

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott Richmond North – Glen Allen, Virginia
Friday, May 10, 2013
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Anita Ashby Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association	J. David Barrick (Excused) Peninsulas EMS Council	George Lindbeck, MD Scott Winston	Connie Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council
Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council	B.R. "Beau" Blevins, III (Excused) Virginia Association of Counties	Gary R. Brown Paul Sharpe	Tracey McLaurin Lord Fairfax EMS Council
Dreama D. Chandler Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Michael Crockett Associated Public Safety Communications Officials	Frank Cheatham Karen Owens	Melinda Duncan Northern Virginia EMS Council
James R. Dudley, MD, MBA Virginia College of Emergency Physicians	Steve Ennis Virginia State Firefighters Association	Ken Crumpler Tim Perkins	Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council
Bruce W. Edwards Tidewater EMS Council	David Hoback (Excused) Virginia Fire Chief's Association	Deborah T. Akers Gregory S. Neiman	Barb Brown Prince William County / FARC
Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council	Andrea W. Oakes (Excused) Virginia Municipal League	Wayne Berry Warren Short	Jeff Michael Rockingham County
R. Christian Eudailey Rappahannock EMS Council	Richard D. McClure (Excused) Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Tristen Graves Marian Hunter	Robert Trimmer Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Robin L. Foster, MD American Academy of Pediatrics		Amanda Davis Michael Berg	Karen Wagner Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN VA Emergency Nurses Assoc / VA Nurses Assoc		Wanda Street Irene Hamilton	Gary Dalton Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
L.V. Pokey Harris Southwest VA EMS Council			Kent Weber TEMS/Virginia Beach
Brian R. Hricik Northern VA EMS Council			Michael Player Peninsulas EMS Council
Ajai Malhotra, MD American College of Surgeons			Jennie Collins Prince William County Fire & Rescue
Marilyn McLeod, MD Blue Ridge EMS Council			Rob Lawrence Richmond Ambulance Authority
Wayne Myers, Jr. Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads			Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council
Larry A. Oliver Lord Fairfax EMS Council			Wayne Perry Rappahannock EMS Council
Gary W. Samuels VA Chapter of the International Assoc of Firefighters			Dan Norville Norfolk Fire-Rescue
Matthew J. Tatum VA Assoc of Governmental EMS Administrators			Greg Woods Southwest Virginia EMS Council
Allen Yee, MD, FAAEM Medical Society of Virginia			Albert Thompson Chesterfield Fire & EMS

Members Present:

John Dale Wagoner
 Western Virginia EMS Council
 Anthony D. Wilson
 Virginia Ambulance Association

Members Absent:**Staff:****Others:**

Jim Chandler
 Tidewater EMS Council
 Jose Salazar
 Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
 Captain William Aiken
 Henrico County Division of Fire
 Bryan Mcray
 Richmond Ambulance Authority
 Chip Decker
 Richmond Ambulance Authority
 Billy Altman
 WVEMS / Roanoke Fire-EMS
 Mike Harmon
 Bon Secours Health System
 Eddie Ferguson
 Goochland County Fire-Rescue Department
 Bob Ramsey
 VA College of Emergency Physicians
 Marissa Levine, MD, MPH
 Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM Mr. Critzer asked the group to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Critzer asked the group to give a moment of silence for their fallen brothers and sisters in Fire and EMS in recognition of the upcoming Fire and EMS Memorial Week.</p> <p>Approval of the February 15, 2013 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Approval of the May 10, 2013 Meeting Agenda</p>	<p>Minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.</p>
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that he has attended several meeting since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting; including the AEMER Board meeting, the Fire and EMS Legislative Summit, the Governor’s Public Safety Reception, the Virginia Fire Chief’s Board and the Virginia State Fire Board meetings in Virginia Beach in February. Mr. Critzer said he is also involved with a multidisciplinary group put together by Secretary Decker to work on the new Fire and EMS Memorial. Mr. Critzer praised Secretary Decker and her work with Secretary Hazel to make this happen.</p>	

