

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
 Courtyard by Marriott, Richmond, VA
 Friday, February 7, 2014
 1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others:	OEMS Staff:
Bryon F. Andrews, III Virginia State Firefighters Association Anita Ashby Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association	J. David Barrick (Excused) Peninsulas EMS Council B.R. "Beau" Blevins, III Virginia Association of Counties	Marissa J. Levine, M.D., MPH Interim State Health Commissioner David H. Trump, M.D., MPH, MPA Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner Public Health and Preparedness Amanda Lavin Office of the Attorney General Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council Connie R. Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council Ed Rhodes Regional Councils / VFCA / VAVRS / VAGEMSA Gary Dalton VAVRS / VAA Karen D. Wagner VAVRS / FARC Jose Salazar Loudoun County Fire Rescue Margot Moser Rappahannock EMS Council Tracey McLaurin Lord Fairfax EMS Council Gregory Woods Southwest Virginia EMS Council Stephen Rea Thomas Jefferson EMS Council Jim Chandler Tidewater EMS Council Brad Taylor CJW Kent Weber Tidewater EMS Council Michael B. Player Peninsulas EMS Council Al Thompson Bon Secours Richmond Health System Greg Rauch NVEMSC / City of Fairfax Fire Department Sam Dahl Northern Virginia EMS Council Melinda Duncan Northern Virginia EMS Council Mike Harmon VAGEMSA	Gary R. Brown P. Scott Winston Michael D. Berg Warren Short Dennis Molnar Bob Swander George Lindbeck Amanda Davis Marian Hunter Paul Sharpe Tim Perkins Karen Owens Adam Harrell Ken Crumpler Wayne Berry Steve McNeer David P. Edwards Wanda Street Irene Hamilton
Dreama D. Chandler Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council Richard H. Decker, III Old Dominion EMS Alliance James R. Dudley, M.D., MBA Virginia College of Emergency Physicians Bruce W. Edwards Tidewater EMS Council Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council R. Christian Eudailey Rappahannock EMS Council Robin L. Foster, M.D. American Academy of Pediatrics Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN Virginia Emergency Nurses Assoc. / Virginia Nurses Assoc. David Hoback Virginia Fire Chief's Association Ajai Malhotra, M.D. American College of Surgeons Wayne Myers, Jr. Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads Corina D. Nuckols Associated Public Safety Communications Officials Andrea W. Oakes Virginia Municipal League Larry A. Oliver Lord Fairfax EMS Council Ronald Passmore Southwest Virginia EMS Council Gary W. Samuels VA Chapter of the International Assoc. of Firefighters Matthew J. Tatum VA Assoc. of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSAO) John Dale Wagoner Western Virginia EMS Council	Anthony D. Wilson (Excused) Virginia Ambulance Association Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM (Excused) Medical Society of Virginia Dr. Marilyn McLeod (Excused) Blue Ridge EMS Council		

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Others:

OEMS Staff:

Robert Trimmer
Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Bryon S. McRay
Richmond Ambulance Authority
Pokey Harris
Southwest VA EMS / Washington County VA EMS
Wes Shifflett
Rockingham County Fire & Rescue / VAGEMSA
Jeff Michael
Rockingham County Fire & Rescue / VAGEMSA

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance• Approval of Minutes• Approval of Agenda	<p>Gary Critzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1PM.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked the group to stand and give the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked the group to remain standing for a moment of silence for Waynesboro Police Officer, Kevin Quick, whose body was recovered.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked for approval of the minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes. Dr. Dudley stated that he had asked Irene to make a grammatical correction on page 3, changing the third sentence from the bottom, under E.V.E.N.T. to read “anonymously” instead of unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked for approval of the agenda for the meeting.</p>	<p>The meeting minutes were approved as presented, with the understanding that the word would be corrected.</p> <p>The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.</p>
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that he attended the Public Safety Memorial groundbreaking in Richmond. He also attended the HWI subcommittee meeting on HB1010. Mr. Critzer said he would give details on these events under the Executive Committee report.</p>	
Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner	<p>Mr. Wagoner did not have anything to report.</p>	

