

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, Virginia
May 6, 2005
1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Randy P. Abernathy; Reverend Coan Agee; Byron F. Andrews, III; Donald R. Barklage, Jr.; Earl N. Carter, Jr.; Gary P. Critzer; Robert V. Crowder, III; Chip Decker; May H. Fox; Michael S. Gonzalez, M.D.; Catherine Hudgins; Rao R. Ivatury, M.D.; George W. Langford; Elizabeth Jo Martin; Stewart W. Martin, M.D.; Dr. Lori Moore; Michael B. Player; Morris Reece; Linda Sayles; Karen D. Wagner; Kent Weber; and Douglas R. Young

Not Present: Sherrin C. Alsop (excused); Theresa E. Guins, M.D. (excused); and Genemarie W. McGee (excused)

Staff: Gary R. Brown; Scott Winston; Carol Gilbert; Warren Short; Paul Sharpe; Ken Crumpler; Melissa M. Doak; Carolyn Halbert; Jim Nogle; Winnie Pennington; Karen Owens; Michael D. Berg; James Burch; Rohn Brown; Linwood Pulling; Deidra Snipes; Carol Morrow; and Irene Hamilton

Others: Connie Purvis; Tina Skinner; Rob Logan; Don Wilson; Jon Donnelly; Ruddy Rose; Chris Holstege; Steve Dobmeier; Toby Litovitz; Jim Chandler; Heidi Hooker; Marcia Pescitani; Gary R. DuBrueler; Bill Bullock; Linda Johnson; David E. Cullen, Jr.; D. Scott Hudson; Don Taylor; Deborah T. Akers; William Altman; Craig Bryant; Bobby Baker; David Hoback; Jennie L. Collins; Emily Totten; Ronnie Early; Mark Furgurson; Jim Burns; Gary Dalton; Edward B. Bish, Jr.; Ed Rhodes; Art Lipscomb

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<p>Call to Order – Donald R. Barklage Approval of February 4, 2005 Minutes Approval of May 6, 2005 Meeting Agenda</p>	<p>The Chair, Mr. Barklage, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2005 meeting, as submitted. The Chair called for a motion to approve the proposed agenda for the meeting as submitted.</p>	<p>A motion was made and properly seconded; and the February 4, minutes were approved, as submitted. A motion was made and properly seconded; and the agenda for the meeting was approved, as submitted.</p>
<p>Chairman’s Report – Donald R. Barklage Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</p> <p>EMS Advisory Board Retreat</p>	<p>The Executive Committee has reviewed the 2004 Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) Financial Audit Report and Mr. Barklage called for a motion to accept and receive the audit report.</p> <p>Mr. Barklage referred to the notes in the Quarterly Report regarding the Retreat. He wanted to make it clear that he was not recommending that the EMS Advisory Board be downsized, as one statement could be interpreted. The Board had been downsized a couple of years ago, so his statement was referring to a relative downsizing due to the increased number of committees.</p> <p>Mr. Barklage asked that the Board think about any other issues or recommendations that came out of that Retreat and indicated that this subject</p>	<p>A motion was made and properly seconded. MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the 2004 Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads Financial Audit Report, as submitted. YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; Abstentions = 0 The motion was carried .unanimously.</p>

