

**State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board**  
**Crowne Plaza, Richmond, Virginia**  
**Friday, May 18, 2012**  
**1:00 PM**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Others:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>
Anita Ashby <i>Virginia Hospital &amp; Healthcare Association</i>	J. David Barrick (Excused) <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>	Ed Rhodes <i>VFCA/VAVRS/VAGEMSA/Councils</i>	Michael D. Berg
Dreama D. Chandler <i>Virginia Assoc of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)</i>	B.R. "Beau" Blevins, III (Excused) <i>Virginia Association of Counties</i>	Wayne Peer <i>Rockingham County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>	Dennis Molnar
Gary Critzer <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	Michael Crockett (Excused) <i>Associated Public Safety Communications Officials</i>	Michael B. Player <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>	Gary R. Brown
James R. Dudley, M.D., MBA <i>Virginia College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Steve Ennis (Excused) <i>Virginia State Firefighters Association</i>	David E. Cullen, Jr. <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	Jim Nogle
Bruce Edwards <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>	Robin L. Foster, M.D. (Excused) <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Greg Woods <i>Southwest VA EMS Council</i>	Paul Sharpe
Stephen J. Elliott <i>Thomas Jefferson EMS Council</i>	Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN (Excused) <i>VA Emergency Nurses Assoc / VA Nurses Assoc</i>	Connie R. Purvis <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>	Carol Pugh
R. Christian Eudailey <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>	David Hoback (Excused) <i>Virginia Fire Chief's Association</i>	David Hutchinson <i>Virginia Beach Fire Department</i>	Deborah T. Akers
L.V. Pokey Harris <i>Southwest VA EMS Council</i>	Ajai Malhotra, M.D. (Excused) <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Karen Wagner <i>VAVRS</i>	George Lindbeck
Brian Hricik <i>Northern VA EMS Council</i>		Gary Dalton <i>VAVRS</i>	Scott Winston
Richard D. McClure <i>Old Dominion EMS Alliance</i>		Cam Crittenden <i>Bon Secours</i>	Warren Short
Marilyn McLeod, M.D. <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>		Cathy Cockrell <i>Western VA EMS Council</i>	Wayne Berry
Wayne Myers, Jr. <i>VA Assoc of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)</i>		Rob Logan <i>Western VA EMS Council</i>	Greg Neiman
Andrea W. Oakes <i>Virginia Municipal League</i>		Charis Mitchell <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>	Carol S. Morrow
Larry A. Oliver <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i>		Marissa Levine, M.D., MPH <i>Virginia Department of Health</i>	Wanda Street
Gary Samuels <i>VA Chapter of the International Assoc of Firefighters</i>		Thomas Schwalenberg <i>Chesapeake Fire Department</i>	Irene Hamilton
Matthew Tatum <i>VA Assoc of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)</i>		Dan Norville <i>Norfolk Fire-Rescue</i>	Amanda Davis
John Dale Wagoner <i>Western Virginia EMS Council</i>		Keith Morrison <i>Fairfax County Fire Rescue</i>	David Edwards
Anthony D. Wilson <i>Virginia Ambulance Association</i>		Jose Salazar <i>Loudoun County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>	Steve McNeer
Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM <i>Medical Society of Virginia</i>		Pat Pope <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i>	
		Heidi Hooker <i>Old Dominion EMS Alliance</i>	
		Karen Remley, MD, MPH, FAAP <i>Virginia Department of Health</i>	

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**Others:**

**Staff:**

Lisa Davis  
*REMS/Fauquier County DFREM*  
Stephen Rea  
*Thomas Jefferson EMS Council*  
Al Thompson  
*Chesterfield Fire & EMS*  
Bryan McRay  
*Richmond Ambulance*