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Interim State Commissioner of Health – Dr. Marissa Levine	<p>Dr. Levine stated that she did not know how long she would be the Interim State Health Commissioner but assured EMS that they would still have her full support.</p> <p>Dr. Levine also introduced Dr. David Trump, the State Epidemiologist, who has agreed to serve as the Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner for Public Health. Dr. Trump will be the “go to” person for EMS during this transitional period.</p> <p>Dr. Levine said that VDH is appreciative of the year that Dr. Romero served as State Health Commissioner and plan to stay on the same path giving full support to EMS and the services they provide.</p> <p>Dr. Levine reminded the group that today was “Wear Red Day” in recognition of heart disease in women.</p>	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston, George Lindbeck and Staff	<p>Mr. Brown reminded the group that most items of interest, actions and events of the last quarter are covered in detail in the <i>VDH OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board</i>. Mr. Brown said that the Quarterly Report is posted on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Mr. Brown pointed out that in the Executive Management section of the Quarterly Report there is detail in regards to the proposed EMS budget for 2014-2016 Biennium, some proposed spending reductions and appropriations, and adjustments and modifications to fees. There is also some information on budget amendments that have been introduced in regards to the Poison Control Centers.</p> <p>Mr. Brown said that he has sent out weekly updates in regards to General Assembly legislation.</p> <p>Mr. Brown gave updates on HB581 and SB355 –comprehensive cleanup bills for EMS – were carried over at EMS request so they can be vetted through EMS and the EMS Advisory Board. Also HB1010 has also been carried over to the 2015 session.</p> <p><i>OEMS Personnel Updates-</i> Gary Brown Mr. Brown reported that Russ Stamm, who worked on the Trauma Registry and Durable Do Not Resuscitate Programs, has retired; and Christy Shires, the VPHIB Coordinator has resigned to take another position. Mr. Brown reminded the group that both positions are in the Division of Trauma and Critical Care and asked for patience with the Division until they can get the positions filled.</p> <p>Also Mr. Romney Smith has accepted a position as an EMS Program Representative with OEMS.</p> <p><i>EMS on the National Scene-</i> Mr. Brown asked staff who are working at the national level to give updates on the work they are doing.</p> <p><i>Drafting Team for the Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure -</i> Scott Winston Mr. Winston gave an update on activities taking place on this committee of which he is a member. He gave background on the project and talked about key provisions of the compact. He reported that the</p>	