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Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner	Mr. Wagoner praised the 11 Regional EMS Councils. He said they all recently went through a re-designation process. The process required the councils to submit a written plan, participate in peer review and site reviewer efforts, and attended meeting in Richmond to review financial records and other forms. Mr. Wagoner said the Regional Councils are a critical part of the EMS system. He thanked them for their dedication and hard work; and asked the Board to join him in applauding the Regional EMS Councils.	
Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner – Dr. Marissa Levine	<p>Dr. Levine reported on an Emergency Preparedness Summit that they recently held. She said that at the summit they merged what VDH has done annually with what the healthcare community has done through VHHA. Dr. Levine reported that they also had some federal partners participate in the summit who talked about recent recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy. Dr. Levine reported that the federal partners feel that EMS is the linking entity for the entire healthcare system.</p> <p>Dr. Levine discussed Responder Safety. She discussed some of the emerging threats, especially H7N9. Dr. Levine shared a brief presentation regarding H7N9. She said that it is not a pandemic, but she admitted that she does not know what the outcome of the virus will be; and there is the potential for it to become a pandemic event. Therefore, Dr. Levine said VDH wants to prepare for the worst case scenario.</p>	Gary Brown said that he will have Dr. Levine’s presentation linked to the OEMS website.
Office of EMS Report, Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Dr. George Lindbeck and OEMS staff	<p>Mr. Brown corrected a couple of mistakes that were in the Quarterly Report in the Educational Development section of the report. The correct information, however, is in the Quarterly Report, as action items, in Appendices A and B. Mr. Brown explained that the other correction is in the Education Development report and reflects the decision to pull the Action Item that was referenced under the Training and Certification Committee’s report because it dealt with specific strategic initiatives in the Statewide EMS Plan. The decision was made to present all of the modifications from each committee of the state EMS Advisory Board in one document and not in parts.</p> <p>Mr. Brown said that Appendix C is the third action item. It is the re-designation of Regional EMS Councils required in §32.1-111.11 of the Code of Virginia. Mr. Brown said the report is under Appendix C, and said the Office of EMS would like to have this action brought before the Board as a motion. Mr. Brown has sent a report to Mr. Critzer, Chair of the EMS Advisory Board. If the Board approves the report as submitted then it will be sent to the Board of Health for approval. It is currently scheduled on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting on June 6.</p> <p>Dale Wagoner made a motion to accept the report for re-designation of the 11 Regional EMS Councils. Pokey Harris seconded the motion, and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Eudailey asked if the Office of EMS, as part of the re-designation process, looked at the funding for each council based on what each council was being asked to do. Mr. Brown explained that they did look at that as part of their funding budget.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the report from the Office of EMS for the re-designation of the current 11 regional EMS Councils.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The report will now go to the Board of Health for approval at their meeting on June 6.</p>

