

State EMS Advisory
Richmond Marriott West, Glen Allen, VA
Friday, February 13, 2009
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:	
Randy P. Abernathy Rev. Coan Agee Byron F. Andrews, III Edward B. Bish, Jr. Asher Brand, MD Jason D. Campbell Jennie L. Collins Bruce Edwards Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler James A. Gray, Jr. Theresa E. Guins, MD L. V. Pokey Harris Cheryl L. Lawson, MD Ajai Malhotra, MD Clarence Monday Larry A. Oliver William E. Quarles, Jr. Dee Dee Soyars Karen D. Wagner John Dale Wagoner	J. David Barrick Kevin L. Dillard (Excused) James Dudley, MD (Excused) Linda G. Johnson (Excused) Dr. Lori Moore-Merrill (Excused) Carl F. Wentzel, III, MD (Excused) Anthony Wilson (Excused) Douglas R. Young (Excused)	Gary R. Brown Scott Winston George Lindbeck Wanda Street Irene Hamilton Dennis Molnar Ken Crumpler Chad Blosser Winnie C. Pennington Frank Cheatham Jim Nogle Greg Neiman Tim Perkins Beth Singer Amanda Davis Paul Sharpe Michael D. Berg James Burch Carol S. Morrow David Edwards Warren Short	Matthew M. Cobb Mark Levine, MD Gary P. Critzer Linda Sayles Morris Reece Ed Rhodes Dreama Chandler Rob Logan Paul Helmuth Wes Shifflett Joel "Mac" McCauley Chip Decker Bryan S. McRoy Rob Lawrence Mike Harmon John Boatwright Allen Yee, MD Jim Chandler Gary Samuels Will Aiken Jay Gould Billy Altman Elizabeth Enos	Melinda Duncan Tracey McLaurin Greg Woods Michael Player Jeff Meyer Thomas Schwalenberg D.E. Ferguson, Jr. Stephen Rea Connie Purvis Constance McGeorge Paul D. Hoppes David E. Cullen, Jr. Wayne S. Peer Dan Norville Andrew Snead David Bishop Hershel Kreis Lisa Atkins Heidi Hooker Eric Stanley Tina Skinner Charles Devine Kent Weber

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Call to Order – Karen Wagner Approval of November 12, 2008 meeting minutes Approval of February 13, 2009 meeting agenda	<p>Ms. Wagner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM</p> <p>The Chair called for approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2008 meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner explained that the Nominating Committee report will take place after Unfinished business. The new Chair will take over the meeting following the election. Ms. Wagner called for approval of the agenda with the noted change in order of the Nominating Committee Report.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved as presented.</p> <p>The agenda was approved with the noted change in order for the Nominating Committee Report.</p>
Chair Report – Karen Wagner	<p>Since there are several new Board members, Ms. Wagner asked Board members to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner explained that only sworn members of the Board can vote.</p>	