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	<p>final draft of the document has been presented to the National Association of State EMS Officials and should be reviewed and discussed at their mid-year meeting in Orlando, which is scheduled March 3-5, 2014. Mr. Winston said that once the document is approved by NASEMSO it will become a model for interested states to take before their legislature for adoption. Mr. Winston talked about the next phase of the project and explained that in order for the compact to go into effect there has to be a minimum of 10 states participating in the compact.</p> <p><i>Data Manager Council with the National Association of State EMS Officials – Paul Sharpe</i> Mr. Sharpe had already been elected Chair Elect for the Data Manager Council for NASEMSO. However, the Chair had to step down early and the President of NASEMSO asked Paul Sharpe to take over the Chair position earlier than expected.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe gave the group some background on the work of the Data Manager Council (DMC), explaining that they work on all things related to EMS data, review policies and make recommendations. The Council works closely with NEMSIS and all the EMS software vendors.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe talked about some of the DMC’s major projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They put out a suggested list cutting down the ICD-10 codes, SNOWMED codes, and the RxNorm codes from several thousands to a few hundred that are applicable to EMS. • They drafted 313 national level data quality rules to be used consistently throughout the country and by all EMS software vendors. NEMSIS has accepted 300 of the rules, and they are currently out for public comment. • As an upcoming project, Mr. Sharpe has asked the DMC if they could develop an EMS Data Agenda for the Future so that providers, agencies and states would be knowledgeable on what they are doing and their future goals. <p><i>Pediatric Emergency Care Council – David Edwards</i> Mr. Edwards is the Chair of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council of NASEMSO. Mr. Edwards referred the group to the OEMS Quarterly Report / Trauma and Critical Care /Emergency Medical Services for Children section for a sub-report with detailed information of the Council’s activities.</p>  <p>Pediatric Emergency Care Council Notes.pd</p> <p>He highlighted some of the Council’s activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Transport Guidelines – This deals with safely transporting children in ground ambulances. He reported that it seems they have found some funding for crash testing so they can now show the science behind some of the recommendations. • They provide qualitative recommendations for targeted issue grants coming through EMS for Children and the Pediatric Council. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is looking at Minimum Pediatric Standards – what really makes sense and what kind of science is behind the standards. • Pediatric Disaster Preparedness – They are working with Emergency Preparedness nationally and with the State and have a workgroup and are developing a checklist to determine gaps in pediatric disaster readiness. • They are providing input into the American College of Surgeons documents regarding equipment guidelines for ground ambulances. Minimum BLS and ALS equipment guidelines were published in December and will be posted on the OEMS website. <p><i>Agency Vehicle and Licensure Committee – Michael Berg</i> Mr. Berg is Chair of NASEMSO’s Agency Vehicle and Licensure (AVL) Committee. Mr. Berg said the Board received a document in their packet highlighting the ongoing projects of the AVL Committee.</p>  <p>Ongoing Projects with the NASEMSO AVL Coi</p> <p>Mr. Berg said the committee has multiple charges; however, the most pressing issue at the moment has to do with ambulance standards. He explained that the NFPA 1917 Standards for ambulances has been published and there were numerous concerns because there was not a lot of input from the EMS community. A group met last summer, consisting of representatives from NASEMSO , ambulance manufacturers and NFPA. They devised a list of 25 recommended changes that have been accepted by the NFPA Technical Committee. The suggested changes will be published in a document for public review and comment.</p> <p>Mr. Berg will keep the EMS community abreast of the public comment period and encouraged them to review and make comments on the document. Mr. Berg stated that this is very important because the current Federal K Standards will expire in October 2015, and the Transportation Committee will have to make a decision of new Standards that will be vetted through the State EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Board Members Introductions – Since this was Dr. Trump’s first meeting, Mr. Brown asked the Board members to give introductions.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer welcomed new board member, Richard “Chip” Decker, who is representing the Old Dominion EMS Alliance (ODEMSA). Chip is a former EMS Advisory Board member.</p> <p>Mr. Brown recognized Melinda Duncan, the Northern Virginia EMS Council Director who is retiring after serving as the Executive Director for 23 years. Mr. Brown also recognized the new Northern Virginia EMS Council Director, Sam Dahl.</p> <p><i>State EMS Medical Director – George Lindbeck, MD</i></p>	

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	Dr. Lindbeck said he would make his comments under the Medical Direction Committee report, which he is giving for Dr. McLeod who was unable to attend the meeting.	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	Mr. Bruce reported that the Board of Health had a very short meeting on December 5. Richmond Ambulance Authority gave a great presentation to the Board at that meeting. Mr. Edwards reported that the Board of Health has five new board members. The next meeting of the Board of Health is on March 20 at 9AM.	
Standing Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that the Executive Committee met on January 27 at the Office of EMS. The Committee discussed legislative issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB1856, carried over from last year, required EMS to submit a report to HWI and Senate Education and Health. The report was submitted to the Commissioner and is posted on the Legislative Information System Web site under Reports to the General Assembly (2014, RD 35) for review. They have not received any comments or questions from either committee. • HB581 and SB355 – Clean Up Language bills. Those bills have been turned back over to EMS to allow the State EMS Advisory Board an opportunity to vet those changes. The work on this bill has been tasked to Legislative and Planning and Rules and Regulations Committees. • HB1010 – This bill has been carried over to next year. The EMS Advisory Board has tasked several committees to work on this bill, including Workforce Development, Training and Certification, Legislative and Planning and Rules and Regulations to vet issues surround the recruitment and retention of EMS providers in the Commonwealth. 	
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Robert Trimmer	<p>Robert Trimmer gave the report for Billy Altman, who was not in attendance. He reviewed the Fall grant cycle, grants received and awards given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They received 111 grant applications totaling \$9,340,665 and awarded grants to 90 agencies totaling \$4,677,403. • He reported that the June 2014 grant cycle is open and the deadline is March 17. • They have received 217 grant applications for the VPHIB Special Initiative grant requesting \$5,250,000 in funding and the awards will be made the week of February 10. 	