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	<p><u>OEMS Personnel Changes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tristen Graves is the new Public Relations Assistant in the Office of EMS. ➤ OEMS has been approved to hire for the Training and Development Senior position (Chad Blosser's position). ➤ The Office of EMS has also been approved to hire for the Human Services Program Specialist (Adam Harrell's position). ➤ OEMS has also received permission to hire for the Emergency Services Manager position (Jim Nogle's position). ➤ OEMS has advertised, interviewed and made an offer to fill an Administrative and Fiscal Tech position in the office. ➤ OEMS has resubmitted a request for the Trauma Critical Care Coordinator / Informatics position. <p><u>Legislation Update –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HB1856 – At the February EMS Advisory Board meeting assignments were made to several committees to address the three sections of this bill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training Disparities, Delivery and availability of Training – assigned to the Training and Certification Committee – Larry Oliver is the Committee Chair and Coordinator and Warren Short is the Staff Support ○ BLS Template – assigned to Dr. George Lindbeck, Chair of the Guidelines Workgroup of the Medical Direction Committee; the Patient Care Coordinator – Dr. Allen Yee; and Warren Short is the OEMS staff. ○ OMD Appeals Process – the Medical Direction Committee and Dr. McLeod as Chair; Gary Samuels, as Rules and Regulations Committee Chair and also as the Administrative Coordinator; the Patient Care Coordinator, Dr. Allen Yee; and OEMS staff assignments to Mike Berg and Warren Short. ➤ OEMS has received a directive from Joe Hilbert, VDH Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, instructing them to provide one to two paragraph status updates for any legislative assignments from the General Assembly. These reports must be submitted to Joe Hilbert by May 20, 2013. ➤ In addition to the assignments mentioned above, OEMS must also submit an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appropriation Act, Item 290D - Funding Provided to Trauma Centers is assigned to Paul Sharpe. ○ HB1383 and SB1288 - Criminal History Checks of EMS Personnel is assigned to Mike Berg. ○ HB1622 and SB790 - Re-certification of EMS Providers is assigned to Warren Short. ○ HB2315 - Changes to the VAVRS Financial Report is assigned to Dennis Molnar. <p><u>Budget Amendments-</u></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>12-Lead Electrocardiograph Monitors</u> - Mr. Brown reported that the amendment adds language to allocate up to \$400,000 from existing revenues in the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund for grants to local emergency medical services organizations to purchase 12-lead electrocardiograph monitors. However, for the RSAF grant period that begins July 1, 2013, OEMS has received 35 RSAF applications requesting a total of \$1,499,183.78 for 76 12-lead monitors. Mr. Brown pointed out that the RSAF grant amount requested far exceeds the amount that the budget bill says they must apply towards that purpose. ➤ <u>National Background Checks</u> – The amendment reads that out of this appropriation, \$90,000 the second year from the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be provided for national background checks on persons applying to serve as a licensed provider in a licensed emergency medical services agency. The Office of Emergency Medical Services must transfer funding to the Virginia State Police for national background checks as necessary. <p>Mr. Brown said this amendment has been discussed in detail in every committee. He said that all of this will be updated in their report to Joe Hilbert.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Poison Control Centers Funding</u> – Mr. Brown reported that this amendment adds \$1.0 million the second year from the general fund to restore funding to operate the current three poison control centers serving Virginia. Mr. Brown explained that the second year of this biennium had the funds for poison centers zeroed out. The amendment has added \$1.0 million to the second year from the General Fund to restore funding to operate the three poison centers in Virginia. Mr. Brown said that language is also added requiring the State Health Commissioner to ensure statewide coverage of poison control services through the existing centers. <p>Mr. Brown said that the difference in the language this year in terms of the funding is that previously the funding has been based on call volume, and now the funding will be population based. He said that each of the poison centers will receive a net increase of funding.</p> <p><u>VPHIB Update</u> – Paul Sharpe Mr. Sharpe clarified that the VPHIB system is the EMS data collection system. He reported that the date has changed for OEMS moving from their current version 2 to version 3. He explained that in discussions with the vendors, they realized that they are not ready to move forward. He said most vendors believe they will be prepared in spring or summer of 2014. In addition, Mr. Sharpe pointed out that no vendor has started the certification process with NEMSIS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>VAv3 Forum Webinar</u> – Mr. Sharpe reported that starting in September on the second Wednesday of each month OEMS will offer a webinar forum. The webinar will consist of some education, as well as a question and answer portion. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Trauma Registry, Version 3 – Mr. Sharpe reported that they are also implementing a version 3 of the trauma registry. They hope to bring a new minimum data set that meets the national standard to the August EMS Advisory Board meeting for approval. ➤ Hospital Discharge Data and EMS Data linked – Mr. Sharpe reported they have made progress with this endeavor. He is hopeful that he will have this task completed by the August EMS Advisory Board meeting and will be able to provide the EMS Advisory Board with additional information. ➤ OMD Access to Data – Mr. Sharpe said he was informed that some OMDs were not aware that they had access to data for their agencies. He said he has sent out an email informing them that they can get signed up to use the reporting and QA tools and VPHIB. Mr. Sharpe said they were also informed if they have multiple agencies; OEMS can link all of their agencies to one account so they can look at them at one time. ➤ User Group with Regional PI Staff – Dr. Carol Pugh, the OEMS Statistician has started a User Group with the regional PI staff and holding classes on how to use the VPHIB system and pull data from the system. <p><u>Agency, Vehicle and Licensure Committee</u> – Mike Berg Mr. Brown informed the Board that Mike Berg is serving on a national committee, the Agency, Vehicle and Licensure (AVL) Committee. He asked Mr. Berg to give a report regarding the committee</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that the AVL Committee is a standing committee of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). The committee’s primary charge is to develop model regulatory language for state adoption related to design of ambulances.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that several members of the committee are serving on a Workgroup that are addressing some of the challenges and issues related to the NFPA 1917.</p> <p>Mr. Berg is serving on a sub-committee that is scheduled to meet with the NFPA. They are looking at comparison documents between the NFPA standards, the ASTM standards, the ambulances manufacturers’ standards and the K Specs and trying to compare and contrast.</p> <p>The AVL Committee is also charged with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing practices related to states local EMS agency licensure as well as investigators process; ○ Complaint management; ○ Model laws and rules addressing legal recognition of agencies being licensed. 	