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	Ms. Wagner thanked everyone for their support during her tenure as Chair of the State EMS Advisory Board.	
1st Vice Chair Report – Randy Abernathy	No report.	
2nd Vice Chair Report – Jennie Collins	No report.	
Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Preparedness & Response – Mark Levine, MD, MPH	<p>Gary Brown introduced Dr. Levine.</p> <p>Dr. Levine stated that he had just left the Board of Health meeting; and reported that the two proposed EMS regulations were well received by the Board of Health. They will now be going forward for the Public Comment period before they can be finalized. Dr. Levine explained that Dr. Remley would be unable to attend the Advisory Board meeting today because she will be at the Board of Health meeting all afternoon; but said that she sends her regrets.</p> <p>Dr. Levine told the Board that he got his start in healthcare at a volunteer rescue squad in New Jersey. He said that he is interested in OEMS and the EMS community; and wants to be an advocate. Both Drs. Remley and Levine want to promote quality emergency services for Virginia.</p>	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston and OEMS Staff	<p><u>New Board Members:</u> Mr. Brown welcomed the new board members and asked them if they would remain back a few minutes after the meeting for a brief orientation. Board members receive a weekly legislative Grid and Legislative Report from the Office of EMS. Mr. Brown said that he also sent all new members a copy of the EMS Advisory Board Bylaws and Code of Ethics.</p> <p>Due to budget constraints and new guidance regarding printing, OEMS will only be sending hard copies of the OEMS Quarterly Report to board members. The quarterly report will be available on the OEMS web site and members of the public may read and print the report from the web site. Board members can notify the Office of EMS if they wish to opt out of receiving a hard copy of the OEMS Quarterly Report.</p> <p>Board Members received a “Member Information Sheet “and a “Committee Interest Form” that they were asked to complete and return them to the Office of EMS.</p> <p><u>OEMS Personnel Updates:</u> Mr. Brown announced that a new accountant has been hired, Brenda Carroll. Brenda comes to OEMS from the Department of Transportation and previously worked at the Department of Health in the Office of Family Health Services as a Senior Accountant. Also, Edward Damerel has been hired in a part time</p>	

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	<p>position as a Media Technician. Mr. Damerel who is retired from the Department of Education will be an assistant to Terry Coy. Mr. Brown also announced that in late November Carol Morrow assumed a new position in the Office of EMS as the Technical Assistant Coordinator.</p> <p><u>Infant Mortality:</u> At the November EMS Advisory Board meeting, Dr. Remley addressed the board and gave a presentation on Infant Mortality. Recently OEMS Program Representative Supervisor, Jimmy Burch, included information from Dr. Remley's presentation in a continuing education program for EMT providers. Mr. Brown encouraged other instructors and coordinators to include the infant mortality information in their classes. Mr. Brown also announced that he has been appointed by Dr. Remley to serve on an Infant Mortality Task Force.</p> <p><u>EMS Governor's Award Winners:</u> Mr. Brown recognized three Governor award winners who were present - Tina Skinner who received the Governor's Award for Excellence in EMS; Dr. Allen Yee who received the Governor's Award for Outstanding EMS Physician; and Jennie Collins who received the Governor's Award for Outstanding EMS Administrator.</p> <p><u>Budget:</u> Mr. Brown reported on items affecting EMS in the Governor's 2008-2010 Biennium Budget that was released on December 17, 2008. The budget recommended reducing funding for the Poison Control Centers and consolidating them into one statewide center. The budget also transfers \$0.25 of the new \$4-for-Life revenue to the Department of State Police. Mr. Brown also gave an overview of the various budget amendments that are currently being considered by the General Assembly. OEMS had just become aware that the State Senate Finance Committee passed an amendment that would transfer an additional \$1.50 out of the 4-for-Life revenue to the General Fund. The language in the amendment greatly concerns OEMS because it states that the remaining funds are earmarked for recruitment and retention of volunteer rescue squads. OEMS is watching this amendment closely.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that the Office of EMS has entered into a contract with Clifton Gunderson to conduct audits of Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grants, local governments on their use of Return to Locality funds and the Regional EMS Councils. Mr. Brown also reported that the Office of EMS is currently undergoing a full internal audit review by the Department of Health's Internal Audit Division.</p>	

