

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, VA
August 8, 2008
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy	Sherrin C. Alsop	Gary R. Brown	Matthew M. Cobb
Rev. Coan Agee	Jennie L. Collins (Excused)	Scott Winston	Kim Allan
Byron F. Andrews, III	James R. Dudley, M.D. (Excused)	Paul Sharpe	Ed Rhodes
J. David Barrick	May H. Fox	Jodi Kuhn	W.G. Shelton, Jr.
Edward B. Bish, Jr.	Theresa E. Guins, M.D. (Excused)	Henry Bosman	Constance McGeorge
Jason D. Campbell	Clarence Monday (Excused)	Tim Perkins	Elizabeth Enos
Gary P. Critzer	Dr. Lori Moore-Merrill (Excused)	David G. Dishner	Lisa Atkins
Robert V. Crowder, III	Rao R. Ivatury, M.D.	Keltcie Delamar	Rick McClure
Gary A. Dalton		Beth Singer	R. Wayne Baber
Kevin L. Dillard		Greg Neiman	L. R. Burnett
Bruce Edwards		Brianne Slattery	Mike Harmon
L. V. Pokey Harris		Warren Short	Eddie Buchanan
Linda G. Johnson		Chad Blosser	John Boatwright
Cheryl L. Lawson, M.D.		S. Heather Phillips	Allen Yee
Morris Reece		Andy Daniel	R. Craig Bride
Linda Sayles		Jimmy Burch	William E. Aiken
Karen D. Wagner		Terry Coy	Bill Downs
Carl F. Wentzel, III, MD		David P. Edwards	David E. Cullen, Jr.
Anthony Wilson		Winnie Pennington	Tracey McLaurin
Douglas Young		Christy Saldana	Art Lipscomb
		Frank Cheatham	Tina Skinner
		Jim Nogle	Jeff Meyer
		Karen Owens	Rob Logan
		Carol Morrow	Jim Chandler
		Ken Crumpler	Connie Purvis
		Wanda Street	Melinda Duncan
		Irene Hamilton	Emily Totten
			Hershel Kreis
			John Kandros
			Wayne S. Peer
			Zeb Lilly
			Greg Casey
			Heidi Hooker
			Kent Weber

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM	
Approval of May 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes	<p>The Chair called for the approval of the minutes from the May 16, 2008 meeting. The Chair noted a correction in the FARC committee report and asked for approval if there were no other corrections.</p> <p>There was an additional correction to the minutes noted under New Business, page 15, the very last line should read “an increase in Medicaid wages,” not Medicaid votes. This change will be made.</p>	The minutes were approved with the noted changes.
Approval of the August 8, 2008 Meeting Agenda	The Chair called for the approval of the meeting agenda. Ms. Wagner noted that a new agenda has been distributed to Board members. The agenda was changed to add a couple of presentations. An additional change to the agenda is a letter from Commissioner Remley that will be read by Ms. Wagner.	The agenda was approved with those noted changes.
Chair’s Report – Karen Wagner	<p>Dr. Remley sent a letter to the Advisory Board because she was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Wagner read the letter and copies were distributed to the Board members. Ms. Wagner said that the Advisory Board is honored that Dr. Remley would take the time to send a letter to the EMS Advisory Board because she could not attend the meeting. Ms. Wagner said that this is just more indication of the positive interaction that is taking place between the Department of Health, the Board of Health, and the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner stated that other items from her report will be shared at different points throughout the meeting.</p>	
1st Vice Chair Report – Randy Abernathy	<p>Mr. Abernathy reported that he attended the Atlantic EMS Council meeting in Annapolis Maryland with Dr. Lindbeck, Gary Brown, Scott Winston and Warren Short. Mr. Abernathy said that he was very impressed with the meeting, especially the fact that there are nine states involved. Mr. Abernathy said that he observed that Virginia is ahead of the curve in so many areas. Mr. Abernathy encouraged other Board members to attend the meetings in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Abernathy reported that he had a chance to talk to the representative from NHTSA; and he shared with the representative that they might want to reconsider the Scope of Practice at the national level to see if there is a better way to complete the initiative.</p>	
2nd Vice Chair Report – Jennie Collins	Ms. Collins was excused from the meeting because she is on vacation. Therefore, there was no report.	
Interim Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response – Kim Allan for Dr. William Nelson	Ms. Allan said that the Department of Health has completed the review of applications for the Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response position and are in the process of scheduling first interviews. The goal is to have someone on board as soon as possible and hopefully they will have a new Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response by the November EMS Advisory Board meeting.	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown and Staff	<p>Mr. Brown referred the Board and audience to the OEMS Quarterly Report; and said that much of the information he reports on as well as other pertinent information can be found in the Quarterly Report.</p> <p>Dedicated Parking Spaces for OEMS at Downtown Office-</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that with Dr. Remley’s assistance OEMS now has two dedicated parking spaces downtown at the Madison Building for providers and others who need to conduct business with the</p>	