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<p>Administrative Coordinator / Rules and Regulations Committee – Gary Samuels</p> <p>Legislative and Planning Committee – Chris Eudailey</p>	<p>Mr. Samuels reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee met on Thursday at which time they elected Ed Rhodes as Vice Chair of the Committee. The committee discussed some Board of Pharmacy concerns in Northern Virginia regarding drug boxes and exchange. The Board of Pharmacy meets on March 26 and will discuss this issue. The committee also discussed service animals for employees and determined that it was a federal issue and there was no need to put language regarding that issue in the EMS regulations.</p> <p>Mr. Eudailey reported that the Legislative and Planning Committee met earlier in the day.</p> <p>They have one action in regards to the State EMS Plan. There were a few highlighted items that were changes from the previous document that was shared with Board members at a previous meeting. Mr. Eudailey said that the committee was unable to include information regarding the Poison Control Centers in the Plan because of the time issue for getting the Plan to the Board of Health, and some potential legislation as to how the Centers will be funded. The Legislative and Planning Committee can make changes to the Plan as needed in the future.</p>  <p>State EMS Plan 2013 FinalDraftforAdvisoryB</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and hearing none called for a vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept The State Strategic and Operational Plan as presented.</p> <p>YEAS – 20; NAYS – 0; Abstentions – 0. The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator / Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum</p> <p>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</p>	<p>Mr. Tatum reported that there were currently no action items requiring coordination amongst the three committees.</p> <p><i>Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum</i></p> <p>Mr. Tatum reported that the Transportation Committee has not met since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting. The committee is keeping an eye on NFPA 1917 and working with the Office of EMS and Mike Berg regarding those Standards. The committee will keep the Board informed of any actions regarding NFPA 1917.</p> <p><i>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</i></p> <p>Mr. Critzer reported that the Communications Committee met earlier in the day. He reported on three informational items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They granted Martinsville-Henry County Public Safety Answering Point 911 Center accredited PSAP status. • The committee made changes to the renewal process for the accreditation, extending it to a three year accreditation instead of a two year accreditation. • The committee will work with OEMS staff to develop a portal type access for the Communications Directory so PSAPs could log in and keep their information updated and accurate and available to EMS agencies and providers in the Commonwealth. <p>Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 9, in conjunction with the EMS Advisory Board meeting.</p>	