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	<p><u>Rural Health Summit:</u> Mr. Winston reported that the Office of EMS has been working over the last few years with other VDH agencies to update the state rural health plan. One section of the rural health plan recommended holding a rural health summit with a component focusing on EMS.</p> <p>A Rural Health Summit will be held March 10-13, 2009 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia. There is a Pre-Summit Conference that will offer a one-day budget model workshop. The second day of the Pre-Summit Conference will have a Train the Trainer course for which people will be preselected to attend; and the second half of the day will offer an EMS roundtable session to discuss issues facing rural EMS.</p> <p>Registration for this summit is on line and there is no registration fee. The Office of EMS has obtained some funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration to offer some funding to assist with lodging and travel costs. OEMS is working with the Office of Minority Health & Public Health Policy to implement this program.</p>	
<p>State EMS Medical Director's Report – George Lindbeck, MD</p>	<p>Dr. Lindbeck said that he would also be giving the Medical Direction Committee report and that he would roll the two reports together since they overlap in many areas.</p> <p><u>OMD Recertification:</u> The Medical Direction Committee last met on January 8. A focus of this meeting was OMD endorsement. OMD's received a one year, non renewable variance to fulfill recertification and that variance expires in August 2009. An OMD Workshop was held on February 9 at the Homestead. Upcoming workshops are scheduled on March 12 in Abingdon and June 10 in Lynchburg, and August 10-14 in Warrenton.</p> <p><u>Online EMS Medical Director Course:</u> Dr. Lindbeck reported that they were working with the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (VACEP) and Center for Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation in Bozeman, Montana, who has developed an online course, to offer the course to EMS Medical Directors. The course is modeled after the NAEMSP and ACEP national standard curriculum. This program has been supported by Rescue Squad Assistance Funds and should be available within a couple of weeks. EMS physicians will get 12 hours of CE credit for completing the course.</p> <p><u>Virginia Stroke System:</u> Dr. Lindbeck reported that the Virginia Stoke System Task Force met on</p>	

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	<p>January 21.</p> <p><u>STEMI Care:</u> The Virginia Heart Attack Coalition is working on STEMI care in the Commonwealth. At the next Medical Direction Committee meeting they hope to discuss some patient care guidelines that can be distributed to the Regional EMS Councils, agencies and providers throughout the Commonwealth.</p> <p><u>American Heart Association:</u> The American Heart Association put out a 12 Lead Education course that was piloted in Chesterfield.</p> <p><u>Other Topics of Discussion at the Medical Direction Committee (MDC) meeting:</u> The Medical Direction Committee has also accepted the Procedures and Formulary Grids that the subcommittee has been working on and also began discussions on statewide patient care guidelines and statewide drug box issues. Dr. Lindbeck reported that the committee will begin to generate some white papers on patient care guidelines on issues such as STEMI and congestive heart failure treatment. The MDC was informed of the Governor's Advisory Board motion and passage that the Intermediate curriculum be maintained indefinitely.</p> <p>The next Medical Direction Committee meeting is April 9, 2009.</p> <p>Cheryl Lawson inquired how many people still needed to complete the EMS Medical Director training course. Mike Berg said that approximately 134 doctors still need to complete the course. Dr. Lindbeck also reported that the Office of EMS will be working on getting a more updated database to track the EMS physicians in the state.</p>	
Office of the Attorney General Report – Matt Cobb	Mr. Cobb reported that he did not have a specific report. He said that he continues to advise OEMS on several issues.	
Process Action Team (PAT) Report – Gary Critzer	<p>The last meeting was November 20-21, 2008 in Waynesboro for a two-day workshop. This was a facilitated workshop that looked at all of prior meetings and actions of the PAT Committee. The PAT recommended establishing seven service areas in Virginia for Regional EMS Councils; but to allow more than one regional council per service area. The PAT committee asked for the EMS Advisory Board endorsement of the concept of seven service areas with the addition that more than one Regional EMS Council could serve a designated area.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer reported that they have to modify the language in the designation manual to allow for more than one Regional EMS Council per service area.</p>	<p>Bruce Edwards made the following motion. It was seconded by Cheryl Lawson.</p> <p>MOTION: THE EMS Advisory Board moves to support seven service areas and clarifying the language in the designation manual to ensure that more than one council can serve in a service area.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20 NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p>