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	<p>downtown office. Information on the parking spaces can be found on the OEMS web site.</p> <p>OEMS Units Move- Mr. Brown also announced that the Division of Educational Development and Division of Emergency Operations have been relocated to a new location. The two divisions are located in Technology Park which is located off of I-295 and Route 1. The Technology Park office is located adjacent to the Department of Fire Programs. The Technology Park office does have a small meeting space where some of the future smaller meetings will be held.</p> <p>Tentative Schedule for the 2009 State EMS Advisory Board meetings-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ February 12 and 13, 2009 ➤ May 14 and 15, 2009 ➤ August 6 and 7, 2009 ➤ November 11, 2009 (Wednesday) in Norfolk at the EMS Symposium <p>These dates are for Thursday and Friday committee meetings and the Board meeting. The meetings that will be held on those dates at a still to be announced location are: Medevac Best Practices, Medevac Committee, Regulation and Policy, FARC, the EMS Regional Directors, FLAP, Communications Committee, VAGEMSA and the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>2008 EMS Symposium- The next meeting of the EMS Advisory Board will be held in Norfolk at the Symposium on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. As in the past, Advisory Board members who are attending the meeting need to let the Office of EMS know ASAP and OEMS will provide overnight lodging in Norfolk. Also, EMS Advisory Board members who would like to attend the Symposium are offered free registration, and they will need to fax their registration form to Irene Hamilton at OEMS. Board members who plan to stay for additional nights will be at the board members own expense. Board members are entitled to all the activities of the Symposium, including the Governor's Award Banquet and the Spirit of Norfolk cruise.</p> <p>Appointments to the EMS Advisory Board- Appointments have not been made and Board members continue to serve until they are replaced.</p> <p>New OEMS Staff Members- Dr. George Lindbeck is the new State EMS Medical Director. Andy Daniel is the new OEMS Program Representative. He will be taking care of REMS, CSEMS and a portion of the TJEMS region. Mr. Daniel was formerly with the Virginia State Police.</p> <p>Introductions- Mr. Brown introduced Constance McGeorge with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness. Ms.</p>	

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	<p>McGeorge reminded the audience that the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness is holding regional meetings in all seven of their regions. Ms. McGeorge also announced that their state conference will be held September 30 and October 1 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Mr. Brown informed the Board that Ms. McGeorge will be a member of the faculty at the Virginia EMS Symposium this year.</p> <p>Mr. Brown introduced Billy Shelton, the Director of the Department of Fire Programs. Mr. Shelton said that they have finalized the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the Emergency Vehicles Operators Course. Mr. Shelton also announced that the Department of Fire Programs has procured two driving simulators that include ambulances. They should have them within 60 days, and they will tour the state in conjunction with their EVOC program. Mr. Shelton reported that Gary and he have been successful in consolidating some offices in Roanoke; and this will give them a training room to accommodate about 30 people along with a 13-position learning resource center /computer facility. This office will be shared with the Department of Emergency Management and the State Fire Marshal's Office. In the future they hope to do a venture such as this in downtown Marion. Mr. Shelton said that it will be beneficial to first responders because there will be classroom space in different areas throughout the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Mr. Brown elaborated on the collaborations between the Office of EMS and the Department of Fire Programs, as well as the Department of Emergency Management. Mr. Brown has asked Beth Singer, the OEMS Public Information Officer to work with her counterpart in Fire Programs to produce a brochure highlighting the collaborative works between the two agencies.</p> <p>Dennis Molnar announced that the OEMS Accountant, Henry Bosman is leaving to go the Department of Forensic Sciences for a promotional opportunity.</p> <p>Presentations to Outgoing Board Members- Gary Brown and Scott Winston recognized outgoing Board members who are not eligible for reappointment to the Board. Commemorative clocks were given to: Linda Sayles; Morris Reece; Bob Crowder; Gary Critzer; and Karen Wagner, the outgoing Chair. Not in attendance but who will also be receiving commemorative clocks were Dr. Theresa Guins; Sharon Alsop; Dr. Rao Ivatury; and May Fox.</p> <p>CISM Ad Hoc Committee- Karen Owens Karen Owens reported that she was appointed the Chair of a CISM Ad Hoc Committee to study the efficiency and effectiveness of CISM in the State of Virginia. Committee members are: Vickie Taylor from Prince William, Faith Smagalski from PEMS Region, Dr. Vincent Rose, a Clinical Psychologist in the Gloucester County Sheriff's office, Jim Nogle, Carol Morrow and Karen Owens. The Ad-Hoc Committee will be sending out a survey to various different organizations that might use CISM in their practices. The survey is to determine if they have a CISM program and if so what curriculum they use. The survey was distributed to the Board members for review. They would like to distribute this survey</p>	

