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EMS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

11/14/2003 01:00 PM The Place at Innsbrook

EMS Contact

Attendance

Committee Members

Coan Agee
Donald Barklage Jr
Chip Decker
Theresa Guins MD
Elizabeth Martin
Michael Player

Sherrin Alsop
Earl Carter Jr.
May Fox
Rao Ivatury MD
Genemarie McGee
Morris Reece

Byron Andrews III
Robert Crowder III
Michael Gonzalez MD
George Langford
David Palmer
Page Verlander

Absent

Gary Critzer (excused)
Lori Moore (excused)

Catherine Hudgins (excused)
Douglas Young (excused)

Stewart Martin MD (excused)

Staff

Kenneth Updike
Melissa Doak; Steve Puckett
Carol Morrow
Karen Cheatham
Gary Brown

Ruth Robertson
Warren Short; Tom Nevetral
Carolyn Halbert
Jim Nogle
Scott Winston

Ken Crumpler
Chad Blosser
Mike Semp
Dr. Carol Gilbert
and Irene Hamilton

Others

Michael D. Berg
Melinda Duncan
Gary Dalton
Paul Long

Connie R Purvis
John R. Dugan
Ed Rhodes
And Robin Kurz

Bill Bullock
III
Petra Menzel

Topic/Subject

Discussion

Recommendations, Action/Follow-up, Responsible Person

Call to Order

Chairman, David Palmer called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Review & Approval of minutes from last meeting

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2003 Advisory Board Meeting.

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes as

presented. The vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the proposed meeting agenda.

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the proposed meeting agenda as presented. The vote was taken and the meeting agenda was accepted

Agenda Items

1. Chairman's Report - David Palmer

1. Mr. Palmer apologized for missing the August meeting, due to illness, and welcomed the new board members.

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Since August, Mr. Palmer has attended several meetings. Among the meetings that he attended were the VAVRS Convention in August and several meetings at the Symposium. During the Symposium, Mr. Palmer met with the Regional Councils Executive Directors and a Steering Committee of the new Finance, Leadership and Planning Committee.

2. Awards Program

Mr. Palmer acknowledged the outstanding job by Gary Brown and the Office of EMS in hosting the 24th Annual EMS Symposium in Norfolk.

2. Mr. Palmer asked Mike Player to give an update on the revised Governor's Awards Program. Mr. Player explained that the Awards Committee has developed two additional elements of the Awards Program that should help to draw attention to the excellence that exists within the EMS system in Virginia. The new additions, which were presented to this year's recipients, are a lapel pin and a decal that an agency that wins the award for Outstanding EMS Agency will be able to display on their licensed EMS vehicle

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3. Governor's Award of Excellence

3. Dave Palmer is the newest recipient of the Governor's Award for EMS Excellence. Mr. Palmer presented a new pin to Kent Weber, who was the first recipient of the Governor's Award for EMS Excellence.

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Mr. Palmer gave an overview of the key goals for the Advisory Board's and its committees for the coming year.

- 1) Gathering input and the approval of the new 5-Year EMS Plan for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 2) Continued tracking of the legislative package which went forward during the summer.
 - a. The package consisted of the revised funding formula for EMS in anticipation of their Four-for-Life allocation.
 - b. Reconfiguration of the Board's seats.
 - c. Support of a JLARC study of the Trauma Care system in Virginia.
- 3) To fully develop the newest Board committees with regard to representative membership on the committees and to develop work plans within those committees for the next twelve months.

Starting in February, the Board will reconvene the five-minute presentations by member organizations, giving information about the organization they represent.

4. Vice-Chairman's Report - Donald Barklage

4. Mr. Barklage called the Board's attention to the Annual Report that each member should have received. Mr. Barklage thanked the committee chairs and Gary Brown and the Office of EMS staff for their work on compiling this report. 4.

5. State EMS Medical Director's Report - Dr. Carol Gilbert

5. Dr. Gilbert deferred her report to the Medical Direction Committee's report. 5.

6. Office of EMS Reports
Gary Brown and Staff

6. Mr. Brown referenced the EMS Quarterly Report as a source for current projects of the Office of EMS. 6.

Mr. Brown talked about the success of this year's EMS Symposium and encouraged all Board members to attend the Symposium. Board members received copies of the Virginia Symposium News that highlighted all of the award winners.

In addition, Mr. Brown noted that two board members received Governor's awards. David Palmer received the top governor's EMS Award - Excellence in EMS and Gary Critzer was selected as Outstanding EMS Administrator. In addition, Petra Menzel, the Virginia EMS for Children Program Coordinator, was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children.

OEMS is scheduled to move on Thursday, November 20. The new mailing address is: Office of EMS, 109 Governor Street, Madison Building, Suite UB-55, Richmond, VA 23219. The new phone number is (804) 864-7600. The fax number for Administration will be (804) 864-7580.

Also, email addresses will also be changing. The new email address will be firstname.lastname@vdh.virginia.gov. Email should be forwarded to the new email addresses automatically.

The Office of EMS web page has a new look, as well. The new web site address will be www.vdh.virginia.gov/loems.

7. Office of Attorney General - Robin Kurz

7. Ms. Kurz said that she has received a couple of questions in regards to emergency lights and sirens on vehicles. Agencies vary on when they use their emergency lights and sirens; some agencies put the lights and sirens on with every call; and others only use the lights and sirens when it is an emergency. There are two statutes in the Virginia Code that discuss this issue (VAC § 46.2-1023 and VAC § 46.2-1030. Ms. Kurz said that there is an Attorney General Office opinion from the late 80's that interpreted that provision and said that emergency does not mean life and death emergency and the lights should be on whenever a vehicle goes out to a call. However, the sirens do not need to be displayed unless it is the type of emergency that requires the vehicle to weave in and out of traffic and run red lights, etc. 7.