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	<p>The PAT is also finalizing the draft of the talking points that came from the work of PAT. It will be sent to the PAT members shortly for approval. PAT members can then discuss key points with their Regional EMS Councils.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that several good ideas and suggestions came out of the workshop. These items will be categorized into sections and distributed to the appropriate standing committees to work through the items and send them back to the PAT.</p> <p>Gary Critzer thanked the members of the PAT for their dedication and hard work to complete this work. Ms. Wagner asked Mr. Critzer to clarify if the Fact Sheet will be brought back to the Board. Mr. Critzer said that he thought it was just talking points and that it could be distributed by the PAT. However, he said he would discuss this with Gary Brown and the new EMS Advisory Board Chair.</p>	<p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Talking points from the PAT Committee's work will be summarized and a draft will be sent to the PAT Committee members for approval.</p> <p>The PAT Committee will categorize the ideas and suggestions that have come out of the committee's work and distribute them to the appropriate State EMS Advisory Board standing committee.</p>
Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner	<p>Ms. Wagner announced that July 24 is the deadline for submissions from Regional EMS Councils to the Office of EMS. The Awards Committee meets on August 21, 2009.</p>	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	<p>The committee met earlier in the day. The committee has one motion to bring forth from the committee.</p> <p>The Communications Committee continues to work with Ken Crumpler from OEMS on the Communications track for Symposium. Mr. Crumpler informed the committee that he has a full track for the conference.</p> <p>OEMS has applied for a 2009 DHS grant to provide 1100 VHF High Band Portable Radios for DERA licensed vehicles that currently have no VHF High Band capabilities.</p> <p>The committee worked on improving the training standards for EMDs in accredited PSAPs.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer introduced Paul Hoppes who is the newest member of the Communications Committee.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner thanked Mr. Critzer for his tenure as Chair of the Communications Committee.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to ratify the decision by the Communications Committee to approve the James City County 911 and Botetourt County 911 PSAP applications for accreditation.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
CISM Committee – Jim Nogle	<p>Mr. Nogle reported that the CISM Committee did not meet because they are in the process of restructuring; and they need a new chairperson. As part of the restructuring, the committee formed an Ad Hoc Committee to look at all assets of CISM. One of the issues that the Ad Hoc committee addressed was the use of debriefings in CISM.</p>	<p>Bruce Edwards made the following motion.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to table the Position Paper on the OEMS Position on the use of debriefings in CISM until more work and clarity</p>

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	<p>Mr. Nogle presented an OEMS Position Paper on the use of debriefings in CISM. The committee reviewed the different modalities used with CISM and the paper allows the use of different methodologies in CISM. The paper comes from the committee as a recommendation to the Advisory Board for action and approval.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Jennie Collins asked if this was a unanimous opinion of the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Nogle said that it was unanimous among the committee that there are several different modalities that can be used. However, the committee does not have a unanimous opinion on which modalities should be used. Mr. Nogle said that there was not a unanimous opinion within the Ad Hoc Committee as to whether debriefings are good or bad. Ms. Collins recalled that at the last Advisory Board meeting they discussed the fact that debriefings has shown to be harmful to some people who are exposed to traumatic incidents. Mr. Nogle acknowledged that debriefing was one of the modalities being considered. Ms. Collins said that it would be difficult for her to support a toolbox that contains a methodology that has been shown to be harmful to providers.</p> <p>After more discussion on this issue, Bruce Edwards made a motion to table this item until more work and clarity could be brought to the Board in the position paper.</p>	<p>could be done on the paper.</p> <p>The motion was seconded.</p> <p>THE POSITION PAPER WAS TABLED.</p>
<p>EMS Emergency Management Committee – Bubby Bish</p>	<p>Mr. Bish reported that the Division of Emergency Operations participated in the planning and preparation for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. They had two EMS Task Forces on stand by alert but they did not have to be used.</p> <p>Due to budget cuts, the CISM Coordinator position was eliminated; and Karen Owens from the Division of Emergency Operations has taken on the responsibilities of the position.</p> <p>The HMERT Coordinator attended a Hurricane Evacuation Committee meeting on lane reversal on December 11. This committee will meet quarterly.</p> <p>Mr. Bish also reported that Frank Cheatham recently conducted some training classes for the task force.</p> <p>The next committee meeting is scheduled on April 2 at 12 noon at the Technology Park office.</p>	
<p>Emergency Medical Services for Children – Theresa Guins, MD</p>	<p>The committee met on January 8.</p> <p>Dr. Guins reported that the Special Children’s Outreach and Pre-hospital</p>	

