

**EMS Advisory Board – Executive Committee
Glen Allen, Virginia
Thursday, February 14, 2013
11:00 AM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
<p>Gary P. Critzer, Chair Dale Wagoner, Vice Chair Bruce Edwards Larry Oliver Gary Samuels Matthew Tatum Allen Yee, M.D.</p>		<p>Gary R. Brown Scott Winston Warren Short Irene Hamilton</p>	

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Welcome and Introductions	The Chair, Gary Critzer, called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM	
Approval of the Agenda	Mr. Critzer said that two items would be added to the agenda. One regarding Regional EMS Council funding and another is regarding Medevac GPS approaches.	The agenda was approved with those two additions.
Approval of Minutes of November 2012 Meeting	The minutes from the November 2012 meeting was approved as submitted.	
EMS Legislation	<p>The Office of EMS was assigned lead on nine bills this session. Mr. Brown gave an overview of these bills and other bills that impact EMS. Bills reviewed included identical bills HB1383 (Pogge) and SB 1288 (Carrico); identical bills HB1622 (Pogge) and SB790 (Stuart); HB1927 (Morris); HB2315 (O'Bannon); HB1988 (Sickles); SB881 (Deeds).</p> <p>HB1856 (Orrock) was discussed extensively since it has been a major concern throughout the EMS community. The bill addresses Emergency Medical Services – procedures and practices. Mr. Brown reported that the original bill which created quite a stir among the EMS community was amended. Mr. Brown explained that this is a Section I bill, which means that it will not add this to the Code of Virginia, but it will be tracked by Legislative Services. He said that there are three parts to the bill, and he explained the three parts.</p> <p>The bill directs the Board of Health to direct the EMS Advisory Board to (1) inform certified EMS providers of the appeals process for adverse decisions made by an agency operational medical director related to the ability of an EMS provider's ability to practice under their authority; (2) develop a standard operating procedure template to be used in the development of local and regional medical treatment protocols for basic life support emergency care provided by EMS providers; (3) to review training for EMS personnel throughout the state to identify and address disparities in the delivery of training and the availability of training of EMS personnel.</p>	<p>The EMS Advisory Board will have to develop the appeal process.</p> <p>The Board of Health will have to report on the progress of meeting the requirements of this act to the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the</p>

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	<p>There was a lot of discussion regarding this bill, especially concern over the appeal process. The group agreed that even though the system had a lot of concerns with the original bill, the amended bill is a compromise and is probably the best outcome they could hope for at this time. The amended bill will allow the EMS Advisory Board to work out the appeals process through the Medical Direction Committee, Training and Certification Committee and other applicable committees. The agreed upon appeals process will have to go to the Board of Health for approval, who will forward it to the Senate and House subcommittees. HB1856 has been reported out of the House and the Senate.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reviewed the Budget Bill amendments with the committee. He discussed the three budget amendments that concern EMS and the different language in the House and Senate versions of the bills.</p> <p><u>Funding for 12Lead ECG Monitors</u> The House approved version states that the Commissioner of Health shall work with the EMS Advisory Board to prioritize funding from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to provide grants to local EMS organizations to purchase 12 Lead ECG monitors for ambulances. The Senate approved version states that \$1,000,000 the second year from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund should be used to provide grants to local organizations to purchase 12 Lead ECG monitors for ambulances.</p> <p><u>Funding for National Background Checks</u> The House also approved that \$90,000 from the second year from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be provided for national background checks for persons applying to serve as a member of a licensed emergency medical services agency. The Senate approved \$110,000 the second year from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be provided for national background checks for persons applying to serve as a member of a licensed emergency medical services agency.</p> <p>Mr. Winston provided some background on the legislation that created the need for this budget amendment. He said that statute identifies entities that can request a name search only for a criminal background check from the state police, including volunteers, rescue squad personnel and EMS providers. However, that language was stricken from the bill and it no longer allows an individual to request a copy of their criminal background check free of charge. Now they have to get the background checks through the state police and their central criminal records exchange to get a criminal background check through the FBI. He explained that the background check includes a name search and a fingerprint match looking at state and national records for any criminal convictions.</p> <p><u>Funding for Poison Control Centers</u> The House bill language approved \$1,000,000 the second year to restore funding to Poison Control Centers. The Senate bill language approved \$1,000,000 on the second year to fund the current three Poison Centers.</p> <p>Mr. Brown said that the differences will be worked out by the budget conferees committee</p>	<p>Senate Committee on Education and Health no later than December 21, 2013.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that when they meet with the new Health Commissioner, Dr. Romero, later in the day, he wants to discuss EMS concerns related to the redistribution of EMS funds.</p>