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	<p><u>Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure for State Adoption</u> – Scott Winston Mr. Winston reported that he has been selected to serve on an 11-member drafting team to take the work that was developed by the National Advisory Panel and develop a model interstate compact for EMS personnel licensure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The purpose is to try to solve the problems associated with day-to-day emergency deployment of EMS personnel across state lines. ➤ The project is intended to create an instrument that parallels that which has made it possible for interstate recognition of nursing licenses and state drivers' licenses to be recognized by other states on short term and condition-limited basis. ➤ The project started in October 2012 and will be completed by May 2014. <p>Mr. Winston gave details regarding the two phases of the project. His detailed report regarding the Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure can be read at this link.</p>  <p>Model Interstate Compact for EMS Per:</p> <p><u>Statewide Traffic Incident Management Committee</u> – Gary Brown Mr. Brown is serving on a statewide traffic incident management committee. The committee is focused on a national unified goal of provider safety, quick clearance and interoperability of communications. They have met with Superintendent Flaherty at the State Police. The committee has established several workgroups. Mr. Brown said there will be a lot of information forthcoming in regards to the traffic incident management effort.</p> <p><u>EMS Innovator Recognized</u> – Gary Brown Mr. Brown recognized Dr. Joe Ornato, OMD for the Richmond Ambulance Authority as one of the top 10 EMS innovators in the United States.</p> <p><u>Rider Alert Program</u> – Rob Lawrence Mr. Lawrence from the Richmond Ambulance Authority gave an update on the Rider Alert Program. He informed the Board that it is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Mr. Lawrence talked about several events that will be taking place throughout the Commonwealth this month. Mr. Lawrence said that they will be making an EMSAT video shortly regarding motorcycle helmet removal. Mr. Lawrence commended Ken Crumpler for his dedication to the Rider Alert Program.</p> <p><u>Virginia College of Emergency Physicians</u> – Bob Ramsey Mr. Brown recognized Bob Ramsey who has been named the new Executive Director of the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians. Bob will be replacing Gwen Harry who is retiring.</p>	