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	<p>next week. The committee felt that it would be best to get the Board's approval before distribution. Ms. Wagner said that it was okay for the survey to be distributed. The committee will meet again on September 19. They hope to have some good information to give to the Board at the November meeting.</p> <p>National Scope of Practice Presentation - Warren Short Mr. Brown gave some introductory remarks regarding the Scope of Practice and the National Intermediate-99 program. Mr. Brown said that the Office of EMS intends to adopt the National Scope of Practice model but maintain the Intermediate-99 within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Brown informed the Board that Virginia in conjunction with Maryland has sent out their own national survey to determine what other states were doing in regards to the National Scope of Practice and accreditation. They sent it to the National Association of State EMS Officials headquarters; and they sent it out to all 56 states and territories. To date, they have received 31 responses.</p> <p>Warren Short gave a presentation to explain OEMS's vision for how they want to proceed in regards to the National Scope of Practice. Mr. Short gave some background history on the processes that have taken place to date regarding the National Scope of Practice. He talked about where OEMS is and options they are considering. Mr. Short explained that the Medical Direction Committee has a special Ad-Hoc Committee to determine the best way to approach and standardize the programs in Virginia. The Ad-Hoc Committee will be making recommendations for a scope for each certification level and how the process should go forward. OEMS thru the Medical Direction Committee and the Ad-Hoc Committee is trying to determine the ceiling of EMS practice. Their recommendations will be made to the Medical Direction Committee; and the Medical Direction Committee will be bringing those recommendations to the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that they have been in consultation with Matt Cobb from the Office of Attorney General regarding several issues, including the Department of Health Professions and the Board of Medicine regulations, the authority of OMD's and several other issues.</p> <p>Upgraded Web-Based PPCR Program - Paul Sharpe Mr. Brown explained that another major project is the upgraded web-based Pre-Hospital patient care report system. Virginia has signed on to a National Memorandum of Agreement to become compliant with the National EMS Information System. Their current PPCR program was a home-grown, internal program that needs replacement; and OEMS also needs to become compliant with the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS).</p> <p>Paul Sharpe gave a presentation to bring the Board up to date as to where they are going and what they have done to date. Paul talked about the role that Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) plays in completing projects. David Dishner, the Project Manager, also provided input and explanations during the presentation. VITA requires all projects over a designated dollar amount to have a project</p>	

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	<p>manager. Mr. Sharpe gave background information on the PPCR program and updates on the progression of the program to date and future goals. He explained that they are moving to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data set and the technical format used by NHTSA and create an ability for the PPCR program to interact with other programs. This will enable them to do collaborative projects with other departments in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe discussed some of the complaints from the field on the problems with the program, and how this information was used in planning for a revised program. Mr. Sharpe gave a lot of background on the issues and delays that they have encountered during the project. Mr. Sharpe talked about the JADD (Joint Application Design and Development) Sessions that they have been holding throughout the state over the past several months, talking to their constituents to find out what people need and want from the program.</p> <p>Jason Campbell asked if there has been an assessment done to know the percentage of agencies in Virginia still using the paper forms. Paul Sharpe said that they had not done a survey but there are probably quite a few agencies still using a paper-based system. Mr. Campbell also asked if the program would be able to provide a paper-based report. Paul said that they will not know the details until they go thru the RFP process. They envision having a system that is more than a data collection tool. They would like to have the electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) component, web-access to agencies to use the data and hope to have the ability of having billing, Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) interfaces, as well as other components that EMS agencies will use in their system. Jason asked if they had any idea of a timeline for having the program in place. Paul Sharpe said that he has no idea of the timeline. The timeline will be determined through the RFP process.</p>	
<p>State Medical Director – George Lindbeck, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Lindbeck said they have some issues to deal with in regards to OMD authority and responsibility; and they are working with Matt Cobb on those issues. They are working to come up with a system that is more easily understood and consistent across the state. They are working on the OMD course along with VACEP (Virginia College of Emergency Physicians). They are working to develop an on-line course. They have also worked with the Office of EMS to grant an extension that would allow medical directors to keep their OMD endorsement while they complete the necessary courses. They are also working on mechanisms to increase the availability of the courses.</p> <p>They are working with American Heart Association and also the American College of Cardiology Virginia Chapter on the STEMI Initiative to develop a blueprint on how to deal with STEMI.</p> <p>Jason Campbell asked for clarification of a statement made earlier in the meeting by Gary Brown when Gary reported that “we are adopting the National Scope of Practice with the EMT Intermediate..” Jason asked who is “we”; and wanted to know if the Advisory Board needs to vote on this action. Jason pointed out that at the last Board meeting Dr. Dudley made a motion regarding the National Scope of Practice that was tabled and he asked for a clarification on who is adopting the National Scope of Practice.. Ms. Wagner explained that at the last meeting of the Advisory Board a motion was tabled</p>	