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	<p>Education (SCOPE) toolkits have been completed and are being distributed to all Regional EMS Councils.</p> <p>Dr. Guins also reported that the committee has done extensive education for providers to prepare them for the Child Abuse Mandatory Reporting legislation which takes effect on March 1, 2009.</p> <p>In order to stay in compliance with the federal EMSC performance measure mandates, EMSC has begun to assess hospitals within the state to determine their ability to handle pediatric injured and ill patients. As results from the assessments become available, the committee will report results to the Board at the quarterly Advisory Board meetings.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled on April 9.</p>	
EMS Workforce Development Committee – Scott Winston	<p>Mr. Winston reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee is awaiting the appointment of a new chair.</p>	
Finance, Legislation & Planning – Gary Dalton	<p>The committee met earlier in the day.</p> <p>Mr. Dalton reported that they received a report regarding the State EMS Strategic Plan and set a work session on May 14 at 3PM to discuss incorporating the Scope of Practice within the State EMS Plan; and also to bring the State EMS Plan up to date. A location for the meeting will be announced later.</p> <p>The committee brought forth an action item. The Chair opened the floor for discussion after Mr. Dalton read the motion.</p> <p>Mr. William Quarles asked what was EMS total operation budget and how much would be left for operations. He was told that the proposed cut was about 35 percent of the budget. Dr. Levine informed the Board that the Governor's budget did not include that amendment; and therefore, the Administration was not supportive of the new budget amendment.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner acknowledged and thanked Mr. Dalton for his good work and efforts as Chair of the Finance, Legislation & Planning Committee and as a member of the Board.</p>	<p>MOTION: FLAP recommends that the State EMS Advisory Board draft a letter to the Commissioner of Health regarding their disapproval of the proposed budget amendment dated February 8, 2009 from the Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources of the Senate Finance Committee.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>The Chair said that the letter will be drafted immediately and sent to the Commissioner.</p>
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer	<p>The committee met on Thursday afternoon.</p> <p>Mr. Peer reported that most of the discussion was around the reduced funding possibility.</p> <p>Mr. Peer also reported that the grant cycle is open and the cycle will close on</p>	

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	<p>March 15. He reminded everyone that quotes are required in order for grants to be graded.</p> <p>The web-based process has begun. The Business Analyst is on board and trying to establish some user groups in order to make the process more user friendly.</p> <p>Mr. Peer reminded everyone that the radios purchased through the DHS grant will only be distributed to licensed EMS transport units.</p> <p>The committee is working on revamping the grading process so that it can be a point system instead of a single grade. They are hoping to be able to have that in place by the September 2009 grading cycle.</p> <p>Mr. Peer also reported that \$2.5 million dollars has been given out in payments from November 2008 through January 2009.</p>	
<p>Medevac Committee – Bruce Edwards</p>	<p>Mr. Edwards announced that a new board member, Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler has joined the Medevac Committee. Ms. Strickler is the Consumer member of the Board.</p> <p>The committee had a planning session in January and has formed four work groups: Regulation, Communication, Safety, and Utilization. The Utilization work group will be working with the Medical Direction Committee. Mr. Edwards will give a report on that collaboration at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said the committee hopes to have the final Strategic Plan by May and present it to the Board at the May meeting. The committee plans to review the Strategic Plan annually in January to update and make necessary modifications.</p> <p>The next meeting is on Thursday, May 14, 2009.</p>	
<p>Professional Development Committee – Randy Abernathy</p>	<p>Mr. Abernathy reported that they have two action items. Following the motion by Mr. Abernathy, the Chair opened the floor for discussion; and hearing none called for the vote.</p> <p>At the last meeting, the committee requested OEMS staff to research and see if there is any potential to grant CEUs to members of the EMS Advisory Board and standing committees for the amount of time they put forth in dealing with the various subjects, even if it will be a Category 2. OEMS staff has agreed to report back to the committee on this possibility.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner thanked Mr. Abernathy for his excellent service as Chair of the Professional Development Committee.</p>	<p>Randy Abernathy brought forth the following motion from the committee.</p> <p>MOTION: THE EMS ADVISORY BOARD MOVES TO APPROVE THE VIRGINIA COMPETENCY BASED BLS ACCREDITATION PROGRAM AS REFLECTED IN APPENDIX A OF THE ADVISORY BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT OF FEBRUARY 13, 2009, AS APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.</p> <p>VOTE:</p>