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HB1856 – Assignment of Work	<p>Mr. Critzer suggested the appropriate EMS Advisory Board committees that should complete the work assignments associated with the three sections of HB1856.</p> <p>Training and Certification Committee – The Certification piece and classes and education should go to the Training and Certification Committee.</p> <p>Medical Direction Committee - The BLS guidelines should go to the Medical Direction Committee workgroup.</p> <p>Rules and Regulations Committee and the Medical Direction Committee - The Appeals piece should go to Rules and Regulations and Medical Direction Committees.</p>	
Board of Health Seat	<p>The EMS seat on the Board of Health is up for reappointment in July 2013, and they need to submit three nominees to the Secretary of Commonwealth.</p> <p>The committee discussed the prior process used to select nominees, and how to solicit names for the seat this term. The committee agreed to make the announcement at the EMS Advisory Board meeting tomorrow, that anyone interested should submit their name and resume by a certain date.</p> <p>The committee decided that the EMS Advisory Board will be asked to submit names of interested persons by February 28. Individuals should submit a letter of intent stating why they are qualified to be a nominee along with their resume. The list of interested candidates will be compiled and distributed to the Executive Committee members. Executive Committee members must submit their choices by email, ensuring that they only send their response to Mr. Critzer and don't copy anyone else on their response.</p>	
EMS Plan and Needs Assessment Update	<p><u>Needs Assessment Survey</u> Mr. Critzer said that the EMS Needs Assessment results are back and the information is in the Quarterly Report. Mr. Winston stated that they sent out 597 requests and they got back 48 percent. Mr. Winston said that approximately 100 agencies did not receive the survey because they did not have an account on the EMS portal, and that prompted them to register for the EMS portal so they could receive the survey. Mr. Winston recognized the role of the regional EMS Councils in getting agencies to respond. He said the Legislation and Planning Committee will discuss in their meeting revisions to the survey for future surveys.</p> <p><u>State EMS Plan</u> Mr. Winston said there is a good narrative and update in the Quarterly Report regarding the progress to date to the State EMS Plan. Mr. Winston said that the EMS Advisory Board standing committee chairs will be receiving guidance requesting input into the revisions of the Plan. The goal is to submit a proposed plan to the EMS Advisory Board in August for a vote in November. It would then be submitted to the Board of Health in March of next year.</p>	
VPHIB User Group	At a prior EMS Advisory Board meeting it was suggested to create a VPHIB workgroup to work with	

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	<p>OEMS staff. Names have been solicited from Christy Shires of the different users of the various software programs throughout the state. An email has been sent to these power users to solicit them to serve on a VPHIB usersgroup. Mr. Critzer said he has sent out 9 requests and received 5 responses from individuals willing to serve. Mr. Critzer said once he gets the remaining responses back he will put the usersgroup into service and have them meeting by April, if possible. Dr. Yee suggested to include a couple of users who have had problems with the system.</p>	
<p>Pending GAB Appointments Status</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer said that there are several appointments pending on the EMS Advisory Board. He said it is his understanding that the appointments will be made quickly after the General Assembly has concluded. Mr. Brown indicated he has also received this information from Matt Cobb, as well.</p>	
<p>Committee Assignments – TCC and MDC</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer said that there are committee assignments for Training and Certification Committee, Medical Direction Committee and Rules and Regulations Committee.</p> <p>Rules and Regulations Committee- Mr. Samuels submitted the name of Gerard Hyland from Fairfax Board of Supervisors. He said he will be taking Mr. Hyland’s name to the Rules and Regulations Committee later in the day.</p> <p>Training and Certification Committee- Mr. Oliver said they solicited their stakeholders groups for TCC representation. Mr. Oliver also reported that they are aware they will have an upcoming vacancy because Holly Frost will be leaving the committee in May.</p> <p>He submitted the following names for TCC: Larry Oliver, Chair; VAVRS – Kathy Eubank; VAGEMSA –William Ferguson; ENA – Steve Rasmussen; Regional EMS Council – Stephen Rea; Licensed Commercial EMS Agency – Tom Nevetral; ALS Coordinator Workgroup – Michael Garnett; Academic EMS Coordinator – Holly Frost; Pediatric representative for EMS for Children – Dr. Robin Foster; At Large Seat – Rick McClure from the EMS Advisory Board; and they still have an At Large seat left.</p> <p>The committee discussed having staggered terms for committee members. This would avoid having a possible new committee of members who are unfamiliar of the ongoing works. Mr. Oliver also expressed concern in not having a MDC representative attend the TCC meetings.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards suggested that they should probably have the Board of Health member to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the committee. He suggested reassembling the Bylaws Sub-Committee to address this and other items of concern, especially staggering committee appointments.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Executive Committee moves to accept the names submitted for the TCC and Rules and Regulations Committee.</p> <p>VOTE: YEA = 7; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Dr. Yee said they will find a MDC member, probably someone closer to Richmond, to attend the TCC meetings.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM</p>	