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<p>2004 EMS Advisory Board Annual Report</p> <p>Organizational Overviews</p> <p>Committee Membership</p> <p>Board Appointments</p> <p>EMS Scope of Practice – Version 2.0</p>	<p>would be discussed later under “New Business”.</p> <p>Mr. Barklage explained that this year the EMS Advisory Board Annual Report will consist of each of the Quarterly Reports for 2004 along with a cover letter from the Chair. This is being done, in part, because everything that the Board and the Office of EMS does, is reflected in the Quarterly Reports.</p> <p>Mr. Barklage reported that he has received several of the overviews. To date, he has received organizational overviews from: Regional EMS Councils, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, Virginia Ambulance Association, and the VA Emergency Nurses Association / VA Nurses Association.</p> <p>At the April Board Retreat, committee chairs were asked to submit membership rosters. To date, Mr. Barklage has received rosters from: Regulation and Policy; Professional Development; Communications; Emergency Medical Services for Children; Trauma System Oversight and Management; Transportation and Financial, Legislative, and Planning.</p> <p>Gary Brown has been in contact with the Secretary’s office; They hope to have the Board appointments by June. Having the appointments by June would be beneficial to the Nominating Committee who has the task of making recommendations for Board positions.</p> <p>Mr. Barklage pointed out that Version II of the EMS Scope of Practice is available for public comment. The deadline for written comment is June 1. There is a plan to have an “Open Mike” public comment opportunity in Washington, DC on June 12 – June 15, 2005. The Scope of Practice document can be found on the internet at www.emsscopeofpractice.org .</p> <p>Mr. Barklage suggested that the Board might want to make a motion to empower him, as the Chair of the Board, to work with the other committees who had written comments on the first version of the Scope of Practice, and create a written response before the June 1 deadline. Mr. Barklage feels strongly that the deadline for comments should be extended to allow stakeholders an ample opportunity to respond to the draft.</p> <p>Dr. Martin pointed out, during discussion that in addition to the short time allotted for comments that the Version II draft is very similar to Version I; and therefore, many of their concerns are the same as before.</p>	<p>Mr. Barklage will be drafting a cover letter to attach to all four quarterly reports for 2004; and that will be submitted as the Annual Report. Each board member will receive a copy of the report once completed. Organizations who haven’t submitted an organizational overview, needs to submit one as soon as possible, preferably electronically.</p> <p>Organizations who haven’t submitted their membership roster needs to do so electronically, as soon as possible.</p> <p>All Board members and committees were encouraged to review Version II of the Scope of Practice.</p> <p>Committees who were working on Position Papers in response to the Scope of Practice draft were asked to send Mr. Barklage an electronic copy of their paper, so that he could use it in composing his response.</p> <p>Kent Weber made the following motion.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that the Chair of the EMS Advisory Board be authorized to prepare the response in writing to the Scope of Practice Version II after coordinating with the appropriate committees on this Board.</p> <p>Michael Player seconded the motion and the floor was opened for further discussion. Following conversation, the Chair called for a vote. YEAS=22; NAYS=0; Abstentions=0. The motion was carried unanimously.</p>

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Vice-Chairman's Report – Michael Player	<p>Mr. Player informed the Board that the Advisory Board has received the 2004 Annual Report from the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, combining actual reports and statements. The report has been compiled and audited; and Mr. Player, brought forth a motion to accept the report.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p>	<p>Mr. Player made the following motion, and it was properly seconded.</p> <p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the 2004 Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Inc.'s Annual Report as Audited and compiled by the firm of Harris, Hardy & Johnstone, P.C. Certified Public Accountants presented to the EMS Advisory Board in accordance to the requirements as laid out in the Code of Virginia.</p> <p>YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENIONS = 0. The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Second Vice-Chair's Report – Stewart Martin, M.D.	<p>Dr. Martin did not have a report.</p>	
State EMS Medical Director's Report – Carol Gilbert, M.D.	<p>Dr. Gilbert reported that she has been working with American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Office of EMS to gather more information about the recruitment and retention of Operational Medical Directors. ACEP has received funding from several sources to work on this project. They met with a consultant recently and are starting to initiate some focus groups in an effort to review several areas concerning OMDs. They will be looking into</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what makes an individual become an OMD; • what groups of physicians are not being tapped into; • and what are the possible obstacles to becoming an OMD. <p>ACEP is also looking at its own membership and focusing on approaching ACEP members about becoming OMDs.</p> <p>Dr. Gilbert has also been working on developing a new description for the State Medical Director position.</p>	<p>A survey will be sent to OMDs and other physicians regarding Operational Medical Directors. Dr. Gilbert asked board members to encourage their OMD to complete the survey when it is received.</p> <p>Dr. Gilbert asked Board members to contact her by phone if they have areas that they would like to see included in the State Medical Director's position.</p>
Office of EMS Reports – Gary Brown and staff Board Appointments General Assembly Update	<p>Mr. Brown spoke with the Secretary's office on May 5 in regards to upcoming appointments to the State EMS Advisory Board and was told that the Governor should be making appointments towards the end of June. The Secretary's office hopes to have time to allow Mr. Brown to review the nominations and make comments prior to the package going to the Governor.</p> <p>Mr. Brown gave an overview of the outcome of the EMS legislation that went before the General Assembly in the 2005 session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B2664, introduced by Delegate Bob McDonnell imposes an additional \$40 fee for reinstatement of suspended or revoked driver's licenses. 	