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<b>Call to Order – Gary Critzer, Chair</b>	<p>Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.</p> <p>Approval of February 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Critzer called for a motion to approve the February 10, 2012 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Hricik asked that the minutes be corrected to show that he was not present at the meeting. There were no more changes to the minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked for a motion to approve the minutes with the one change requested by Mr. Hricik.</p> <p>Approval of May 18, 2012 Meeting Agenda: Mr. Critzer called for a motion to approve the draft meeting agenda.</p> <p>There were no changes and the agenda was approved as presented.</p>	<p><b>The minutes were approved with the one change indicated by Mr. Hricik.</b></p>
<b>Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner</b>	<p>Mr. Wagoner reported that board members have been provided with a Committee Membership Roster that lists the members of each Advisory Board committee.</p>	
<b>Deputy Commissioner of Public Health &amp; Preparedness – Marissa Levine, M.D.</b>	<p>Dr. Levine thanked the EMS community for their work and dedication on the eve of EMS Week.</p> <p>Dr. Levine informed the group that Virginia has a decrease in the number of cases of Pertussis. Dr. Levine stated it is a result of key people, included EMS providers, spreading the word and making sure Virginians got vaccinated. Dr. Levine talked about other preventive measures taking place in the Commonwealth, including the Million Hearts that focuses on getting individuals to get their blood pressure checked in an effort to fight heart disease. Dr. Levine also asked everyone to continue to promote the Advance Directive Registry.</p> <p>Dr. Levine said the Commissioner has asked that they compile as much information as possible regarding drug shortages around the state. Dr. Levine reported that Dr. Lindbeck has been spearheading some activities and she encouraged everyone to respond to his inquiries. They hope to put out a report to give an awareness of what is going on in Virginia in regards to drug shortages. Dr. Levine reported that the Commissioner has participated in several national meetings in an effort to work with the FDA regarding some of the involved issues.</p>	

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<p><b>Navy Jet Catastrophe</b> - David Hutchinson, District Chief, VA Beach Fire Department</p>	<p>Chief Hutchinson gave an interesting and informative presentation on exactly what took place when a Navy Jet crashed into a Virginia Beach apartment complex. His presentation showed pictures and gave details about the unified command response and issues that had to be addressed during the incident.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards shared some additional information regarding the incident. Mr. Edwards talked about the importance of everyone understanding the unified command that involved not only Fire and EMS, but also law enforcement.</p>	
<p><b>Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Director; Scott Winston, Assistant Director, George Lindbeck, M.D., State EMS Medical Director &amp; Other Staff</b></p>	<p><b>Quarterly Report-</b> Mr. Brown referred the Board to the Quarterly Report for detailed information regarding current and ongoing EMS issues and actions. Mr. Brown also informed board members that the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, requested that any action items coming before the board be put in the front section of the Quarterly Report so that board members are aware they will be asked to take action on those items at the meeting. This was done in the current Quarterly Report.</p> <p><b>Budget Amendments-</b> Mr. Brown discussed two budget amendments that he wanted to bring to the Board’s attention.</p> <p><i>Four-for-Life Funds-</i> Mr. Brown pointed out the amendment that uses Four-for-Life funds to pay for initial testing of National Registry at the EMR and EMT level.</p> <p><i>Poison Centers-</i> Mr. Brown talked about the amendment regarding Poison Centers. Mr. Brown said that they have been confused about the direction in which to proceed because the budget amendment provides \$500,000 for two poison centers beginning July 1. However, currently OEMS is funding three poison centers, The Virginia Poison Center at VCU, the Blue Ridge Poison Center at UVA, and the National Capitol Poison Center. The amendment also calls for a study of the funding needs of two centers.</p> <p><b>HB490-</b> This bill affects the EMS Advisory Board because the terms of board members will be staggered for the next appointments and reappointments to the Advisory Board. Mr. Brown said that beginning with the next appointments, the terms will be staggered for two, three or four years. Mr. Brown said they do not know how the decision will be made as to what organizations will be appointed two, three or four years.</p> <p><b>EMS Week and the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride-</b> Mr. Brown said that the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride is taking place, beginning on Saturday, May 19, from Boston and finishing up in Alexandria, VA.</p> <p><b>Journal of Emergency Medical Services-</b> There is an article in JEMS recognizing 10 individuals in the entire country in 2011 – Top 10 Innovators in EMS Who Drove the EMS Practice Forward in 2011. He said that two of the 10 people mentioned in the article were from Virginia – Dr. Reed Smith an OMD from Arlington County. Dr. Smith was</p>	