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<p>Regulation and Policy Committee – Jennie Collins</p>	<p>Ms. Collins reported the committee had its final work session on December 8. Ms. Collins acknowledged the hard work of both the committee and the OEMS staff. The regulations were presented to the Board of Health earlier in the day.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that 12VAC5-66 Durable Do Not Resuscitate regulations and the 12VAC5-31 proposed regulations were both approved by the Board of Health earlier in the day. Mr. Berg said they are identifying areas for conducting public hearings. Hearings are scheduled for April 4 in Wytheville during the VAVRS Spring Board of Governor’s meeting; and on April 24 during the Nansemond-Suffolk Rescue Squad mini symposium. Mr. Berg is also working to set up sites in Staunton, Farmville, and in the Warrenton area.</p> <p>Matt Cobb explained the process that the regulations must go through before they can become law.</p>	
<p>Transportation Committee – Michael Berg</p>	<p>The Transportation Committee has met twice since the last Advisory Board meeting. They are working with the Department of General Services and the Division of Purchasing and Supply. The Transportation Committee has decided not to pursue a statewide ambulance contract. They will provide a Fact Sheet to agencies to help them in making ambulance purchases. The committee will meet again in March or April.</p>	
<p>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Paul Sharpe</p>	<p>Mr. Sharpe reported that the committee met the first Thursday of December and their next meeting is the first week of March.</p> <p>Some subgroups to look at issues. One group will be looking into mis-triages. Another group will be re-evaluating the triage criteria. There will also be a</p>	

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	<p>group looking at clarifying the Trauma Center designation criteria and adding more objective language.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe reported that the committee decided that no changes were needed to the Trauma Fund distribution policy at this time. The committee reviews the Trauma Fund each year to determine if any changes need to be made.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe reported that the Trauma Nurse Coordinators are planning a retreat in June; and this will be in coordination with the standing Trauma Committee meeting</p> <p>Dr. Lawson asked if the report in the Quarterly Report to the Board, Appendix F, "Regionalized Trauma Triage Reviewed" is a report coming from the committee. Mr. Sharpe said that it was not; and that the committee has just started its review of the report.</p> <p>Several board members were concerned with the data and some of the language in the report. Dr. Brand was especially concerned with the findings in the report and read a statement of concern about some of the findings in the report. Mr. Edwards asked Paul to have the committee review the report; and Paul stated that the committee already has started to review the document.</p>	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Dave Cullen	<p>Mr. Cullen introduced Stephen Rea who is the new Executive Director of Thomas Jefferson EMS Council who is replacing Bill Downs.</p> <p>The directors met yesterday and a motion was made to approach the Medical Direction Committee to request to form a joint committee to develop statewide patient care protocols. The group also agreed to request all local government agencies and providers to contact their house and senate members opposing the budget bills that are currently being considered.</p> <p>The Regional EMS Councils are currently populating a new Consolidated Test Site calendar on all their web sites. It should be available within the next month.</p> <p>There will be a Regional EMS Council Directors and Board Retreat in Lynchburg. The retreat will focus on the OEMS contract development and board orientation. The retreat is scheduled on February 26 and 27.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Constance McGeorge, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, thanked the EMS Advisory Board for all that they do on behalf of the Statewide Interoperability Committee.</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>Ms. Wagner gave an update on the progress of the collaboration between EMS and the Public Safety Commission to have a permanent, freestanding memorial</p>	