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	<p>Proceeds of this additional fee are to be paid into the Trauma Center Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of providing emergency medical care to victims of automobile accidents attributable to alcohol or drug use. This fee is projected to generate approximately \$4.2 million per year. There is a Trauma Center Fund committee that is working to develop criteria for the distribution of these funds to Virginia's designated Trauma Centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State is undergoing a complete revamping of its coding and accounting process. In next year's budget bill some of the titles will change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be three major groupings in the budget bill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Assistance to Non-Profit EMS Organizations and Localities; ▪ The State Office of EMS; ▪ The Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils. ○ The Governor's office has a complete strategic planning effort that is tied to these changes and combines planning, budgeting, and performance based indicators. Mr. Brown noted that the OEMS has been using this method in their budget for several years. • Other legislative objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Establishing and maintaining a process for crisis intervention and peer support services for emergency medical services and public safety personnel, including statewide availability and accreditation of Critical Incident Stress Management teams. ○ Establishing a statewide Emergency Medical Services for Children program to provide coordination and support for emergency pediatric care availability, pediatric emergency medical care equipment, and pediatric training of medical care providers. ○ Establishing and supporting a statewide system of health and emergency medical response teams, including emergency medical services disaster task forces, coordination teams, disaster medical assistance teams, and other support teams that shall assist local emergency medical services at their request during mass casualty disaster or whenever local resources are overwhelmed. ○ Establishing and maintaining a program to improve dispatching of emergency medical services, including establishment of and support of emergency medical dispatch training, accreditation of 911 Dispatch Centers and Public Safety Answering Points. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State EMS Advisory Board will be increasing in membership on July 1, from 25 members to 28 members. VAVRS will maintain their two members of the Board. Also, the four councils that comprised what was once known as the Virginia Federation of EMS Councils will each have a seat on the Advisory Board. With that change all 11 Regional EMS Councils in the state will have a seat on the Board. • Some of the other legislation that passed included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation in regards to uniform definition of response times ○ Enforcement actions ○ Elimination of the responsibility of wheelchair interfacility transport services from regulation by the Office of EMS. <p><i>OEMS Staff Changes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rohn Brown is the new Technical Assistance to Localities Coordinator. • Winnie Pennington is the new Emergency Operations Planner under the Emergency Operations unit. • Carolyn Halbert, the Office of EMS Biostatistician has accepted a position for the Virginia Department of Health Cancer Registry. <p><i>EMS Advisory Board Recognitions:</i> The Office of EMS recognized five members of the current board who are not eligible for reappointment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George W. Langford, Genemarie McGee, Stewart W. Martin, M.D., Michael B. Player, Vice-Chair, and Donald R. Barklage, Jr., Chair of the EMS Advisory Board. • They all received a commemorative stamp, a first issue, stamp, of the Ambulance of 1860. 	