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	<p><u>State EMS Medical Director</u> – George Lindbeck, M.D. Dr. Lindbeck said there will be one action item, the Scope of Practice grids, and it will be presented by Dr. McLeod under the Medical Direction Committee report.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck reported that they are working through the issues in regards to HB1856, the Appeals process. They are trying to design a process that preserves and recognizes the relationship, responsibility and authority of medical directors in their relationship with providers that can satisfy the concerns of Delegate Orrock and at the same time add something to the EMS system. Dr. Lindbeck said they are working with Ms. Carrie Mitchell, from the Attorney General’s Office, in regards to legal issues.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck said that the BLS Guidelines component is coming along okay.</p> <p><u>Customer Service Feedback Form</u> – Scott Winston Mr. Winston gave an update on the results from a Customer Service Feedback form that the Office of EMS implemented in February 2013. Mr. Winston said OEMS is working very hard to give the providers the ability to transact business on their own and at times convenient to them. Mr. Winston referenced the EMS portal as a mechanism for providers to transact business. You may read his comments at the following link.</p> <p> Customer Survey Comments.pdf</p> <p><u>EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (E.V.E.N.T.)</u> – Scott Winston Mr. Winston gave the Board information regarding the EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool. He gave some history on the development and purpose for the system. The purpose of the E.V.E.N.T. is to collect aggregate data that will be looked at and analyzed and used in the development of EMS policies and procedures; and for use in training and education in an effort to prevent similar events from occurring in the future. You may read Mr. Winston’s comments at the following link.</p> <p> E.V.E.N.T..pdf</p>	
<p>Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards</p>	<p>Mr. Edwards reported that the Board of Health met last on April 12. The primary focus of the meeting was the regulation for abortion facilities. The final abortion regulations were adopted. Mr. Edwards said that the next meeting will take place on Thursday, June 6. One topic at the June 6 meeting will be childhood obesity. The Board of Health will also be addressing the designation of the regional emergency medical services councils.</p>	

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Standing Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that the committee met on Thursday. They received updates on HB1856 activities. They also got updates on the Statewide EMS Plan. The committee discussed the VPHIB users group that they are putting together. He explained that the user group will act as a resource tool to localities and agencies that use the various brands of software, and will be composed of power software users.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said the committee will be forwarding three names to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the Board of Health seat. They received three nominations, Jennie Collins, Bruce Edwards and Dale Wagoner.</p>	
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Billy Altman	<p>Mr. Altman reported that the committee met on Thursday. This grant cycle they have 140 applications requesting \$9.8 million; and \$5.8 million is in ambulances.</p> <p>Mr. Altman reported that the Awards Meeting is schedule on June 7 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Glen Allen.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that the Code of Virginia requires that members of F.A.R.C. are appointed by the EMS Advisory Board on a rotational basis from among the eleven regional EMS councils. The Lord Fairfax Council was up for representation this cycle. The Lord Fairfax Council put forth a nomination to the State EMS Advisory Board, Ms. Karen Wagner, to represent the Lord Fairfax Council.</p> <p>A motion was brought forth from F.A.R.C. to appoint Karen Wagner as the Lord Fairfax representative. The motion was seconded and the Chair called for a vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the appointment of Karen Wagner as the Lord Fairfax representative on the Financial Assistance Review Committee.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels	<p><u>Rules and Regulations Committee – Gary Samuels</u> Mr. Samuels reported that the Rules and Regulations committee met on Thursday. The committee worked on their portion of the Statewide EMS Plan and gave feedback to Tim Perkins. They also assigned two members to work with MDC on HB1856.</p> <p><u>Legislative & Planning Committee - Chris Eudailey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statewide EMS Plan - The committee met earlier in the day. The committee is continuing their work on the Statewide EMS Plan. Mr. Eudailey reported that Tim Perkins said that he expects to have feedback from all of the EMS Advisory Board committees by the end of May. The committee plans to have a draft of the Statewide EMS Plan presented to the Board at the August meeting for review. The committee will then have the Statewide EMS Plan posted for public comments. The committee then plans to have the Statewide EMS Plan presented to the EMS Advisory Board at its November meeting for approval; after which the plan will be sent to the Board of Health for approval. ➤ <u>State EMS Needs Assessment</u> – There was a 48 percent return for the 2012 EMS Needs 	<p>Statewide EMS Plan Timeline: August EMS Advisory Board Meeting – Draft Plan submitted to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>November EMS Advisory Board Meeting – Vote on the Plan to send it to the Board of Health for approval.</p>