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	<p>fallen Police, Fire and EMS workers who died in the line of duty. They have secured a location for the memorial. It will be placed in Darden Gardens in Capitol Square. The Commission is in the process of picking the top five designs for the memorial, and they will put those five designs out for bids.</p> <p>Once a design has been chosen, Then challenge the Public Safety Divisions to assist in fund raising efforts to construct the memorial. The plan is to break ground by December 2009 and have it completed by February 2010.</p> <p><u>Seat on Board of Health for EMS Representative</u> – Mr. Brown reported that <u>SB1236</u> proposed to add two more seats to the Board of Health; and one of the seats was a dedicated seat for EMS. Mr. Brown said that the Commissioner Remley advocated for this. Mr. Brown said that it passed the Senate unanimously and has gone to the House. It made it out of the House Committee unanimously and now has to go to the full House. It looks as though it should pass and it would go into effect on July 1, 2009.</p>																																		
<p>Nominating Committee Report – Election of Officers</p>	<p>Ms. Wagner asked said that Carl Wentzel is the Chair of Nominating Committee but was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Wagner has asked Gary Dalton, who was a member of the Nominating Committee to present the report on behalf of the committee. Ms. Wagner explained that once his report was complete, nominations can be accepted from the floor.</p> <p>All Board members received the report from the Nominating Committee on their recommended slate of officers. Nominations were also accepted from the floor.</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee Report:</u> Chair – Jennie Collins 1st Vice Chair – Carl Wentzel, MD 2nd Vice Chair – Pokey Harris Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner Communications Committee – Pokey Harris CISM Committee – Dee Dee Soyars EMS Emergency Management Committee – Bubby Bish Emergency Medical Services for Children - Theresa Guins, MD EMS Workforce Development Committee – James Gray Finance, Legislation & Planning – Randy Abernathy Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer Medevac Committee – Bruce Edwards Medical Direction Committee – Asher Brand, MD Nominating Committee – Carl Wentzel, MD Professional Development Committee – Larry Oliver Regulation and Policy Committee – Jennie Collins Transportation Committee – David Barrick Trauma System Oversight & Management – Ajai Malhotra, MD</p>	<p>After the vote, the 2009 State EMS Advisory Board Officers and Nominating Committee members were accepted by the Board.</p> <p>The slate of new officers elected by the Board are:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1432 787 2016 1461"> <thead> <tr> <th>Board Position</th> <th>Elected</th> <th>Vote</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Jennie Collins</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Vice Chair</td> <td>Randy Abernathy</td> <td>Vote: Abernathy = 10 Wentzel = 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Vice Chair</td> <td>Pokey Harris</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Awards Selection Committee</td> <td>Karen Wagner</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications Committee</td> <td>Pokey Harris</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CISM Committee</td> <td>Dee Dee Soyars</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EMS Emergency Management Committee</td> <td>Bubby Bish</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emergency Medical Services for Children</td> <td>Theresa Guins</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EMS Workforce Development Committee</td> <td>James Gray</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finance, Legislation & Planning</td> <td>Randy Abernathy</td> <td>Elected unanimously</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Board Position	Elected	Vote	Chair	Jennie Collins	Elected unanimously	1 st Vice Chair	Randy Abernathy	Vote: Abernathy = 10 Wentzel = 9	2 nd Vice Chair	Pokey Harris	Elected unanimously	Awards Selection Committee	Karen Wagner	Elected unanimously	Communications Committee	Pokey Harris	Elected unanimously	CISM Committee	Dee Dee Soyars	Elected unanimously	EMS Emergency Management Committee	Bubby Bish	Elected unanimously	Emergency Medical Services for Children	Theresa Guins	Elected unanimously	EMS Workforce Development Committee	James Gray	Elected unanimously	Finance, Legislation & Planning	Randy Abernathy	Elected unanimously
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Awards Selection Committee	Karen Wagner	Elected unanimously																																	
Communications Committee	Pokey Harris	Elected unanimously																																	
CISM Committee	Dee Dee Soyars	Elected unanimously																																	
EMS Emergency Management Committee	Bubby Bish	Elected unanimously																																	
Emergency Medical Services for Children	Theresa Guins	Elected unanimously																																	
EMS Workforce Development Committee	James Gray	Elected unanimously																																	
Finance, Legislation & Planning	Randy Abernathy	Elected unanimously																																	