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<p>EMS Updates - Scott Winston</p>	<p>Recruitment and Retention – Mr. Winston expressed his pleasure with having Rohn Brown back in the Office of EMS. They are working on initiatives for Recruitment and Retention and Leadership and Management.</p> <p>EMS Workforce Retention Project – Mr. Scott updated the Board on the status of the EMS Workforce Retention Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first workbook is at print and will be out in a couple of weeks. The workbook will be distributed to all Board members and all licensed EMS agencies. • The second workbook on the Survival Guide to Retention Problems in EMS has been completed. It is in one of the final drafts; and is expected to go to print soon. • The third workbook will address Growth and Transition for agencies that have retention issues surrounding the integration of volunteer and career and personnel. • The fourth workbook will address more of a career perspective on ALS services and urban areas that typically compete against one another for certified ALS technicians. <p>OMD Workshop - Mr. Winston said that the Office of EMS in conjunction with the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians is planning an OMD Workshop in the Northern Virginia EMS Council area on June 23.</p> <p>Web Site Changes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division of Education Development section has been completely redesigned. Mr. Winston said that the site has been streamlined to make it more user friendly. • A link has been added to the State Ambulance Contract web page. • OEMS is in the process of making changes to the Technical Assistance for Local Governments web page to try and make those sections a little more user friendly. • The web page has a link that will take you to an automated on line EMS Recruitment web site. On the site, you enter your information about where you live and it will bring up opportunities for you to work or volunteer within that geographical area. <p>Regional Council Contracts – Staff is working on the budgets that will go with the contracts to the regional councils. OEMS staff is meeting with each council Executive Director to review the proposals they submitted for their contracts and begin the negotiation process of finalizing the contracts before they are signed by the Commissioner.</p>	
<p>Office of the Attorney General – Robin Kurz</p>	<p>Ms. Kurz reported that she had one question to come up about retirement and whether EMS personnel are eligible for the law enforcement version of the</p>	

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	Virginia Retirement system. Ms. Kurz said that there was actually some legislation in this past session in which that was addressed and it did not pass. EMS providers are not treated like law enforcement.	
Virginia Poison Center, VCU Medical Center – Dr. Rutherford Rose	Dr. Rutherford Rose attended the meeting along with his colleagues, Toby Litovitz, Physician, National Capitol Poison Center, and Christopher Holstege, M.D., Blue Ridge Poison Center, UVA Health System, and Steve Dobmeier, the Clinical Manager of the Blue Ridge Poison Center to make a presentation to the Board regarding the Poison Centers. Dr. Rose explained the work of the Poison Centers, the types of calls they handle, and budgeting for the Centers.	
Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner	Each Board member received a copy of the criteria for the Advisory Board Annual Awards. Ms. Wagner pointed out page 5 of the document that outlines the eligibility for the two new awards, the Telecommunications Officer Dispatcher and the Regional Scholarship for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior.	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	The committee met earlier in the day. The committee remains active in discussions about emergency medical dispatch issues. The committee is also working with some grant issues with communications systems. Mr. Critzer said that they have seen more communication initiatives for RSAF funding. The EMD Accreditation Program has taken off successfully. They have had numerous applications. The action item is to ratify five additional applications that the Communications Committee has received. The committee did receive another application that they had to table until the next meeting because they did not have enough information with the application. The five applications are for: Campbell County Public Safety Department Communications Center, Chesterfield Emergency Communications Center, Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Roanoke County Police Department, and Tazwell County E-911 Center. The Communications Committee approved all of these applications to be EMD accredited through the Office of Emergency Medical Services.	<p>Gary Critzer made the following motion.</p> <p>MOTION:</p> <p>The Communications Committee ask that the EMS Advisory Board approvet Campbell County Public Safety Department Communications Center, Chesterfield Emergency Communications Center, Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Roanoke County Police Department, and Tazwell County E-911 Center EMD accreditation through the Office of Emergency Medical Services.</p> <p>The motion was seconded. The floor was opened for discussion. There was no discussion and the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
CISM Committee – Liz Martin	<p>The CISM Committee met earlier in the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee continued working on the annual CISM Conference being held in Virginia Beach in June. Over 140 participants are registered for the conference. • The committee continues to offer the Post CISM programs for the 9-11 involved providers. They anticipate that the grant will probably be extended. If this happens, OEMS will be able to offer the programs for an extended period of time. • The CISM will be requesting Regional Councils to identify EMS Fire and Police providers who are now returning from military deployments so they can identify whether they might need some Post CISM courses. <p>The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2005</p>	
EMS Emergency Management Committee	Mr. Nogle, from the Office of EMS, gave the report on behalf on Dr. Gonzalez, who had to leave early.	They will be putting more information about the special grants available through Central Operations of on the web site