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	<p>recognized for his Active Shooter program; and Rob Lawrence, from Richmond Ambulance Service, who was recognized for the Rider Alert Program.</p> <p><b>National Association of State EMS Officials Midyear Meeting-</b> Mr. Brown reported that he recently attended the National Association of State EMS Officials Midyear Meeting, which is in conjunction with the National EMS for Children program and a grantees meeting that is required by HRSHA. Mr. Brown recognized OEMS employees, and an Advisory Board member, who are active nationally. They include, Dave Edwards from the Office of EMS, the incoming President for the National Pediatric Care Council under NASEMSO; Paul Sharpe from the OEMS represents the office on NASEMSO's Data Managers Council and Trauma Managers Council. Dr. Lindbeck, the State EMS Medical Director, represents OEMS on the Medical Directors Council of NASEMSO. Dr. Lindbeck is also the liaison with the National Association of EMTs. In addition, Matt Tatum, from the EMS Advisory Board, is a member of the National EMS Advisory Council.</p> <p><i>Interstate Compacts-</i> Mr. Brown made the Board aware that the National Association is working on Interstate compacts that could be adopted by each state. The Interstate Compacts would credential EMS providers allowing them to provide services in other states.</p> <p><i>Drug Shortages and DEA Issues-</i> Mr. Brown reported that there was a lot of discussion at the national meeting regarding these issues. He said that Dr. Lindbeck will discuss it further in his report.</p> <p><i>New Ambulance Standards-</i> The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1917 Ambulance Standards) was also discussed at the conference. Mr. Brown explained that the General Services Administration (GSA) for the federal government is getting out of the business of setting ambulance standards (KKK Specs). The KKK specs were due to expire at the end of this year. However, due to an oversight, the GSA has a contract with Wheeled Coach that does not expire until October 2013. Therefore the KKK specs will be maintained until then, but after that the NFPA 1917 Ambulance Standards will be the standard. This change will impact EMS regulations and inspections, as well as the Financial Assistance Review Committee in funding ambulances. Mr. Brown and his staff will meet to start reviewing the standards. They might have to establish a work group of the Transportation Committee to help.</p> <p><b>Medical Emergency Care System in a Post-Improvised Nuclear Device Detonation Scarce Environmental Workshop – Jim Nogle</b> Mr. Nogle reported on this workshop that he recently attended in DC. The workshop was sponsored by FEMA and the Department of Health and Human Services. He explained that the group was divided between prehospital and emergency departments and the group was well represented from different areas of EMS. Mr. Nogle said that the group was looking at how to prepare the country for a possible nuclear detonation. The workshop discussed how the EMS system would react to a detonation in regards to timelines, medical responsibilities, medical communications and triage, as well as other</p>	

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	<p>pertinent issues that would arise in a nuclear detonation.</p> <p>Mr. Nogle reported that the workshop also talked about some of the educational training that needs to take place in preparation for a possible nuclear detonation. Material will be coming out addressing how to train First Responders to be prepared for a possible nuclear detonation. Mr. Nogle said that there will also be an emphasis on training OMDs, PSAPs, as well as Fire and law enforcement and others who would have to respond to such an incident.</p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the ITS (Intelligent Transportation Society) of America. – Scott Winston</b>  Mr. Winston reported on this annual meeting and exhibition that will take place on Tuesday, May 22. He said that the program agenda allocated a day for Incident and Emergency Responders to attend the annual meeting free of charge. The meeting is being held at the Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland. Mr. Winston said that this is an opportunity for individuals in the emergency responder community to focus on improving their knowledge and understanding of basic traffic incident management principles.</p> <p><b>State EMS Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck</b></p> <p><b>Drug Shortages–</b>  Dr. Lindbeck talked about some of the reasons behind the drug shortages. He said that more than half are due to quality and safety issues in production of the medications. He said that 25 percent of the shortages are due to routine production issues; 11 percent is due to discontinuation of product lines; 5 percent is due to constituent or raw material shortages; and only about 4 percent is due to increased demand.</p> <p><b>Expired Drugs–</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that he does not have any solutions for that issue. He explained that the expiration date stamped on a drug is determined between the drug manufacturer and the FDA during the initial labeling process. He explained that the manufacturer provides the FDA with specific laboratory data regarding issues of drug potency, harmful changes that might take place in a drug over time, and drug packaging. He said that individual users don't have standings to either change the expiration date or to petition the FDA to change the expiration date.</p> <p><b>Drug Kits–</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that they have put together a resource for medical directors for drug kits, drug purchasing and drug storage. OEMS staff has reviewed the information; and it will now be sent to Scott Winston and they will work to get it posted the OEMS website.</p> <p><b>Best Practices Query-</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that he has queried the regional medical directors and the regional EMS Directors regarding issues they have had locally or regionally and how they have dealt with challenges. He said it would be good to find out if there are some best practices or techniques people have used to deal with it</p>	