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	<p>Mr. Andrews pointed out that the Financial Assistance Review Committee Chair is elected by the committee and not by the Board. Mr. Dalton agreed and said that they would only ratify that position.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner stated that the Nominating Committee has two members elected by the State EMS Advisory Board; and three members of the committee are appointed by the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Therefore, Ms. Wagner pointed out that instead of electing a Chair for the Nominating Committee, the Advisory Board needs to elect two members to sit on the Nominating Committee. The process would then be that the new Chair of the Nominating Committee would appoint three members to serve on the committee.</p> <p>Most of the nominations were accepted as presented from the committee</p> <p>Nominations were accepted from the floor the following position:</p> <p>1st Vice Chair – Randy Abernathy was nominated from the floor. Mr. Abernathy accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Regulation and Policy Committee – Jason Campbell was nominated from the floor. Mr. Campbell declined the nomination.</p> <p>The floor was then opened for nominations for the members of the Nominating Committee. The following nominations were made from the floor.</p> <p>Carl Wentzel's name was brought forth from the Nominating Committee. Byron Andrews was nominated from the floor. Anthony Wilson was nominated from the floor.</p> <p>Voting was done by ballot. The Board only voted for 1st Vice Chair and members of the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>The other officers were unopposed.</p>	Financial Assistance Review Committee	Wayne Peer	Elected unanimously
		Medevac Committee	Bruce Edwards	Elected unanimously
		Medical Direction Committee	Asher Brand, M.D.	Elected unanimously
		Nominating Committee* Members elected by the Board are:	Anthony Wilson and Byron Andrews	Wilson = 15 Andrews = 13 Wentzel = 7
		Professional Development Committee	Larry Oliver	Elected unanimously
		Regulation and Policy Committee	Jennie Collins	Elected unanimously
		Transportation Committee	David Barrick	Elected unanimously
		Trauma System Oversight & Management	Ajai Malhotra	Elected unanimously
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Jennie Collins assumed the position of Chair. She thanked Karen Wagner for her hard work and efforts as Chair of the State EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy announced that the International Rescue Association will be having its conference this year in June in Virginia Beach.</p> <p>Jason Campbell asked for a breakdown on committees, including who serves on each committee.</p> <p>Mr. Campbell also asked how the Board could find out where the EMS funds which are diverted to State Police for their Midflight Program is being spent. Mr. Brown explained that these are decisions being made by the legislature and he does not know the proper course of action that OEMS should take if any regarding to this issue. Mr. Brown pointed out that this is not an issue of OEMS of the EMS Advisory Board versus the Virginia State Police. Mr. Brown said he feels he needs to work with Dr. Levine on this issue.</p>	Ms. Harris, as 2nd Vice Chair will make that information available.		

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ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM	
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is scheduled on May 15, 2009 at 1 PM at the Richmond Marriott West.	

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