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– Jim Nogle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At their last meeting, the committee discussed the new National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training and the new ideas that are coming from that training. The committee is also looking at making it a part of the Professional Development criteria. • The Emergency Operation unit has been invited to participate in a program that the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration is putting together for NIMS, ICS Training for EMS in Pennsylvania later in the month. • The Emergency Operation unit is also working to make sure that the EMS agencies are more aware of the special grants that are available through Central Operations. 	along with information on other grants that are available.
Emergency Medical Services for Children - Petra Menzel	<p>The EMS for Children Committee met on Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee had a guest lecturer, Sandy Sylvester, a Prince William County Deputy Commonwealth Attorney. Ms. Sylvester, along with Dr. Foster of MCV, who presented a course overview on child abuse prevention for EMS providers. • The EMS for Children Committee is in the process of developing a tool kit on children with special health care needs that would be geared for EMS. • The National Emergency Medical Services for Children organization just celebrated their 20th anniversary, and Ms. Menzel gave the Board members copies of a report that was distributed in conjunction with the anniversary highlighting some of the programs offered by EMSC. <p>The next meeting will be August 4, 2005 at The Place at Innsbrook.</p>	
Finance, Legislation & Planning Committee – Michael Player	<p>The Finance, Legislation & Planning Committee worked diligently throughout the General Assembly session with many of the Board members and acknowledged their appreciation for all assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of their work in the coming months will be working on the State Plan. As a result of the April 7 Retreat, the committee has some additional material to incorporate. • The committee is working towards getting the draft out to the Board and key stakeholders by July 1. • They will schedule a meeting in early June to work on writing the draft. 	
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Byron Andrews	<p>The Financial Assistance Review Committee met on May 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two of the members will be rotating off the committee. Nominations have already been forwarded to the Nominations Committee for consideration to replace the two members leaving the committee, Chris Slemp and Ed Snyder. • The next Grant Awards meeting will be held on June 9-10 in a location to be announced. • The committee has a tour coming up in mid-May in the Henry County. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over \$6 million for different projects is being requested this grant cycle. 	
Leadership and Management Committee – Doug Young	<p>The committee met on May 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main agenda item was to establish goals for the next couple of years. • They will also have some members going to review some of the other organizations Leadership programs i.e. VAVRS. 	
Medevac Committee – Paul Sharpe	<p>Mr. Sharpe, from the Office of EMS, reported in Ms. McGee’s absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two items went forward from the action items presented at the February meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One was a moratorium on growth of new services or any expansion of current med flight services in Virginia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They have met with the chain of command within the Health Department and made the decision that any issues that were to be addressed through the Certificate of Need process could be addressed through the Development of Regulations for that group. ○ The second item that the committee has been working on since February is the development of rules and regulations to help deal with the rapid growth of Medevac services in Virginia and all the issues that have been coming out due to the rapid growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee has agreed to follow a couple of national standards. The committee has been using standards from one national organization and some leading states to develop Virginia’s own aeromedical rules and regulations. ▪ The committee has had record attendance at recent monthly meetings. ▪ The committee anticipates bringing the new rules and regulations to the Board for approval to go through the NOIRA process in November. 	
Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Stewart Martin	<p>The committee met on April 20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee considered a request from the Office of EMS regarding removal of activated charcoal as a required supply and medication for ambulances and the committee agreed with that request. • The committee had extensive discussion about the National Scope of Practice model. • The committee had quite a bit of discussion regarding setting up statewide protocols similar to the model used in Florida. In Florida, they actually produce a textbook of protocols, and they are considering 	<p>The Office of EMS will be promulgating that legislation.</p> <p>The committee will be forwarding a letter to the appropriate individuals as well as Senators Allen and Warner to make them aware of the situation, as well; and their dissatisfaction with the Version 2 of the Scope of Practice, as well as the insufficient time for response.</p>