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	<p>regarding the National Scope of Practice. Ms. Wagner said that when a motion is tabled it is required to be acted on before the end of the meeting or else it dies. Since it wasn't acted on before the end of the meeting, the Board does not need to act today. Ms. Wagner explained that Gary's statement was that the Office of EMS position is to adopt the National Scope of Practice to include the certification of the Intermediate process and requested the Board to assist OEMS to that end. Ms. Wagner said it would be remiss for the Board to approve at this time because all of the clarifications of the Scopes have not been made yet. The Board would need to wait until the Medical Direction Committee brings their Ad Hoc Committee report back to the Board for their action.</p>	
<p>Office of Attorney General – Matt Cobb</p>	<p>Mr. Cobb said that the Scope of Practice issue has been the predominant project he is working on with the Office of EMS. There are a significant number of legal issues that he is working on; and as he gets answers to the legal questions, he will probably come back to the Board in a closed session to give them some legal advice and final answers.</p>	
<p>Awards Selection Committee – Karen Wagner</p>	<p>Ms. Wagner said that all of the awards have been turned in from the Regional Councils and they are moving forward with the process for the Awards ceremony in November. The committee will meet the end of August for final selections.</p>	
<p>Communications Committee - Gary Critzer</p>	<p>Ken Crumpler, along with the other members of the Communications Committee, presented their outgoing committee chair, Gary Critzer, with an award for his outstanding work and dedication for five years of leadership.</p> <p>The Communications Committee met earlier in the day. Mr. Critzer reported that Waynesboro, Roanoke County and Campbell County PSAPs have met reaccreditation standards. The committee discussed work going into the Communications Grant Compendium. Pokey Harris and VITA, Amanda Davis and Ken Crumpler have worked to get one stop shopping for grants for large scale communications projects. They are hopeful that this will cross over to all types of public safety grants. Mr. Crumpler and OEMS are working on a business plan for the purchase and distribution of interoperability radios. Ken Crumpler continues his work with the other stakeholders in Virginia working on interoperability. They formed a sub-committee of the Communications Committee this morning to work on increasing the awareness and importance of Emergency Medical Dispatch in the Commonwealth. They had a guest from VACO at the meeting who will be working with the Communications Committee on some publications in his organization with VML and also doing some conferences.</p>	<p>ACTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to ratify the decision by the Communications Committee to approve the 911 PSAP applications for accreditation for Charlottesville-Albemarle UVA Emergency Communications Center and Bedford County 911.</p> <p>YEAS= 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p>CISM Committee - Linda Johnson</p>	<p>Ms. Johnson reported that the CISM Annual Conference was held in Virginia Beach May 28 thru June 1 and for the first time in five years their attendance was under 200. The committee will be looking at the final cost and will determine if the conference should be continued yearly.</p>	
<p>EMS Emergency Management Committee - Bubby Bish</p>	<p>Mr. Bish reported that the committee met on Thursday at the Virginia EOC. The committee learned about the Virginia EOC operations; and Mr. Jason Eaton gave them a tour of the Virginia EOC and explained how the various state agencies work together and how agencies shared information to determine available resources during incidents. Mr. Fred Vincent explained the functions of the Fusion Center. The Fusion Center is operated by the Virginia State Police; and it gathers intelligence and shares the information with the local, federal and state agencies.</p>	