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	<p>that they could share with everyone as a resource.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Meetings of Guidelines, Scope of Practice and Formulary Workgroups-</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that there are upcoming meetings for these workgroups. He reported that he has queried a lot of different groups about input; and he asked for input from individuals who have questions that they would like to have addressed at the Scope of Practice or Formulary Workgroups. He asked that individuals email him with their concerns and he will have it put on the agenda.</p> <p><b>United States Fire Administration (USFA)-</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that USFA has released a new handbook for Medical Directors; and he said that he was a consultant on that project and that Jennie Collins was one of the technical writers. He said that the handbook can be downloaded from the USFA website.</p> <p><b>OMD Classes-</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that they are putting together the schedule of OMD classes for the next fiscal year and he would like to hear from anyone who has suggested topics.</p> <p><i>VA EMS Symposium-</i>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that for the next year they have a two-day, full course at Symposium. It will include one day of didactic, one day of hands-on experiential, operational course for medical directors. They will have 24 slots on the operational side for medical directors. The didactic course is open. Dr. Lindbeck said they would like to get as many medical directors down for both courses as possible. He asked that individuals would spread the word and try to get their medical directors to attend.</p> <p><i>VACEP-</i>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that they will also have another full day didactic class at the VACEP winter meeting in February at the Homestead. They will also have four half day classes spread around the state. Dr. Lindbeck has been working with the regional councils to come up with locations and times.</p> <p><b>Residency Visits-</b>  Dr. Lindbeck reported that Dr. Yee and he have also been doing emergency medicine residency visits. They are attempting to reach out to the residents in an attempt to increase the number of residents that become involved in EMS.</p> <p><b>Recognitions – Gary Brown</b>  Mr. Brown announced that Cathy Fox, a member of the EMS Advisory Board, who was unable to attend the meeting today, was awarded a 2012 EMSC Recognition Award in Bethesda, Maryland last week by HRSA through the EMSC Program. Mr. Brown explained that they recognize only 10 people nationally who have made a significant contribution to EMS for Children, and Ms. Fox was one of the 10 individuals receiving the national award. Mr. Brown had the award on display for the group at the meeting. Dave Edwards said that he thinks the award primarily had to do with Ms. Fox’s work with the Chocking Game and some other pediatric injury prevention projects.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Brown also announced that Warren Short from the Office of EMS was recognized in the latest issue of Virginia Lifeline.</p>	
<p><b>Commissioner of Health – Dr. Karen Remley</b></p>	<p><b>National Homeland Security Consortium-</b>  Dr. Remley reported that she represents State Health Officials on the National Homeland Security Consortium. The group is made up of NEMA, FEMA, Homeland Security, some members of the FBI and CIA, a representative from the National EMS Advisory Council, as well as a few other organizations. Dr. Remley reported that this group discussed the type of situation that Mr. Nogle reported on and how to do a better job interfacing.</p> <p>At recent meetings, Dr. Remley said the major issues discussed were (1) markedly decreased funding that will affect Homeland Security and possibly FEMA; (2) the National Preparedness Report - Dr. Remley reported that in that report Health and EMS were ranked number one; (3) and the Anthrax issue – because there is some discussion of doing some pilot projects with pre-vaccination for Anthrax before exposure.</p> <p><b>Drug Shortages-</b>  Dr. Remley reported that she is on a national committee to work with the FDA to look at long term plans to address drug shortages. She has asked Dr. Levine to put together a report for Virginia in regards to drug shortages.</p> <p><b>EMS Regulations-</b>  Dr. Remley reported that the EMS Regulations are in the Governor’s office and that the EMS Regulations are one of the top 10 regulatory documents for the Governor to review.</p> <p><b>Secure Commonwealth Panel-</b>  Dr. Remley also reported that Bruce Edwards and she have been asked to present to the Secure Commonwealth Panel on lessons learned and what happened with the jet crash in Virginia Beach.</p> <p><b>Virginia Vaccination Statistics-</b>  Dr. Remley reported that Virginia is the number one state in the country for pneumococcal vaccine and number four state in the country for influenza vaccine. Dr. Remley recognized the work that the EMS community is doing to get the word out about the importance of getting vaccinated. She reported that there is a 47 percent reduction in heart attack mortality in the last 10 years and a 38 percent reduction in stroke mortality in the last ten years. Dr. Remley also recognized the EMS community for their part in these results. She said that Virginia is better than the national average in both of those areas.</p>	
<p><b>Board of Health Report – Bruce Edwards</b></p>	<p>Mr. Edwards reported that the Board of Health last met on March 23. He reported that they had several discussions at the meeting. Discussions included (1) Obesity Prevention Overview, specifically childhood obesity. (2) A briefing on the Commonwealth Health and Information Exchange. (3) Regulations governing Virginia Newborn Screening Services; (4) The proposed Rabies Regulations that were up for review. (5) The Board of Health also amended the Bylaws.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Edwards said that the next Board of Health agenda includes the Trauma Center Designation Manual revisions. <i>(Note: This has been removed from the June 15, 2012 agenda to allow additional time to vet the document through the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association and its member hospitals. It is planned to have the document on the September 14, 2012 Board of Health agenda.)</i> The Board of Health will also be discussing the Permanent Abortion Facility Regulations. Mr. Edwards encouraged as many people as possible to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards also said that the National Registry Testing Allocation will be on the agenda at the next Board of Health meeting.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports:</b>		
<b>Executive Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that the Executive Committee met on April 27 to discuss legislative activities regarding the budget, including the NREMT language and the Poison Control amendment. The committee also discussed with Scott Winston and OEMS staff initiating an EMS system assessment. In addition, they noted that Governor McDonnell has issued a Proclamation declaring May 20-26 EMS Week.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer reported that in March he attended a press conference with Drs. Remley and Hazel along with a representative from the CDC at the General Assembly Building regarding a Million Hearts Campaign. Mr. Critzer said that this month is EMS and Heart month, as well as Million Blood Pressure Month. Mr. Critzer said that when doing blood pressure screenings, it is important to educate people when they have abnormal findings that they should seek medical follow up. Mr. Critzer said there are free materials available for distribution through the American Heart Association.</p>	
<b>Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer</b>	<p>Mr. Peer reported they are in the process of grading grants. He said they had 135 applicants during the cycle, totaling \$8.9 million dollars this cycle. The award announcements will take place on June 8. Award letters should be distributed on July 1.</p> <p>The committee also discussed the P25 Compliance issue. Mr. Peer said that the committee has decided that they will not award anything that isn't P25 compliant.</p> <p>Mr. Peer reported that MOUs were required for all regional grants.</p> <p><b>New Chair-</b> Mr. Peer reported that they voted on a Chair for the upcoming year, and Billy Altman will be the new Chair beginning on July 1. Mr. Critzer thanked Mr. Peer for his service on FARC because he will be rotating off the committee as of June 30.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards reported that since Wayne Peer will be rotating off FARC, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, the rotation occurs and the TEMS representative will assume a position on the FARC. Therefore, Mr. Edwards brought forth a motion that Dan Norville be approved for the TEMS seat on FARC.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked for a second to the motion. The motion was seconded and the Chair opened the floor</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>To nominate Dan Norville representing the Tidewater EMS Council for membership on the Financial Assistance and Review Committee (FARC). This membership will be effective July 1, 2012.</b></p> <p><b>This member will replace the representation of Wayne Peer representing Central Shenandoah EMS Council, rotating off the committee effective June 30, 2012.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>