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	<p>doing this in Virginia, as well. It would not only have protocols but drug information and information on equipment all in one textbook that could be provided to all of the students.</p> <p>The committee presented three position papers to the Board for action. All three position papers can be found in the Quarterly Report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Capnography in Advance Airway Interventions – This position paper is to define the importance of Capnography in EMS particularly in pediatric patients and patients that receive rapid sequence intubation and chemical paralysis and to encourage the use of these devices as well as for the financial committees to look favorably upon funding such devices. 2) Approved Physiologic Fluids for Basic Transport – The Office of EMS asked the Medical Direction Committee to produce a position paper regarding solutions that basic providers would be allowed to have running in patients when they are being transported. This would be for EMTs that have additional training that are transporting a patient who already has an IV established and to put some definition on the fluids that they allowed to transport. So it would be clearly defined that any EMT would not be able to transport someone with a Mg-Sulfate IV. There was a great deal of discussion on this issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question was asked if these were recommendations or regulations. Robin Kurz clarified that these just recommendations. • Dr. Gilbert explained further that the regional medical director would determine whether or not EMS in their region would be allowed to carry patients with IVs. 3) Epinephrine Use by Pre-hospital Providers – Dr. Martin reminded the Board members about the presentation that the Allergy and Asthma Institute made last year requesting that the OEMS allow anyone and everyone to administer epinephrine. <p>The Medical Direction Committee considered that and felt that it was appropriate in certain circumstances to allow EMTs with training to be allowed to administer these Epinephrine kits.</p> <p>The next meeting is July 20, 2005.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Medical Direction Committee asks that the EMS Advisory Board approves the Position Paper on Capnography in Advanced Airway Interventions. The motion was properly seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, the Chair called for the vote. YEAS= 22; NAYS = 0; Abstentions = 0. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Medical Direction Committee ask that the EMS Advisory Board approves the Position Paper on Approved Physiologic Fluids for Basic Transport. The motion was properly seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Following discussion, the vote was taken. YEAS=22; NAYS=0; Abstentions = 0 The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The Medical Direction Committee ask that the EMS Advisory Board approves the Position Paper on Epinephrine Use by Pre-hospital Providers. The motion was seconded. The Chair opened the floor for discussion; and following a lengthy discussion, the Chair called for the vote. YEAS= 22; NAY = 0; Abstentions = 0. The motion carried unanimously.</p>

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<p>Nominating Committee – Karen Wagner</p>	<p>Ms. Wagner had one action item for the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Assistance Review Committee will have two open positions beginning July 1, 2005 for the Financial Assistance Review Committee. The seats are filled according to a Council rotation process. • The Nominating Committee brought forth to be elected and approved by the Board.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Steven B. Ferguson from the Blue Ridge EMS Council ○ Stuart L. Smith from Thomas Jefferson EMS Council • These individuals would be elected to serve a three year term on the committee. <p>Mr. Barklage announced that it was time to appoint a Nominating Committee to assist the Chair in bringing forth a slate of officers for next year. He noted that several members, including the Chair, Vice-Chair and Second Vice Chair, would all be rotating off of the Board.</p> <p>As Chair, Mr. Barklage selected three members to serve on the Nominating Committee. He appointed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Wagner • Genemarie McGee • Liz Martin <p>The Board nominates the other two members to sit on the committee. Kent Weber nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morris Reece <p>Also nominated was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Critzer 	<p>MOTION: The Nominating Committee ask that the EMS Advisory Board agrees to appoint Steven B. Ferguson, Lynchburg, representing BREMS Council; and Stuart L. Smith, Arrington, representing TJEMS Council to serve a three year term on the Financial Assistance Review Committee</p> <p>The motion was properly seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote.</p> <p>YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0. The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board move to close the nominations for the Nominating Committee with the nomination of Morris Reece and Gary Critzer.</p> <p>The motion was seconded; and the Chair called for a vote.</p> <p>YEAS= 22; NAYS = 0; Abstentions = 0. The motion carried unanimously,</p> <p>The Nomination Committee consists of: Karen Wagner, Genemarie McGee, Liz Martin, Morris Reece and Gary Critzer.</p>
<p>Professional Development Committee – Randy Abernathy</p>	<p>The Professional Development Committee met on April 6, 2005.</p> <p>OEMS Educational Development Division-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of EMS Educational Development Division made a presentation at the meeting. • Warren Short, from OEMS, gave the Board an overview of the presentation that outlines the Division goals for the next one, five and ten years. • Mr. Abernathy reported that the Professional Development Committee completely endorsed the concept presented by the Educational Development Division and wanted to solicit the endorsement from the EMS Advisory Board of this concept, as well. • Mr. Abernathy also reported that the Educational Development Division is working on a joint venture to establish criteria for providing EMT B courses as part of high school curricula. There are 	<p>Mr. Abernathy made the following motion.</p> <p>MOTION: The Professional Development Committee moves that the Virginia State EMS Advisory Board go on record as supporting the future vision for EMS Education in Virginia as presented by the Division of Educational Development.</p> <p>The motion was seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, the vote was taken.</p> <p>YEAS=22; NAYS=1; Abstentions=0. The motion was carried. .</p> <p>The Committee will keep the Advisory Board informed as</p>