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	<p>The Division of Emergency Operations in conjunction with the Department of Fire Programs has been working on a project of disaster preparedness for EMS providers and their families. Studies show that EMS providers have difficulty working disasters when they are unsure of the safety of their families. Winnie Pennington from the Office of EMS has set up a pilot exercise at the end of August; and the committee will give a report on the exercise at the next meeting.</p> <p>The committee wants to revise their mission statement. Mr. Bish asked the Board to email any input they might have as to what the committee's mission statement should be for the future to Winnie Pennington or him.</p> <p>Their next meeting is scheduled on October 30 at Technology Park at 12 PM. The focus of their next meeting will be the committee's mission statement.</p>	
<p>Emergency Medical Services for Children – Theresa Guins, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Guins got stuck in traffic in the Hampton Roads Tunnel and was unable to attend the meeting. David Edwards, the EMS for Children Coordinator in the Office of EMS gave the report on her behalf.</p> <p>A performance review was conducted by HRSA that included a review of the State Partnership Grant that is held by the Office of EMS and the Department of Health. They should be getting a report back by October.</p> <p>The National Grantee meeting was held in June. Six National Hero Awards granted and two recipients were from Virginia, Dr. Theresa Guins for EMSC Advisory Committee Member Award and Doris Foster, RN, EMT-P received the National EMSC Provider Leadership Award. Also, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) at its mid-year meeting created an EMSC Coordinators Council. This council will be a permanent part of NASEMSO.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards also reported that Dr. Guins and the committee are going to try to find ways to facilitate PEPP courses in Virginia; and they will be looking for funding sources to accomplish this goal.</p> <p>The EMSC Committee has been working with the Department of Social Services to develop a notification plan to educate EMS providers regarding their new responsibility as mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse/neglect in Virginia. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2009. They are producing an EMSAT video and a manual that will be distributed to providers. The Board was shown a short clip from the EMSAT video.</p>	
<p>EMS Workforce Development Committee - Kevin Dillard</p>	<p>Mr. Dillard reported that there is new web application item under development to replace the EMS Recruitment Directory. This will be a Virginia EMS Jobs Interactive Database; and it will allow job seekers to search for jobs and post their resumes and also allow employers to post job openings. It will also have an individual map search function and it should be in operation in about four to six months.</p>	
<p>Finance, Legislation & Planning Committee - Gary</p>	<p>The committee met earlier in the day. They discussed upcoming legislation. A legislative summit will be held later in August that many FLAP committee members will attend. Their next meeting is</p>	

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Dalton	<p>scheduled at 1PM on September 26 during the VAVRS Convention; and will be discussing possible legislative efforts.</p> <p>Mr. Dalton also reported that there is a federal movement for fuel assistance for volunteer fire and rescue departments.</p> <p>The committee discussed the proposal by several individuals and agencies that supported an effort to have the appointment of the Chair of the EMS Advisory Board appointed to the Board of Health. The committee is bringing forth that item today for action by the Board.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Dalton clarified that they have not seen the language; but supports the language as a committee and would embrace the offer by the Board of Health and feel that it is a positive move.</p> <p>Hearing no other discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Finance, Legislation and Planning committee recommends that the State EMS Advisory Board approve the concept of the Chair of the State EMS Advisory Board be appointed to the Board for the Virginia Department of Health.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
Financial Assistance Review Committee - Wayne Peer	<p>Mr. Peer reported that the committee met on Thursday. The committee discussed the Fall Tour which will be held in the Central Shenandoah EMS Council area on October 11-12.</p> <p>Mr. Peer also reported that the OEMS applied for \$2.5 million from the 2008 Department of Homeland Security Grant. Awards should be announced sometime in August.</p> <p>Mr. Peer reported that the \$.25 from the \$4.25 for Life will be going directly to ALS / BLS Training Funds and not into RSAF. \$2.4 million was processed between May and July for the 2008 grant cycle.</p> <p>The Board was also reminded that RSAF will be going web-based with no paper applications being accepted; and that starting January 1 quotes will be required on all incoming grant applications.</p>	
Medevac Committee - Bruce Edwards	<p>Mr. Edwards said that the committee highlights are included in the OEMS Quarterly Report on page 39. Mr. Edwards said that a number of months ago he envisioned trying to find out what would be the mechanism to get everyone on the same page and turning the committee more into a strategic thinking group and allowing the nuts and bolts work to be done in the sub-committees. He felt the best approach would be a retreat with a facilitator. Everyone is in agreement; and they will have a one day retreat on October 3 at the Doubletree in Charlottesville. Mr. Edwards met with representatives from VHHA and one of the helicopter representatives and the Commissioner a few weeks ago; and that went very well. Mr. Edwards said that the Commissioner is very “hands on” and that is appreciated. The next meeting will be on November 12 in Norfolk at Symposium at 10AM.</p>	
Medical Direction Committee - James Dudley, M.D.	<p>Dr. Dudley was not in attendance. Dr. Lindbeck reported that everything for the Medical Direction Committee had been covered in the other reports.</p>	