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Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback	<p><i>Emergency Management Committee</i> – David Hoback The committee met on Thursday. The committee discussed several items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual Aid Net Presentation – this is a software package out of the International Fire Chiefs Association, which can be used by EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, and Hospital communities for referencing, managing, and deploying resources within the Commonwealth. They plan to share this information with the Department of Emergency Management and get their input. • Patient Tracking – They discussed this issue and will present a Position Paper on Patient Tracking for Board action at the next EMS Advisory Board meeting. • School Safety Initiative – Best Practices – the committee has some things they want to do regarding this issue. Once the Governorship changed, the Commission established by the former Governor was dissolved. Mike Player has taken the lead on this issue, and the committee should have something to bring back to the EMS Advisory Board regarding this issue in a couple of months. • COOP Continuity Operations – Winnie Pennington has a final COOP draft. She will be presenting a lecture on this at the EMS Symposium to educate agencies about COOP and how to develop their own plan. 	
<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD</p> <p>Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD</p> <p>Medevac Committee – Anita Ashby</p> <p>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Paul Sharpe</p>	<p>Dr. Yee was not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p><i>Medical Direction Committee (MDC)</i> – George Lindbeck, MD Dr. Lindbeck gave some information from the Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDC submitted documents for HB1856 last fall and is available if there are any further requirements or information requested. • MDC discussed HB1010 and agreed unanimously to oppose that bill. • EMS is now a board certifying sub-specialty of Emergency Medicine. Several Virginia physicians have taken the Boards and are now board-certified EMS Physicians <p>Ms. Ashby reported that the Medevac Committee has no action items, and she shared information regarding some current projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have a Workgroup that met to review a Model State Guideline document developed by the Association of Air Medical Services. They are still reviewing the document and will discuss it again at their May meeting. They plan to use the document as a resource guide for how Medevac agencies within the Commonwealth should operate. • They are working with Paul Sharpe to find out what data they can get from VPHIB for some new projects – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilization studies – processes on how they are caring for some acute patients they are flying ○ Collaborative education of EMS providers across the State. <p>Mr. Sharpe shared some information in regards to the committee’s activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is wrapping up their review of the Trauma Center Designation Manual. Mr. 	

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<p>EMS for Children – Robin Foster, MD</p>	<p>Sharpe said he has received the input from the five workgroups and is in the process of getting it formatted and sent out to the committee for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are also reviewing the committee’s composition. <p>Dr. Foster said the committee met last month. She asked Dave Edwards to share some information in regards to the EMS agencies survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Edwards reported that the survey portal is open until February 28. Mr. Edwards thanked EMS Regional Council Directors for their help with the survey, reaching out to their constituents. He reported that currently there is 68 percent agency response; their goal is to survey more agencies than any other state in the country this year. He said they have had 337 surveys submitted to date; and they need 65 more to make the 80 percent mark. • Mr. Edwards said Board members received a handout which shows the agencies in Virginia who have not opened the survey and the agencies that have opened the survey but not submitted the survey.  <p>EMSC Survey Information.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Edwards pointed out this is the 30th anniversary of the federal EMS for Children program this year. • Mr. Edwards also announced that they have a Pediatric track at Symposium this year. Dr. Foster added that the track will have 34 hours of Peds between the Special track and Peds tracks; and another 16 hours for the EPC course that they will be doing again at Pre-Con. • Mr. Edwards announced that they have purchased a number of Broselow length-based resuscitation tapes, which been distributed through the Regional EMS Councils. The committee will be purchasing more tapes for distribution to instructors throughout the state. • Mr. Edwards said they will be offering once again on-site evaluations of small and rural emergency departments using the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics. • Dr. Foster noted that they are still being funded through EMSC to teach the 16-hour EPC pre-hospital course. This course can be taught in whatever region expresses interest. She said interested regions should contact Dave Edwards or her to indicate they would like to have the course taught in their region. 	
<p>Professional Development Coordinator / Training & Certification Committee – Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver said that he has no items to report as coordinator.</p> <p><i>Training and Certification Committee</i> – Larry Oliver</p> <p>Mr. Oliver reported that the Training and Certification Committee met on Wednesday, January 8th. Mr. Oliver gave an update of discussion items at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee was updated on the progress of HB1856 after it was submitted, and they have not heard any feedback or had any requests to date. • OEMS staff discussed implementation for the new recertification process that will take effect March 1, 2014. Providers who expired in December, January or February were extended until March 31, 2014 to allow them an opportunity to recertify. Public Comment is open until February 22. Mr. Oliver reported that as of the EMS Advisory Board meeting, there has been 	

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<p>Workforce Development Committee – Dreama Chandler</p> <p>Provider Health and Safety Committee – Brian Hricik</p>	<p>no public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee reviewed the status of EMS Training Funds, the accredited training sites and statistics from the BLS testing process through the National Registry. Mr. Oliver reported that several workgroups have been formed. He gave an overview of the workgroups. The workgroups formed include the Evaluator Training Workgroup, Consolidated Test Site Policy, EMT Best Practices, Recertification and Continuing Education, and ALS Competency. A subcommittee was formed to address Online Virginia EMS Programs Guidelines. Bill Akers will chair this subcommittee. <p>The committee will meet the second week in April.</p> <p>Ms. Chandler reported that the committee met on Thursday and discussed the EMS Officer Standards and the Standards of Excellence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMS Officer Standards – They are moving forward with the EMS Officer Standards class. The Committee has developed a course outline. They have a meeting scheduled on March 25 and a two-day work weekend scheduled in April 8-9 to get the program ready. Both meetings are scheduled at the Office of EMS. They will then start beta testing the product. Standards of Excellence – Ms. Chandler reported that they need to conduct beta testing of the Standards of Excellence at two more agencies. The goal for their May meeting is to have the final beta testing done, analyze the information and to create a check off sheet for use with the agencies. The committee must also decide who will be going out to the agencies to administer the assessment tools. The committee’s goal for the May meeting is to have the final beta testing done, the information back, have a check off sheet to use with the agencies, and to decide who will be going out to the agencies to assist with the assessment tools. <p>Mr. Hricik reported that the committee met on Thursday. The committee discussed the Health and Safety Pledge. To date one agency, the Saltville Rescue Squad, has signed the Health and Safety Pledge. Mr. Hricik said they have between 15-20 individuals who have signed the individual pledges. Mr. Hricik asked for the Board’s help in making agencies aware of the Pledge. He said that the pledge can be found on the OEMS website.</p> <p>He said they will be providing informational bulletins and articles through the website each month as a resource. He said that they have identified at least 14 topics to get them started. Each committee member has been tasked with writing an article or identifying someone to provide an article.</p>	
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Woods</p>	<p>Mr. Woods reported that the group met twice since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting, on November 21 in Bedford County and on Thursday.</p> <p>EMS Regional Council Directors Group Election – On November 21 they re-elected officers – Greg Woods, Chair; Jim Chandler, Vice Chair; Chad Blosser, Treasurer; and Tracey McLaurin, Secretary.</p>	

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	<p>The EMS Regional Council Directors Group did vote to oppose HB1010.</p> <p>He said that they have also assisted collaboratively with some projects from the OEMS, encouraging EMS agencies to complete surveys, both for the 12-Lead EKG and the EMS for Children survey.</p> <p>The committee discussed some of their annual projects on Thursday. They looked at standardized ways to promote their EMS Awards programs; and are also looking at specific IT issues. The committee agreed to work with the Communications Committee to gather data for the statewide Communications Directory.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None	
OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>SB 293 / HB 1148 – Cathy Fox, an EMS Advisory Board member, would like the Board to consider supporting HB1148 and SB293, which are Safe Driving Bills. Mr. Critzer said that SB293 has passed the Senate and HB1148 is in committee in the House.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that he has asked Dr. Levine and the OAG’s Office if it is appropriate for the State EMS Advisory Board to take a position either in support or opposition of bills. Amanda Lavin, of the OAG’s Office, said that she had not had a chance to research the matter thoroughly; and therefore, she suggests that it would probably not be good to take a position as a Board; but that you could take a position as an individual.</p> <p>There was a great deal of discussion regarding the issue of whether it is appropriate for the Board to take a position. After discussion it was determined that the best action was for the State EMS Advisory Board to adopt a resolution in support of the bill and send it to the Commissioner of Health.</p> <p>Based on this, Byron Andrews made a motion that the State EMS Advisory Board adopts a resolution in support of SB 293. The motion was properly seconded and the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>Dr. Malhotra said that he had received an email from Dr. Lindbeck, and he feels that TSOMC, MDC, and Medevac Committees should start using TXA for pre-hospital and in-hospital care.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck said that this item will be on the agenda at the next MDC meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to create a resolution in support of SB 293 and forward it to the State Health Commissioner’s Office.</p> <p>YEAS = 21; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The Chair called for a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.</p>	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, May 9, 2014 at the Courtyard by Marriott.	