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	<p>Assessment. Mr. Winston and OEMS staff will break down the data by region and will develop an Executive Summary which will be shared with the EMS Advisory Board and posted on the OEMS website</p>	
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</p>	<p>Mr. Tatum reported that none of the committees have any action items. Mr. Tatum commended Dave Hoback, Chair of the Emergency Management Committee. He said Mr. Hoback has worked hard to revitalize the committee. He has gotten new members for the committee and set an agenda of items for the committee to address.</p> <p><u>Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum</u> The committee met in April. The committee made recommendations to F.A.R.C. in regards to the 55 requests for RSAF funding for ambulances. The committee is working with OEMS in regards to NFPA 1917.</p> <p><u>Communications Committee - Gary Critzer</u> The committee met earlier in the day. The committee approved the EMD accreditation of Colonial Heights Emergency Communications. The committee also discussed technology upgrades. Mr. Critzer said they are following developments in West Virginia where they have recently enacted legislation requiring and mandating statewide emergency medical dispatch.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management Committee – Karen Owens</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Triage Tag- The committee discussed the redesign of the triage tag. The committee hopes to have a template approved by the next committee meeting and presented at the next State EMS Advisory Board meeting. The approved redesigned tag will be put out for bid. ➤ EMS Response to School Incidents - The committee has created a sub-committee to review a template for EMS response to school incidents. ➤ Business Continuity Planning - The committee wants to educate EMS agencies and providers on the need for business continuity planning. They will be starting a series of educational articles on the website and in the newsletter. Eventually they want to create a training class instructing agencies on the need for and how to write a business continuity template. 	
<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD</p>	<p><u>Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, M.D.</u> Dr. McLeod brought two action items to the Board from the Medical Direction Committee for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Procedures and Formulary Grids – Dr. McLeod corrected two errors in the document and then brought it forth to the EMS Advisory Board for approval from MDC. 	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to adopt the revised Procedures and Formulary grids using evidence-based medicine to enhance prehospital care in Virginia.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p>

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	<p>➤ Seat Belt Use in Ambulances - Dr. McLeod brought forth a White Paper on Seat Belt Use in Ambulances. Dr. McLeod said this is the beginning of some work on safety. They will be working jointly with the Provider Health and Safety Committee and they will be putting out some additional joint papers on provider safety.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod also reported that MDC has developed a subcommittee to work on HB1856. They will be working with two individuals from the Rules and Regulations Committee.</p> <p><u>Medevac Committee</u> – Allen Yee, M.D. Dr. Yee reported that the committee has met twice since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting. They have no action items. In their meetings they made recommendations for the Statewide EMS Plan and make recommendations to changes to the EMS Regulations for the Air Medical section. The committee has two meetings scheduled to take the suggested revisions to the Statewide EMS Plan and work on their action steps.</p> <p><u>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee</u> – Ajai Malhotra, M.D. The committee met in December and they have no action items. The committee has revised the Trauma Manual. The committee changed the format in which the Trauma Fund is distributed.</p> <p><u>EMS for Children Committee</u> – Robin Foster, M.D. The committee met on April 11. Dr. Foster reported on the National Pediatric Readiness Project. She said that they started the project in February and it closes at midnight May 10. Dr. Foster said that the federal government expected an 80 percent response rate. EMS for Children in VA is at 90 percent. She commended Dave Edwards and the committee members for their efforts to get such an excellent response.</p> <p>The committee will start spending time on the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP). The project is designed to designate emergency departments across the state as being pediatric ready. The Emergency Departments would have levels similar to Trauma Centers. They have had several stakeholder meetings regarding this project.</p> <p>Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) Program— Dr. Foster reported that this two-day prehospital program for emergency pediatric care is being offered across the state. The course awards 16 hours worth of credit, 8 hours interactive and 8 hours didactic instructions. There are four (4) more courses scheduled this year: June in Petersburg, August in Hanover, September in Fauquier County and one at EMS Symposium. The ENPC course will also be taught at Symposium.</p> <p>Gary Brown commented that he was very enthusiastic about the work that has been done by Dr. Foster and the EMS for Children Committee and their efforts with the National Pediatrics Readiness Project. He talked about the importance of the project. Mr. Brown reported that in one of his NASEMSO</p>	<p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to publish a white paper on Seatbelt Use in Ambulances.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>Contact Dave Edwards or Dr. Robin Foster if you would like to schedule an EPC course for your area in 2014.</p>

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	<p>Program Committee meetings, they discussed and decided to add the National Pediatrics Readiness Project to annual NASEMSO meeting as a general session.</p>	
<p>Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver reported that they have no action items. He reported that all three of the committees, Training & Certification, Workforce Development and Provider Health and Safety, are working on Provider Health and Safety issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Workforce Development – is working to put Officer Standards in place ➤ Provider Health and Safety – doing a multiple of projects ➤ Training & Certification – working to advance provider information <p>Mr. Oliver emphasized the importance of being on the same page in order to send a unified message to the Commonwealth.</p> <p><u>Training & Certification Committee –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee finalized the goals and objectives for the Training & Certification Committee for the Statewide EMS Plan. ➤ The ALS Competency Workgroup has had multiple webinars to attempt to finalize everything for the fall program. ➤ The Workgroup for HB1856 has been identified. They have also identified a couple of individuals to work with the other sections workgroups, if needed. ➤ At the April committee meeting there was a discussion about the statistical data from National Registry testing and comparing it to Virginia’s certification testing. They will be reviewing the data at every meeting and will pass any information or trends that they feel might be of concern on to the EMS Advisory Board. <p><u>Workforce Development Committee – Dreama Chandler</u></p> <p>The Workforce Development Committee met on Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Standards of Excellence can be found in the Quarterly Report. The EMS Officer I Candidate Workbook has also been completed. ➤ These documents will be posted on the OEMS website for comment. They will discuss the comments at their August meeting. <p><u>Provider Health and Safety Committee – Brian Hricik</u></p> <p>The committee met on Thursday. Mr. Hricik thanked the Medical Direction Committee and Workforce Development Committee for partnering with them on some of their projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee discussed drafting a White Paper for EMS Health and Safety Officers, having a designated individual at each EMS agency and having an individual to whom the committee would forward information. ➤ The committee is also working on creating a safety pledge for EMS agencies and having a way to track which agencies have already done those types of things. It would be similar to the seat belt pledge used by Fire Service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee intends to broaden the topic to include provider health and safety, not just at the seat belt level, but also mental health, nutrition, providers getting regular 	<p>The Standards of Excellence and the EMS Officer I Candidate Workbook will be posted on the OEMS website for public comments.</p>

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	<p>exercise, and identifying things that they need.</p> <p>The committee will be working on these and hope to present something to the EMS Advisory Board in August or November.</p>	
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Woods</p>	<p>The group met on Thursday. They agreed to work with OEMS and Regulation and Compliance Unit to distribute fingerprint cards as part of the criminal background check process. The group also discussed council employee benefits. They want to assure they are able to provide health and retirement benefits to all of the councils employees.</p> <p>Mr. Woods thanked OEMS, Tim Perkins, the Site Review Team, and the EMS Advisory Board for their support during the councils re-designation process. Mr. Woods also thanked Dr. Carol Pugh and the Division of Trauma and Critical Care for giving the councils access to VPHIB data and to provide training to EMS council staff members.</p>	
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>June 1 is the Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at the Richmond International Raceway. This event has been held for a number of years and this year the service will be expanded to include EMS. Mr. Critzer encouraged everyone to attend.</p> <p>Pokey Harris said that this would be her last meeting serving as a member of the State EMS Advisory Board. Ms. Harris said she has enjoyed her tenure and said she will still be involved in EMS and the committees of the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Cathy Fox announced that it is National Nurses Week and she said congratulations to the EMS providers in recognition of the upcoming National EMS Week.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>August 9, 2013 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Glen Allen, VA.</p>	