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<p><b>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels</b></p>	<p>for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote.</p> <p><b>Legislative and Planning Committee – Chris Eudailey</b> Mr. Eudailey reported that the committee met earlier in the day.</p> <p><b>State EMS Plan-</b> Mr. Eudailey announced that the State EMS Plan update will be started over the next four to six months. Mr. Winston and OEMS staff will put together a draft timeline. Mr. Eudailey said they will be seeking input from all Advisory Board committees. The process should begin sometime after the first of year and will be ongoing. It will brought to the EMS Advisory Board and the Board of Health once it is completed.</p> <p><b>EMS Needs Assessment-</b> The committee discussed trying to better understand what the EMS needs are within the Commonwealth. Mr. Eudailey explained that over the years several EMS representatives have worked to protect the Four-for-Life fund, and legislators want to know how the money would be utilized. The committee is working with Mr. Winston, and they have put together a sub-committee from Legislative and Planning to work with Mr. Winston to attempt doing an abbreviated survey that might tag on to the Virginia Department of Fire Programs survey that will be coming out later this year. The committee would like to, however, in the next couple of years do a standalone EMS survey in an attempt to have a better recorded and identified list of needs for EMS as they impact the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Mr. Eudailey also brought forth a motion in regards to the Poison Control language that was introduced in the budget amendment.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that the motion coming from the committee does not require a second. He opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Matt Tatum asked for clarification of the money would be coming from non-EMS funds. Mr. Eudailey said that this is correct.</p> <p>Hearing no other discussion the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p><b>Rules and Regulation Committee – Gary Samuels</b> Mr. Samuels reported that the committee met on Thursday.</p> <p><b>Current Projects-</b> He reported that they are working on several items. There projects include: (1) Finalizing the Infection Control Officer criteria for use by Mr. Berg when he is looking at approved programs. (2) They are also working on Model drug and alcohol policies that can be used by volunteer agencies that may not have</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>State EMS Advisory Board request the Governor to extend funding across all three Poison Control Centers concurrently while the study is going on within the Commonwealth to properly identify how many Poison Control Centers that they need.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>This action will be communicated to the Governor’s Office.</b></p>

