniels
			Jessica Goodman
			Carol Lee Strickler

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<b>Opening</b>	Mr. Gary Dalton called the meeting to order at 9 AM. The minutes from Friday, October 29, 2010 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as written.	<b>Motion to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2010 meeting made by Mike Player. Seconded by Rob Logan. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.</b>
<b>OEMS Update</b>	<p>Mr. Scott Winston reported that Mr. Ken Pullen, EMS Program Representative for Northern Virginia has retired. Ken has been employed by OEMS for twenty five years. His position vacancy will be covered by Ms. Heather Phillips until OEMS can recruit and fill the position. Initial recruit for the position resulted in OEMS interviewing three candidates. The decision was made to re-advertise the position with a deadline for submitting employment applications of Feb. 24.</p> <p>Mr. Winston also reported the Performance Improvement Coordinator position formerly held by Nevena Skoro is now vacant due to resignation. OEMS has begun the process of attempting to fill the Biostatistician position previously held by Sherrina Gibson.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported VDH recently announced the creation of a Performance Improvement Council. Mr. Rob Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer for Richmond Ambulance Authority</p>	

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<p><b>State EMS Plan Update</b></p>	<p>has been requested to serve on the Council by the Commissioner of Health.</p> <p>It was reported a new committee of the state EMS Advisory Board has been formed. The EMS Provider Health and Safety Committee will be chaired by Mr. Jason Campbell and focus on issues related to the health, safety and wellness of EMS providers. A new category of award for the Governor’s EMS Awards has also been created to recognize and honor exemplary individuals and programs with a focus on health and safety.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported the Office of EMS has initiated the process of transitioning to the new Virginia EMS Education Standards. In addition, EMT-Instructors and ALS Coordinators will be transitioned to the new EMS Education Coordinator certification. Full program implementation is dependent on promulgation of the new EMS Regulations by the Board of Health.</p> <p>Mr. Gary Brown reported on the recent approval of the revised by-laws for the state EMS Advisory Board. Four coordinator positions have been created (Administrative, Infrastructure, Patient Care, and Professional Development) in order to improve communication and break down any perceptions that committees may be working in a silo.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that amendments to the budget related to funding to the Virginia State Police (VSP) for Med-Flight operations have been revised. Language has been included in the budget to encourage VSP to look for other sources of funding for their Med-Flight program. No funds are proposed to be transferred at this time.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported on the status of HB 1675 (Variance/Exemption procedure) and HB 2279 (OEMS to recognize equivalent training, experience and education obtained by armed forces personnel for the purposes of issuance of EMS certification in Virginia.)</p> <p>Mr. Tim Perkins reported that the draft State EMS Plan was presented at the February 2010 meeting of the FL&amp;P committee, and to the state EMS Advisory Board in May. Following the meeting, the draft plan was posted to the OEMS web page for public comment. The public</p>	

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<p><b>EMS Regulations</b></p>	<p>comment period ended on July 16, 2010, with 47 comments submitted, which prompted a minor change to the plan, to include language related to the creation and maintenance of a ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Triage Protocol. This addition is Key Strategic Initiative 4.1.4 of the plan.</p> <p>The final draft of the plan was approved by the state EMS Advisory Board at their meeting on August 13. OEMS presented the final approved Plan to the Board of Health (BoH) at their meeting on October 15. The BoH took no action on the request made by OEMS to approve the state Plan and further information was requested.</p> <p>These changes include adding information to the state EMS Plan on the Mission and Vision of the Office of EMS, a brief overview of the EMS system in Virginia, as well as identification of objectives for each strategic initiative, responsible parties, anticipated cost, and division of responsibility. OEMS submitted the revised plan to the Commissioner in late December 2010. The Plan was distributed by the Commissioner to the BoH members for comment. Absent further comments by the BoH, the Commissioner approved the state EMS Plan on behalf of the Board. The Commissioners approval of the state Plan will be ratified by the full BoH at their March 11, 2011 meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Berg reported the Durable Do Not Resuscitate Regulations have been at the Governor's Policy office for 163 days. The Office of EMS has been advised that unless a regulation has an immediate and direct impact, no action will be taken on these documents until after the 2011 session of the General Assembly adjourns.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that the EMS Regulations are currently being reviewed by the Commissioner of Health. The Commissioner has indicated she will approve the EMS Regulations on behalf of the Board of Health pending revision of existing language pertaining to the requirement that patient care reports are left at the receiving facility. The Commissioner wants language added to the proposed EMS regulations that requires EMS personnel to leave critical patient care information at the hospital with the patient at the time of transport and a completed patient care report document must be delivered to the</p>	

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	<p>receiving medical facility within 12 hours of patient arrival.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that Dr. Marissa Levine, MD met with the Rules and Regulations Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board yesterday and presented the Commissioner's proposed language amendment to the EMS Regulations. The Committee made several revisions and ultimately approved the language.</p>	
<b>EMS Related Legislation:</b>	<p>Mr. Gary Dalton shared with the Committee a written report developed by Mr. Ed Rhodes summarizing key bills under consideration by the General Assembly. OEMS reported it has only been assigned two (2) bills (HB 1675, HB 2279) to track during this session of the General Assembly.</p>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>None.</p>	
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	<p>The Committee re-opened the discussion about the make-up of the Legislative and Planning committee.</p> <p>Gary Dalton reported he requested Mr. Ronnie Black, the current President of the Virginia State FireFighter's Association (VSFF), to nominate an individual to represent their organization on the Committee. Mr. Dalton advised President Black the Committee was extremely satisfied with Mr. Byron Andrews and encouraged VSFF to reappoint Mr. Andrews. To date, Mr. Black has not responded to Mr. Dalton's request for a nomination.</p> <p>Mr. Dalton reported that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board will be held on March 23. At that time, the Chair of the EMS Advisory Board has requested each Committee Chair to provide a list of organizational representation for each Committee.</p> <p>The Committee revisited the discussion of adding a hospital system representative on the Committee. It was also noted that the organizational seats on the Committee representing the Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee (TSOMC) (formerly Morris Reece) and the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) are currently vacant. It was suggested that a representative of a hospital health care system in Virginia who is also a member of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) replace the TSOMC seat on the Committee and a representative from EMS for Children replace one of the three</p>	

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	<p>(3) at-large seats on the Committee.</p> <p>It was also stated that liaison members from other Committees of the state EMS Advisory Board could be invited to attend Committee meetings on an ad-hoc basis. However, these individuals would not be official members of the Committee and would not have voting rights.</p> <p>The following organizational representation on the Committee was recommended:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chair must come from state EMS Advisory Board and will represent the organization that appointed them to the Board.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">VAVRS VAGEMSA VFCA VPPF EMS for Children Committee Regional EMS Council Executive Directors Group VHHA VSFF Two (2) at-large positions.</p>	<p><b>Motion made by Michael Player and seconded by Rob Logan to approve organizational representation of the Committee as stated. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.</b></p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	None.	
<b>Meeting dates for 2011</b>	<p>The following meeting dates were agreed upon:</p> <p>Friday, May 13 Friday, August 12 Wednesday, Nov. 9 or a date that coincides with the Virginia Fire Services Council Legislative Summit (typically held in October time frame).</p> <p>All meetings will begin at 9 AM unless otherwise indicated.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM	