

State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Norfolk Waterside Marriott - Norfolk, Virginia
Wednesday, November 7, 2011
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others:	Staff:
Anita Ashby <i>Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association</i>	B.R. "Beau" Blevins, III (Excused) <i>Virginia Association of Counties</i>	Connie R. Purvis <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>	Gary Brown
J. David Barrick <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>	Michael Crockett (Excused) <i>Associated Public Safety Communications Officials</i>	Kent Weber <i>TEMS VA Beach EMS</i>	Scott Winston
Dreama D. Chandler <i>VA Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>	Steve Ennis (Excused) <i>Virginia State Firefighters Association</i>	Melinda Duncan <i>Northern Virginia EMS Council</i>	George Lindbeck, M.D.
Gary Critzer <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	Ajai Malhotra, M.D. <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Rob Logan <i>Western Virginia EMS Council</i>	Michael D. Berg
James R. Dudley, M.D., MBA <i>Virginia College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Richard D. McClure (Excused) <i>Old Dominion EMS Alliance</i>	Michael B. Player <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>	David P. Edwards
Bruce Edwards <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>	Anthony D. Wilson <i>Virginia Ambulance Association</i>	Steve Cover <i>Virginia Fire Chief / Virginia Beach Fire Department</i>	Jim Nogle
Stephen J. Elliott <i>Thomas Jefferson EMS Council</i>		David Coulling <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>	Winnie Pennington
R. Christian Eudailey <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>		Jason A. Burton <i>Henry County Public Safety</i>	Warren Short
Robin L. Foster, M.D. <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>		Stephanie Krebs <i>Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad / Eastern Virginia Medical School</i>	Chad Blosser
Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN <i>Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association</i>		Amir Louka <i>Princess Anne Courthouse VRS / EVMS</i>	Deborah T. Akers
L.V. Pokey Harris <i>Southwest VA EMS Council</i>		Tom Nevetral <i>Chesterfield Fire and EMS</i>	Carol Morrow
Brian Hricik <i>Northern VA EMS Council</i>		Al Thompson <i>Chesterfield Fire and EMS</i>	Carol Pugh
Marilyn McLeod, M.D. <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>		Duncan Wallace <i>Work Group</i>	Scott Winston
Wayne Myers, Jr. <i>VA Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>		Rob Lawrence <i>Richmond Ambulance</i>	Amanda Davis
Andrea W. Oakes <i>Virginia Municipal League</i>		Jennie Collins <i>Prince William Fire & Rescue</i>	Paul Sharpe
Larry A. Oliver <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i>		Barbara Brown <i>Dale City Volunteer Fire Department</i>	Bob Swander
Gary Samuels <i>VA Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters</i>		David Postelnek, M.D. <i>Prince William Fire & Rescue</i>	Beth Singer
			Christy Saldana
			Wanda Street
			Irene Hamilton

Members Present:

Matthew Tatum
*Virginia Association of Governmental EMS
Administrators (VAGEMSA)*
John Dale Wagoner
Western Virginia EMS Council
Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM
Medical Society of Virginia

Members Absent:**Others:**

Wayne Peer
Rockingham Fire & Rescue

Kim Craig
Guest - SARS
D.A. Norville
Norfolk Fire-Rescue
Robin
Don Barklage
City of Fairfax Fire
Greg Woods
Southwest VA EMS Council
Heidi Hooker
Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Wayne Perry
Rappahannock EMS Council

Staff:

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Call to Order – Pokey Harris, Acting chair	Ms. Harris called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.	
Approval of the August 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes	Ms. Harris asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2011 Advisory Board Meeting.	A motion was made and properly seconded; and the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2011 meeting were approved.
Approval of November 9, 2011 Meeting Agenda	Ms. Harris announced some adjustments to the meeting agenda.	The meeting agenda was accepted with that one change.
Acting Chair Report – Pokey Harris	Ms. Harris said that any items she might have will be discussed in some of the various reports being made later in the meeting.	
Deputy Commissioner of Public Health & Preparedness – Marissa Levine, M.D.	Dr. Levine gave a presentation regarding Pertussis. She gave the stats regarding the current spike in the Pertussis outbreak and stats by age group and risk group. Dr. Remley would like the EMS community to promote vaccination. Dr. Levine encouraged attendees to get the vaccinations being offered free tomorrow at the Symposium.	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Dr. George Lindbeck, and other OEMS staff	<p>Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the 32nd Virginia EMS Symposium, and gave an overview of the Symposium, the number of attendees, CEU credits awarded, as well as some of the other events that will take place during the Symposium.</p> <p>Mr. Brown referred the Board and audience to the Office of EMS Quarterly Report for detailed information regarding current and upcoming events and actions that affect EMS.</p> <p><u>EMS on the National Scene-</u> Mr. Brown reported that House Resolution 3144 has been introduced in Congress which is the Field</p>	

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	<p>EMS Quality Innovation and Cost Effectiveness Improvement Act for 2011. The purpose of this act is to implement a strategy to strengthen the development of our nation's EMS services and development of field emergency medical services at the federal, state and local levels.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that he was elected to the Executive Committee of the National Association of State EMS Officials at their annual meeting in October. Mr. Brown also reported that David Edwards, the EMSC Coordinator for the Office of EMS, was elected as the incoming President of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council of the National Association of State EMS Officials. In addition, Paul Sharpe, the Trauma and Critical Care Coordinator for the Office of EMS, will be working with the National Association of State EMS Officials Government Affairs Committee for the pending federal legislation - HR 3144.</p> <p><u>2012 EMS Advisory Board Meetings-</u> Mr. Brown gave the dates for the 2012 EMS Advisory Board meetings along with the Thursday date for the committee meetings held prior to the Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p>The dates are: February 9 and 10, 2012; May 17 & 18, 2012; August 9 & 10, 2012; and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Virginia EMS Symposium in Norfolk.</p> <p>Scott Winston and Dr. Lindbeck did not have additional comments.</p>	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	<p>Mr. Edwards gave an overview of the highlights from the last Board of Health meeting. Discussion at the meeting included information about regulations for repacking crabmeat; and the highlighted discussion of the meeting was in regards to the regulations for governing the oversight of abortion clinics. The abortion clinic regulations were passed and sent to the Governor for his signature.</p>	
Traffic Incident Management Committee – Jennie Collins	<p>Ms. Collins gave a presentation regarding the Traffic Incident Management Committee. This committee was established at the request of Secretary of Public Safety, Marla Decker. The committee is made up of a multidiscipline group of state and locality personnel. The main goal of the committee is to review the National Uniform Goal for Traffic Incident Management (NUG) to ensure that highway traffic incidents are handled safely and making sure that responders have safe working conditions.</p> <p>Ms. Collins reported that the committee has informed Secretary Decker that they accept the goals of the NUG but felt that it would be premature to adopt it for the Commonwealth totally until some additional logistical issues are addressed. The committee was particularly concerned about funding issues that might arise for additional mandates related to the NUG.</p> <p>The next step is to have the Virginia State Police make sure that every jurisdiction is covered by a traffic incident management group and that every locality within the state is aware of their regional plan. The State Police will work with the Federal Highway Administration to offer training sessions for law enforcement, fire and EMS administrators.</p>	
Department of Behavioral	<p>Mr. Martinez gave a presentation regarding the mental health care system in Virginia. His presentation</p>	Several board members

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Health & Developmental Services – James M. Martinez, Director, Mental Health Services	gave an overview of the structure of Virginia’s mental health system. He talked about the need for collaboration from state and local governments in order to make the mental health system work effectively. Mr. Martinez gave a brief background on various components of Virginia’s mental health system, the type of services they offer, as well as the type and backgrounds of the patients they service. Mr. Martinez also talked about some of the issues and problems that confront the mental health system.	commented on problems they have encountered trying to find beds for patients and other problems. Bruce Edwards told Mr. Martinez that the EMS community is invested and very interested in collaborating in any way they can to help improve the system.
Standing Committee Reports and Action Items		
Executive Committee – Pokey Harris	Ms. Harris reported that the committee has not met since June. She said at the last Executive Committee meeting the Guidance documents were finalized and distributed. Ms. Harris also reported that the Executive Committee has been in ongoing discussion with the Office of EMS in regards to the viability of one of the state EMS Advisory Board’s stakeholders. There will be an upcoming meeting to discuss this issue. Ms. Harris encouraged the Executive Committee appointed at this meeting to hold a meeting as soon as possible so as to keep pace with the progress that has been made to date by the committee.	
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer	Mr. Peer reported that FARC will meet on Thursday, November 10 at the Symposium. He gave a recap of the number of grant applications received this cycle and said that they will award grants on December 2.	
Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels	Mr. Samuels did not have an Administrative Coordinator report.	
Rules and Regulations Committee – Gary Samuels	Mr. Samuels reported that the Rules and Regulations committee has not met since the last board meeting. He said that they are waiting on the Governor’ signature on the proposed EMS regulations.	
Legislative and Planning Committee – Scott Winston	<p>Mr. Winston reported that the Legislative and Planning Committee has not met since the last board meeting. However, several current and former members of the committee recently attended a legislative summit that was sponsored by the Virginia Fire Services Council. The summit was held on November 4 and was also attended by several organizations, associations and state agencies related to Fire, EMS and Emergency Management.</p> <p>Mr. Winston also reported that the Office of EMS has sent one piece of legislation forward to the Commissioner’s Office for consideration to be included in the Administrative Bill. The legislation requests that β32.1-111.5 of the <u>Code of Virginia</u> dealing with certification and recertification of EMS providers be amended to change the manner in which OEMS recertify individuals. Currently, EMS providers must complete continuing education and take a written examination or obtain a waiver from the Operational Medical Director in lieu of taking the written examination. This legislation would change the current process and enable EMS personnel to recertify through continuing education only, removing the requirement for the written test as well as a waiver from the Operational Medical Director. Mr. Winston said it is their hope that this legislation will be presented to the legislators in January.</p>	

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	<p>Chris Eudailey said one item of concern that was discussed at the summit was regarding possible legislation that the local sheriffs and chiefs of police want to introduce. Currently, EMS and Fire turn mental health patients over to law enforcement who take them to the appropriate facility; but the legislation that they want to introduce would put the patients back into the care of EMS and Fire giving them the responsibility of getting the patients to an appropriate facility. Mr. Eudailey stated that this would impact their manpower and already sparse funds.</p> <p>Dale Wagoner brought forth a motion to support the legislative package that the Office of EMS sent forward regarding proposed changes to the certification and recertification process for EMS providers. The motion was seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>It was pointed out that this information was not included in the packet of information that the board members received, and, therefore, it would probably be better not to vote on it at this time to avoid a possible negative vote due to lack of information. Larry Oliver pointed out that when the Board voted for the implementation of the registry and testing process, the changes to the certification and recertification process was a part of that process.</p> <p>Based on this information, it was decided that the motion should be withdrawn.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to support the legislative packet regarding the proposed changes to the certification and recertification process as recommended by the Office of EMS.</p> <p>The Chair asked for consent to withdraw the motion. YEAS=20; NAYS = 0; ABSENTIONS = 0 The motion was withdrawn.</p>
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator – Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver said that Coordinators have a responsibility to oversee the actions of all the committees under their section. However, Mr. Oliver said in researching he has found that historically several of the standing committees of the state EMS Advisory Board do not post meeting minutes and other pertinent documents from their committees on the OEMS website. Mr. Oliver has discussed this issue with Gary Brown and Scott Winston and how it can be corrected.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver said the objective is to ensure that the OEMS website will contain all committee minutes and any other associated documents. The OEMS website should also include the Bylaws and Guidance documents.</p>	<p>The Office of EMS will review the OEMS website and ensure that these documents can be found on the website with easy access.</p>
<p>Transportation Committee – Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver gave the report for David Barrick, who had to leave due to another commitment. He reported that the committee last met on Monday, October 24. The committee has two new members, Dale Wagoner and Matt Tatum. The main focus of the meeting was to review and grade 41 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant applications that were related to ambulances.</p>	

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Communications Committee – Pokey Harris	<p>Ms. Harris reported that the Communications Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10 at the Symposium. She, however, has stepped down as chair since she will be rotating off the Board in six months.</p> <p><u>Update on Narrowbanding-</u> Ms. Harris reported that the focus of the committee for the last two years has been working on EMD and looking at the communications needs of the EMS providers and agencies. The narrowbanding mandate has been a major focus of the committee because on January 1, 2013 the SCC’s unfunded mandate becomes effective. The committee has been working with EMS providers and agencies to help them focus on meeting the mandate. Ms. Harris said agencies need to purchase the necessary equipment or upgrading existing equipment; and must make application to modifying their existing radio frequency licenses.</p> <p>Ms. Harris explained that this is a very expensive mandate and that it will require collaboration and brainstorming, as well as forming some partnerships to identify funding sources for this initiative. Ms. Harris referred the audience to a document that was distributed during the meeting, “Is Your Agency Ready for Narrowbanding?”. This document is a good reference source to help EMS agencies get ready for Narrowbanding (Narrowbanding Information.pdf).</p>	
Emergency Management Committee – Winnie Pennington	<p>Ms. Pennington reported that they have not met since the last meeting; and they have no report.</p>	
Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, M.D.	<p>Dr. Yee had no report as Patient Care Coordinator.</p>	
Medical Direction Committee – Allen Yee, M.D.	<p>Dr. Yee reported that the Medical Direction Committee has two action items to bring forth. Both action items are requesting endorsement of White Papers developed by the committee; and both items can be found in the Quarterly Report, under Appendix A (Appendix A from the Nov 2011 Quarterly Report.pdf) and Appendix B (Appendix B from the Nov 2011 Quarterly Report.pdf).</p> <p>The Chair reminded the Board that since the motions are coming from a committee they do not require a second. She opened the floor for discussion on each motion; and hearing no discussion, she called for a vote on each motion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Medical Direction Committee moves the EMS Advisory Board endorse the “Termination of Resuscitation” White Paper. YEAS= 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Medical Direction Committee moves the EMS Advisory Board endorse the “Cervical Spine Clearance” White Paper. YEAS=19; NAYS=0; ABSENTIONS=0</p>

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Medevac Committee – Allen Yee, M.D.	<p><u>Project Synergy-</u> Dr. Yee reported that the Medevac Committee met earlier in the day. Dr. Yee reported that Project Synergy is examining the resource utilization of paramedical transports. He explained that the project was initiated by the Carilion system and it looks at how many patients were discharged within 24 hours and uses that as a marker for determining if it was an appropriate flight. It has been very successful in the Carilion system, and they have decided to expand the project to the other four Level I trauma centers in the state.</p> <p><u>Virginia WeatherShare-</u> Dr. Yee reported that this is an ongoing project over the last several years. They have increased their participation, and Dr. Yee reported that they have over 3200 entries in WeatherShare since initiating the program.</p>	
Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Paul Sharpe	<p>Mr. Sharpe reported that they still have some pending changes to their Trauma Center Designation Manual. He said those changes are related to the Burns and Nursing criteria. The committee last met in the beginning of September. The primary focus of the meeting was discussion regarding the committee’s composition. The committee also discussed updating the Trauma Center Fund Distribution Policy. This will go into effect on January 1.</p> <p>The committee will be forming work groups in December to revamp the Trauma Center Designation Manual. He said that the primary focus will be in the areas of physician requirements, pediatric care, and performance improvement.</p>	
EMS for Children Committee – Robin Foster, M.D.	The committee met last on October 20 in Richmond. The major focus of the meeting was regarding a set of draft criteria to designate pediatric emergency department expertise across the state within the hospitals. Dr. Foster explained that this a voluntary designation process and it complies with the National EMSC Performance Measure 74. The criteria are now being reviewed by multiple outside objective parties.	
Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver	Mr. Oliver reported that he and Jason Campbell spoke recently in regards to the Provider Health and Safety Committee. He reported that the Workforce Development Committee met earlier in the day and staff will make a report regarding that committee.	
Training & Certification Committee – Larry Oliver	Mr. Oliver reported that the committee did not meet in October. The next meeting is scheduled in January.	
Workforce Development Committee – Carol Morrow	Ms. Morrow reported that the Workforce Development Committee had no action items. She encouraged everyone to attend the Career Fair that will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 5 PM at the Symposium.	
Nominating Committee: Elections – Pokey Harris	Gary Samuels who chaired the Nominating Committee reported that the Nominating Committee (members: Gary Samuels, David Barrick, Dale Wagoner, Gary Critzer [Dr. Yee was unable to join the conference call]) convened on September 23 via conference call.	

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	<p>Mr. Samuels brought forth the Nominating Committee’s Slate of Officers. Board Position --- Nominee <i>EMS Advisory Board Chair - Gary Critzer</i> <i>EMS Advisory Board Vice Chair - Dale Wagoner</i> <i>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels</i> <i>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</i> <i>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, M.D.</i> <i>Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver</i> <i>Communications Committee Chair – Gary Critzer</i> <i>Emergency Management Committee Chair – Steve Ennis</i> <i>EMS for Children Chair – Robin Foster, M.D.</i> <i>Legislative and Planning Committee Chair - R. Christian Eudailey</i> <i>Medevac Committee Chair – Allen Yee, M.D.</i> <i>Medical Direction Committee Chair – Marilyn McLeod, M.D.</i> <i>Provider Health and Safety Committee Chair – Brian Hricik</i> <i>Rules and Regulations Committee Chair – Gary Samuels</i> <i>Training and Certification Committee Chair – Larry Oliver</i> <i>Transportation Committee Chair – David Barrick</i> <i>Trauma Oversight and Management Committee Chair – Ajai Malhotra, M.D.</i> <i>Workforce Development Committee Chair – Dreama Chandler</i></p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for Nominations following the introduction of the Slate of Officers from the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Brian Hricik nominated Larry Oliver from the floor for the position of EMS Advisory Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor.</p> <p>The Board members were given a ballot on which to vote and the votes were collected and counted.</p>	<p>Election Results: The EMS Advisory Board voted, and accepted, the Slate of Officers as submitted by the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The 2012 EMS Advisory Board Officers are: <i>EMS Advisory Board Chair - Gary Critzer</i> <i>EMS Advisory Board Vice Chair - Dale Wagoner</i> <i>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels</i> <i>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</i> <i>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, M.D.</i> <i>Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver</i> <i>Communications Committee Chair – Gary Critzer</i> <i>Emergency Management Committee Chair – Steve Ennis</i> <i>EMS for Children Chair – Robin Foster, M.D.</i> <i>Legislative and Planning Committee Chair - R. Christian Eudailey</i> <i>Medevac Committee Chair – Allen Yee, M.D.</i> <i>Medical Direction Committee Chair – Marilyn McLeod, M.D.</i> <i>Provider Health and Safety Committee Chair – Brian Hricik</i> <i>Rules and Regulations Committee Chair – Gary Samuels</i> <i>Training and Certification Committee Chair – Larry Oliver</i> <i>Transportation Committee Chair – David Barrick</i> <i>Trauma Oversight and Management Committee Chair – Ajai Malhotra, M.D.</i> <i>Workforce Development Committee Chair – Dreama Chandler</i></p>
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg</p>	<p>Mr. Woods reported that the group has not met since the last meeting. The group is scheduled to meet on December 1 in Richmond, VA.</p>	

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PUBLIC COMMENT	Rob Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer for Richmond Ambulance Authority and the Virginia lead for the Rider Alert Motorcycle Program. Mr. Lawrence gave an update on how the program was going since its inception and his report to the EMS Advisory Board a few months ago.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p><u>Line of Duty Act – Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad-</u> Ms. Oakes followed up on a presentation and discussion at the last meeting concerning the Line of Duty Act. In the discussion it was brought up that the City of Staunton wrongly excluded the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad from its Line of Duty Act coverage. Ms. Oakes, who represents the Virginia Municipal League on the EMS Advisory Board, explained that the City of Staunton is a member of the Virginia Municipal League.</p> <p>Ms. Oakes shared a statement from the City of Staunton regarding their vote to exclude the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad. In their statement the City of Staunton explained that they cover public safety entities that are specifically listed in the city code, and the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad is not listed. The Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad has their own funding source and it has been the City of Staunton’s position that the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad can and should pay their own bills.</p> <p>Ms. Oakes also disclosed that on the State EMS Advisory Board she represents the Virginal Municipal League (VML); however, off the board she serves on the Staunton City Council. Ms. Oakes said that the Staunton City Council is willing to go to the table with the Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad and discuss their potential participation in their Line of Duty Act coverage.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Emergency Nurses Association –</u> Cathy Fox who represents the Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association on the EMS Advisory Board reported on their national meeting that was held in September in Tampa, Florida. She reported that at the meeting they discussed several position statements, and she said that they have a duty to have the position statements done within six months of their passage.</p> <p>GA11-011- Utilization of Paid Reservations for Emergency Department Services. This allows the ED to send a message or text re: current wait times. Ms. Fox said the ENA is not supporting this legislation because some states have reported an increase in deaths using this procedure.</p> <p>GA11-012 – Utilization Of Advertised Wait Times for Emergency Department Services. Ms. Fox said the ENA is also not supporting this legislation.</p> <p>GA11-013 – Care of Pediatric Patient With Mild To Moderate Dehydration In The Emergency Care Setting. The ENA voted to support this legislation.</p> <p>Ms. Fox reported that the ENA also voted to support a Resolution regarding priority care for patients</p>	

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	<p>with stroke symptoms. However, Ms. Fox said they did not support a resolution to assist with stroke education development. This would require them to build in a stroke education program through ENA that would cost almost \$250,000.</p> <p>The ENA did vote to support legislation regarding the Taskforce on chronically impaired patients. The ENA also passed a resolution dealing with Friends in Nursing that they will also be recognized as part of the specialty of the Emergency Nurse Association.</p> <p>Ms. Fox publicly thanked the American College of Emergency Physicians for recognizing Emergency Nursing as a specialty organization. She said that also the American Nursing Association has recognized the Emergency Nursing Association body as a specialty nursing organization.</p> <p>Comments from the New Chair- Ms. Harris passed the “gavel” to Gary Critzer, the newly elected Chair of the State EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer thanked the Board for electing him as Chair. He said that they are planning an Executive Committee meeting the first week in December.</p>	
Adjournment	Chris Eudailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:31 p.m.	The motion carried unanimously.
Next Meeting	February 10, 2011 @ 1 PM in Richmond. The location will be determined.	