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<p><b>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matthew Tatum</b></p>	<p><b>Transportation Committee – Matthew Tatum</b> Mr. Tatum reported that the Transportation Committee met and made recommendations to 38 ambulance requests for Rescue Squad Assistance Funds. They also discussed the NPA Standards for ambulances.</p> <p><b>Emergency Management Committee – Karen Owens</b> Karen Owens addressed the Board regarding a White Paper that was put together by the Emergency Management Committee at their April 19 meeting. The White Paper focuses on the release of the study of the new CDC recommendation for national triage standard – MUCC. The committee has put together a White Paper addressing their concerns in regards to the MUCC Standard and brought forth a motion regarding this Standard.</p> <p>Mr. Tatum addressed some of his concerns regarding this White Paper and motion. He explained that he likes the S.T.A.R.T. triage system, as well. However, his concern is that if MUCC becomes the National standard then he thinks VA EMS will need to accept it. Mr. Tatum, therefore, recommends a motion striking the last sentence of the original motion. He explained his reason for making the amended motion was in the case that FICEMS adopts this as a national standard that Virginia EMS will need to embrace this system.</p> <p>Mr. Tatum’s amendment to the original motion was seconded, and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Owens commented that Virginia has already gone on record prior to the release of the MUCC Paper as recognizing S.T.A.R.T. as the standard for the state.</p> <p>There was more discussion from the floor and after much discussion, Gary Samuels made a motion to postpone the motion indefinitely until they can get some presentations and make a more informative</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>The Emergency Management Committee makes a motion that the EMS Advisory Board go on record as rejecting the implementation of the MUCC triage system as recommended to the FICEMS in a position paper dated December 19, 2011. Also, the committee would like the Board to join it in re-affirming its commitment to the use of the S.T.A.R.T. triage system as an appropriate, cost effective, and patient driven system for use in the Virginia EMS system.</b></p> <p><b>AMENDED MOTION:</b> <b>The Emergency Management Committee makes a motion that the EMS Advisory Board go on record as rejecting the implementation of the MUCC triage system as recommended to the FICEMS in a position paper dated December 19, 2011.</b></p>

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	<p>decision. This motion was seconded by Bruce Edwards and the Chair called for a vote.</p> <p><b>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</b> Mr. Critzer reported that the Communications Committee met earlier in the day.</p> <p><i>RSAF Grants-</i> The committee discussed the RSAF Grants and they are in agreement with FARC in regards to P25 compliance requirement.</p> <p><i>PSAP Accreditations-</i> Mr. Critzer reported that they approved four PSAP accreditation applications: Roanoke City, Brunswick County, Orange County and Stafford County were approved and are accredited PSAPs.</p> <p><i>Narrow banding–</i> Mr. Critzer reminded them that January 1, 2013 still is the deadline for all licensed agencies in Virginia to have equipment to operate in a narrow band environment and for agency licensure they must have a current \valid FCC license.</p> <p><i>Recognition-</i> At Virginia APCO and the APCO International Conference, Carol Adams the Director of Stafford County 911 was recognized at both conferences as the Director of Year at both conferences and Karen Stevenson was recognized at both conferences at the Line Supervisor of the Year. :</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The EMS Advisory Board moves to postpone indefinitely the motions from the floor regarding the MUCC White Paper until they can get some presentations on the subject and make a more informative decision.</p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>Patient Care Coordinator – Dr. Allen Yee</b></p>	<p>Dr. Yee stated that the realignment of their committees has been very effective for increased communications and an ability to get much more accomplished.</p> <p><b>Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Marilyn McLeod</b> Dr. McLeod said that the Medical Direction Committee is bringing forth two action items.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> The Medical Direction Committee moves that the EMS Advisory Board adopt the white paper titled “Roles and Responsibilities of</p>

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	<p>The first motion was in regards to a White paper regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of Operational Medical Directors.</p> <p>The Chair called for discussion and hearing none, he called for the vote.</p> <p>Following the vote on the first motion, Dr. McLeod brought forth the second motion from the committee.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod reported the second White Paper was regarding Patient Non-Transport from Motor Vehicle Collisions. She explained that often in accidents trying to get Refusals signed on people who are not really injured, keep the accident scene tied up longer than necessary, which in turn increases the risk of injury to EMS and police personnel.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Pokey Harris asked how providers will be protected in an instance where individuals might refuse treatment but might later die from injuries sustained in the accident. Dr. McLeod explained that this White Paper would not address an individual who might refuse treatment but later die from injuries. Dr. McLeod said the White Paper being introduced says that individuals do not have to sign refusals when they are healthy and not injured. Dr. Yee further explained that the intent of the paper was to determine who at the scene of an accident is a patient and who is a person who did not request EMS and who does not have any injuries. In the case of the person without injuries, the paper addresses what, if any, documentation would be required.</p> <p>Ms. Mitchell from the AG’s office suggested that someone sends her the White Paper to review since there seems to be legal implications, and after reviewing the paper she can provide an informed answer regarding some of the questions that have arisen in discussion.</p> <p>A motion was made and properly seconded to postpone this motion definitely until the next meeting.</p> <p>Hearing no other discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p><b>Medevac Committee – Dr. Allen Yee</b>  Dr. Yee reported that the Medevac Committee met on Thursday. The Medevac Committee is welcoming two new services in the Commonwealth. The committee continues work on Project Remley. They are coordinating with the Medical Direction Committee on a PowerPoint educational presentation. They have been awaiting a White Paper from CDC regarding the use of air medical. Dr. Yee reported that the Medevac Committee has a deadline date, and if CDC doesn’t release the draft by that date, then the Medevac Committee will go ahead and release their educational material.</p> <p><b>Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee – Paul Sharpe</b>  Mr. Sharpe reported that the committee hopes that the Board of Health will approve the Trauma Center Designation Manual. He reported that the committee currently has five workgroups working on a full</p>	<p><b>Operational Medical Directors.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0;  ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:  The Medical Direction Committee moves the EMS Advisory Board adopt the white paper titled, “Patient Non-Transport from Motor Vehicle Collisions.”</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:  The State EMS Advisory Board moves to table definitely until the next meeting the Motion regarding the “Patient Non-Transport from Motor Vehicle Collisions White Paper.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0;  ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion carried unanimously</b></p>

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	<p>revision of the Trauma Center Designation Manual and that probably will take about a year to complete.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe also reported that they are also starting their annual Trauma Center Fund Policy committee. He also reported that Dr. Carol Pugh has attended a couple of committee meetings to highlight their work on Trauma Performance Improvement in supporting the Trauma Triage Plan. Mr. Sharpe said that it is his understanding that Dr. Malhotra will be giving a presentation on the information at the August Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p><b>EMS for Children Committee – David Edwards</b> Mr. Edwards referred the Board to review the EMSC program report on page 79 of the Quarterly Report since it highlights their ongoing activities. Mr. Edwards also reported that there is currently an active effort to schedule additional pediatric outreach training in remote areas of the state.</p>	
<p><b>Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver</b></p>	<p><b>Workforce Development Committee – Dreama Chandler</b> Ms. Chandler reported that the committee met on Thursday but they did not have a quorum.</p> <p><i>Standards of Excellence-</i> The committee reviewed the Standards of Excellence program. They discussed a couple of areas of the program at their meeting; and this information will be sent to the rest of the committee members for input before implementation. Ms. Chandler reported that Goochland County EMS will be piloting the program. The committee will vote on the first two core areas with any changes at their next meeting, which is scheduled on August 9.</p> <p><i>EMS Officer Standards-</i> The committee reviewed the EMS Officer Standards program, which has been put into a matrix. The committee welcomes questions or input into that process.</p> <p><b>Provider Health and Safety Committee – Brian Hricik</b> Mr. Hricik reported that the committee has met twice since the last Advisory Board meeting. They met on March 7 for a kick-off meeting and again on Thursday, May 17.</p> <p>At the March 7 meeting they completed their membership and drafted mission and visions. The committee discussed focusing on proactive physical and mental well being for providers. They also discussed the lack of Near Miss reporting.</p> <p>At the May 17 meeting, the committee went over the event reporting, the EMS Voluntary Event Notification tool that is available on the web. The committee will be investigating the use of that tool. The committee will also be looking into some Provider Health and Safety courses.</p> <p><b>Training and Certification – Larry Oliver</b> Mr. Oliver reported that the committee met on April 4. Mr. Oliver said that the committee has been working on preparation of the July 1 implementation of the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES).</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>The Training and Certification Committee, after reviewing all of the available options, proposed the</b></p>

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	<p>He reported that EMT Instructors and ALS Coordinators should have received an email with additional information on two programs that are now on the web.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver brought forth two action items from the committee based on the February Advisory Board meeting where they were tasked to review potential implementation for National Registry.</p> <p>The first motion is to support the payment for the initial test for Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Mr. Oliver gave background information on the discussion that took place involving the motion.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and hearing none called for the vote.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver brought forth the second action item from the committee, which is a motion to support the staff process for web casting of continuing education programs throughout the Commonwealth.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and hearing none called for the vote.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver expressed thanks to agencies across the Commonwealth for their support in the Line of Duty death of Paramedic Wiseman. Brian Hricik, on behalf of the Alexandria Fire Department and all the agencies in Northern Virginia, expressed thanks as well to all the agencies for their show of support during the incident.</p>	<p><b>following action items:</b>  <b>Certification candidates who have completed a Virginia approved initial certification Basic Life Support Training program (FR/EMR and EMT-Basic/EMT) shall have their initial (first attempt) National Registry written certification examination fee paid from the portion of the EMS funds specifically earmarked in Code §46.2-694(A.)(13.)(e). A review of this process shall be conducted by the EMS Advisory Board every three (3) years or as warranted by changes in the Code of Virginia or Commonwealth of Virginia Budget pertaining to the funding of Emergency Medical Services.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0;  Abstentions = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The Training and Certification Committee recommends that the EMS Advisory Board support the policy for CE Web Casting.</b></p> <p><b>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0;  Abstentions = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) – Matthew Tatum</b></p>	<p>Mr. Tatum reported that at the last NEMSAC meeting a full day was dedicated to a workgroup discussion on the EMS Education Agenda for the Future – a systems approach document. The purpose of the meeting was to update everyone on the current status and to seek feedback as to whether the document should be revised. Mr. Tatum reported that a committee has been formed of which he is the</p>	

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	<p>Chair. Gary Brown is also a member of the committee. The committee is tasked with coming up with a full recommendation to the Council on how to progress with the document.</p> <p>Mr. Tatum said that the meeting also had a lot of discussion on MUCC, as he reported earlier.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Tatum said that there is a lot of information at the national level in regards to EMS. He encouraged everyone to make frequent visits to EMS.Gov, which is the website, to see everything that is going on in regards to EMS across the nation.</p>	
<b>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Wood</b>	<p>Mr. Woods reported that the Regional Directors met on Thursday. The group had a continuing education session in the morning, in addition to their regular meeting that was held at 1PM. The next meeting for the group is scheduled for August 9. The group is working with the Division of Educational Development on some educational opportunities that might require them to meet prior to that date.</p>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>None.</p>	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p>None.</p>	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Gary Brown made an announcement in regards to the Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service that is scheduled on Saturday, June 2 at 12 Noon at the Commonwealth Building at the Richmond International Raceway. Mr. Brown encouraged everyone who can to attend the service.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Friday, August 10, 2012 at 1PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Richmond, Virginia.</p>	

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