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	<p>still a lot of details that need to be worked out</p> <p>EMS Scope of Practice Version 2-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will also be providing comments similar to what the Medical Direction Committee is relative to the EMS Scopes of Practice Version 2.0. <p>The next committee meeting is scheduled on July 13, 2005 at 10:30 at the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads office in Oilville, Virginia.</p>	<p>more details of the EMT-B for high schools curricula venture is unfolding.</p> <p>Members of the committee are tentatively planning to attend the National Review Team meeting in Washington, DC in June so that they can actually go on record in speaking in their open mike sessions. If that does occur, the committee will report back to the Board as to how their comments were taken.</p>
<p>Public Information & Education Committee - George Langford</p>	<p>Christopher Reeve Recruitment Campaign-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board members should have received some of the brochures for the Christopher Reeve recruitment campaign. • The campaign will also consist of posters and videos. <p>DDNR Forms-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a lot of interest in DDNR reports since the Terry Schaivo incident in Florida. • The committee is researching ways to curve these requests., especially since Code indicates that these forms should be mailed to doctors to get them filled out. • OEMS has been getting requests from all sorts of agencies and nursing homes; and it seems that public needs to be educated as to the difference between a living will and a DDNR. 	
<p>Regulation and Policy Committee – Donald Barklatge</p>	<p>Regulation and Policy Committee met three times since the last Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee continues to work on the regulations. • F.A.R.C. and Regional Council regulations are moving through the process and public hearings should be taking place within the next couple of months. • The committee hopes to have the full review of regulations completed to at least being the NOIRA process by the end of the year. 	
<p>Transportation Committee – Chip Decker</p>	<p>The Transportation Committee has met several times since the last Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have a new state ambulance contract. • The contract is split between two separate vendors. • The contract can be found on the OEMS web page. 	
<p>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee - Morris Reece</p>	<p>The Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee had a recommendation for Board consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee doesn't believe that all the current stakeholders are adequately represented on the committee. • The committee is proposing that the committee be expanded from its current membership of 12 to a membership comprised of the 14 trauma 	<p>MOTION: The Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee requests that the EMS Advisory Board moves to expand the committee from its current membership of 12 to a membership comprised of the 14 Trauma Centers, as well as the 6 or 7 additional representatives currently on the committee.</p>