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Nominating Committee - Carl Wentzel, M.D.	Ms. Wagner said that with the appointments not being made yet and six people leaving the Board and an additional four people having to be reappointed, the decision was made to not hold the elections at this meeting. The elections will be held after the appointments are made. Dr. Wentzel reported that several of the new appointments are for individuals who are expected to be reappointed. The Nominating Committee did meet and the results have been publicized to the Board. The Nominating Committee does not plan another meeting unless some of the expected reappointments are not reappointed. Ms. Wagner also noted that there are some committee Chair positions vacant with no one appointed. With the new appointments there will be some individuals who will be interested in those positions.	
Professional Development Committee - Randy Abernathy	<p>Mr. Abernathy reported that the Professional Development Committee was bringing forth a motion to the Board requesting to permanently remove the AED station from the First Responder and EMT-B Practical Exam in light of the newly approved Practical Exam that was approved at the last Advisory Board meeting. The Chair opened the floor for discussion; and hearing none called for the vote.</p> <p>The Professional Development Committee has an Ad-Hoc Committee reviewing EMT instructor credentialing and they have a draft proposal out to begin further work and consideration. The proposal can be viewed on the Town Hall as part of the minutes from the last Professional Development Committee meeting. The committee is soliciting comments about that proposal. They ask that you forward comments, questions, concerns or recommendations to Greg Neiman in OEMS electronically by the end of August. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 8, 2008.</p>	<p>Motion; The Professional Development Committee moves to permanently remove the AED station from the First Responder and EMT-B Practical Exam.</p> <p>YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSESIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOULSY.</p>
Regulation and Policy Committee - Jennie Collins	Ms. Collins was excused from the meeting and did not have a report. The committee met on Thursday and Mr. Winston reported that there were no action items. Ms. Wagner reported that she knew that the committee is continuing to look at reviews of several of the regulations.	
Transportation Committee - David Barrick	Mr. Barrick reported that the Transportation Committee held a special meeting on June 30 at which time they reviewed the bids that were received from four vendors for the State Ambulance Contract. The information from the meeting has been sent back to DGS. Mr. Barrick said that the Transportation Committee has had least three different DGS agents in the last five months and, therefore, have no idea of the timeline to get something on the state contract. They canceled their August meeting because they did not have any additional pending action. The next meeting is scheduled on October 20 at 10 AM in Oilville; and at that meeting they will be reviewing the ambulance grants.	
Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee - Morris Reece	Ms. Wagner reported that Mr. Reece had to leave the meeting early due to another commitment. Mr. Reece did not have any additional report. Mr. Sharpe informed the Board that Mary Washington Hospital has applied for Level II designation and they will under go a site review in September. Gary Brown announced that Dr. Remley is going to join the site review team for the Lynchburg General verification visit on August 21. Mr. Brown said that this is the first time that the Health Commissioner has ever gone on a site review.	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors - Dave Cullen	Mr. Cullen reported that they met on Thursday. In the morning they had training on a new Event Registration system through the Alliance for Emergency Medical Education and Research (AEMER). The councils plan on using that in the future. They also had a presentation from the Professional Development Committee on instructor credentialing. Mr. Cullen also announced that Heidi Hooker has	

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	<p>been appointed as the Executive Director for ODEMSA. Also, he announced that Debbie Akers, the Regional Educational Coordinator for Western Virginia EMS Council has been selected to receive the NAEMSE Hero award from the National Association of EMS Educators. This honor is given to one individual, nominated by students and peers, who has gone above and beyond to contribute to the EMS Education community. Debbie will be honored in a ceremony in St. Louis in September during the 2008 NAEMSE Symposium.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	NONE	
OLD BUSINESS	NONE	
NEW BUSINESS	NONE	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.	
Next Meeting	Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 1PM in Norfolk, Virginia during the EMS Symposium.	

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