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	<p>centers as well as the six or seven additional representatives that are there.</p> <p>Liz Martin asked if there should be some representation from undesignated hospitals that also lend their support to the system, as well. Mr. Reece said that the committee felt that they were giving that representation to the Virginia Hospital Association who represents all hospitals.</p> <p>Mr. Crowder asked if additional hospitals choose to be accredited as Trauma Centers do they automatically become members of the committee. Mr. Reece said that he feels that action would have to come back before the Board for approval.</p>	<p>The motion was properly seconded, and the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There was extensive discussion on this issue.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>YEAS=22; NAYS=0; Abstentions=0. The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Regional EMS Councils Executive Directors – Tina Skinner</p>	<p>The Regional Directors group held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 5. Chesterfield Fire & EMS Revenue Recovery Presentation-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group received an informative presentation by Chesterfield Fire & EMS on revenue recovery. • The Councils will use this information to act as a resource to their agencies and localities on revenue recovery. • The Councils will be working with Rohn Brown from OEMS in developing some type of written information that they can disseminate to their localities and agencies if requested or on an as needed basis. • This effort will help in addressing the JLARC recommendation that was made on revenue recovery. <p>Richmond Fire and Emergency Services Presentation-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richmond Fire and Emergency Services made a presentation to the group regarding an upcoming equity conference. • The Regional Councils will be advertising this unique training across their regions and also help to make some suggestions on EMS related topics and instructors for that event. <p>Rhodes Consulting Services-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Councils renewed their consulting contract with Rhodes Consulting Services for another year. They went on record thanking Ed Rhodes for his support of the Virginia EMS System. <p>Regional Council Contracts-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group is continuing their work with the Office of EMS on their contracts and funding for FY2006 and hope that they will be in place by July 1. <p>EMS Scope of Practice Version 2-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Directors group will be sending a letter both to the Task Force and NHTSA noting their support of continuing with the intermediate standard as well as concerns with Draft 2. 	

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PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
OLD BUSINESS	None.	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>EMS Advisory Board Committee Composition-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Barklage challenged the Board again to revisit the issue of committee structure. • Mr. Barklage is not recommending eliminating any committees; he feels it would be good to reevaluate the current structure and determine if it might be possible to and also eliminate some of the past problems committees have had with quorums. <p>George Washington University Report on Emergency Medical Services-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abernathy stated that George Washington University recently made a report that indicated that the emergency medical services system is basically an all but forgotten component of emergency response as it relates to funding and some other issues that are taking place on the national front. • This report will probably encourage some recommendations or changes on the federal level in terms of recognition of first responders. • Mr. Abernathy shared his concerns on this issue at the Executive Committee for VAGEMSA, and VAGEMSA requested that Mr. Abernathy bring this concern in the form of a motion back to the EMS Advisory Board. • VAGEMSA recommends that the State EMS Advisory Board expresses concern and recommends to the Governor that the Office of Emergency Medical Services be included on committees and focus groups that are charged with formulating policy, or providing recommendations to the Governor relating to the mitigation of disasters or incidents involving terrorism as an equal participant. <p>Lori Moore discussed the George Washington University report and said that one of recommendations in the report is to move EMS Division out of NHSTA into the Department of Homeland Security.</p> <p>She is not supportive of that recommendation, and said that there will be a national conference call of national stakeholders on Tuesday, May 10 to discuss this recommendation and how to respond.</p> <p>Mr. Short informed the Board that on July 15 in Roanoke at the Center for Higher Education the ALS Coordinators are sponsoring a meeting from National Registry to come down and discuss the Registry's plan to implement computer testing for all levels across the country starting January 1, 2007.</p>	<p>MOTION: That the State EMS Advisory Board express its concern and recommend to the Governor that the Office of Emergency Medical Services be included on committees and focus groups that are charged with formulating policy or providing recommendations to the Governor relating to the mitigation of disasters or incidents involving terrorism as an equal participant.</p> <p>The motion was properly seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Byron Andrews recommended that funding opportunities be included as an option.</p> <p>Hearing no other discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>YEAS=22; NAYS=0; Abstentions=0</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Moore urged the Board members to email any comments they might have to her. If you have not seen the report, Ms. Moore said that she would send it to Gary for dissemination.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy requested that the Board receive a copy of the report.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned AT 4:07 P.M.	