Mr. Palmer said that he has forwarded a letter to Ms. Kurz that he received from an EMS Program Manager in Southwest regarding a question about college students under the age of 18 and their right to refuse. Mr. Palmer said that if any board member or any board member's constituents have questions that they would like the Attorney General's office to review, it is best to get it to Ms. Kurz a few weeks prior to the board meeting.

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| 8. Committee Reports: | 8. | |
| 9. Awards Selection Committee - Mike Player | 9. | Mr. Player explained that the committee has been concerned about the difficulty in getting award nominations. To combat this problem the committee has decided to change the structure of the awards program. The new process would mandate that the entries for the state award recipients come from the regional awards program. The regional councils have agreed to work with the Awards Selection Committee on this process. |
| 10. Communications Committee - Ken Crumpler | 10. | The Communications Committee plans to start having quarterly meetings in conjunction with the State EMS Advisory Board meetings. They will meet on the Thursday prior to the Friday board meeting. This will hopefully improve attendance. The committee is still working on old uncompleted projects. |
| 11. CISM Committee - Liz Martin | 11. | The committee met on November 12. The committee submitted a grant application to the Department of Criminal Justice for a \$1.8 million grant for post CISM seminars for EMS providers who are victims of 9-11. Award announcements should be made by the end of this year. |

2004 Conferences

The committee has set two dates in 2004 for conferences. The spring conference is scheduled for June 1-4 in Virginia Beach. Also, this year the committee is planning a second mini-conference October 16-17 in Roanoke.

The committee has also been working on their part of the state plan. The committee developed a position paper addressing CISM and its value to the Commonwealth of Virginia, along with the history of the program. The paper requests that legislation be introduced to include CISM in the Code of Virginia. The committee presented the paper to the board for their comments and support.

May Fox asked if this was a common practice for committees to develop their own legislative proposals outside of the normal board process. Mr. Brown stated that this type of situation has occurred before.

Dr. Gilbert asked if by singling out one aspect of the EMS program this might result in other programs requesting legislative recognition; or create a situation where one program is getting preferential treatment. Mr. Brown said that he does not feel that supporting this paper would reduce the importance of other programs.

Mr. Player said that he feels it is the responsibility of the board to review the position paper and decide if the board supports the paper.

Based on the discussion Mike Player made the following motion. This motion was seconded by Chip Decker. The Chair opened the floor for additional discussion and hearing none, the vote was taken.

MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board supports the CISM Committee Position Paper "Insuring Access to Critical Incident Stress Management Services for Emergency Medical Services Professionals in the Commonwealth of Virginia".

The position: Because CISM is not referenced in the Code of Virginia the program is vulnerable to the financial and political climate in the Commonwealth. It is the position of the CISM Committee of the State EMS Advisory Board that CISM is essential to the successful operation of high quality EMS services and its existence should be mandated through Virginia Code. It is recommended that this function continue to be housed in the Office of EMS with requirements for designated support and funding.

Yeas= 20; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0.
The motion was carried unanimously.

12. EMS Emergency Management Committee - Michael Gonzalez, M.D.

12. The committee's last meeting was held just after Hurricane Isabel and a lot of the discussion pertained to affects of the hurricane.

The committee is moving forward in its efforts to expand membership.

The committee discussed developing some additional training modules. Dr. Gonzalez suggests that the EMS Emergency Management Committee should collaborate with other state agencies such as the Department of Health who has a grant with specific components for training and VCU who has a HRSA grant for training. This would help to avoid duplication of training efforts. The committee is in the process of beginning a working relationship with these other entities.

Dr. Gonzalez also voiced concern that currently there is less interest in disaster response training. He is concerned that there is not a mandate within EMS training that requires disaster response training.

Mr. Player said that OEMS is required through the Basic Life Support program to provide mass casualty training. OEMS provided Category 1 credit for the Virginia Mass Casualty Program and provided all the EMT instructors with the training package and the necessary information.

Mr. Palmer suggested that the EMS Emergency Management Committee work closely with the Professional Development Committee to stimulate these training programs.

13. Emergency Medical Services for Children - Theresa Guins, M.D.

13. EMSC committee met on Thursday, November 11. The committee has completed work on a grant to extend their funding through 2006. The award announcements will be made in March 2004. The committee has completed a brochure that includes information for parents on how to be prepared for emergencies involving their children. The brochures will be distributed to day care centers throughout the Commonwealth. Additional suggestions for distribution is welcomed.

The committee presented one action item regarding the emergency designation of pediatric centers. The Virginia Office of EMS, in the Code of Virginia, is charged with "Establishing and maintaining a process for designation of appropriate hospitals as trauma centers and specialty care centers based on an applicable national evaluation system." In a 1996 General Assembly study (HJR 213) of "Pediatric Emergency Medical Services Capabilities of Virginia Hospitals," OEMS found that emergency departments across the Commonwealth were well equipped to serve the pediatric population and therefore the Office of EMS would not pursue designation of hospitals as "pediatric critical care centers." However, the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attack on America, and homeland preparedness priorities, prompted the Office of EMS to revisit the issue for the need to designate Pediatric Critical Care Centers.

EMSC was asked to compile some research on this subject and forward it to OEMS. Using the information compiled by EMSC, OEMS has developed a position paper on Designation of Pediatric Critical Care Centers. The position paper addresses the issue of the need to designate Pediatric Critical Care Centers. The Office of EMS has recommended not going forward with this issue currently because there are two studies in progress evaluating some of the issues of concern. Therefore, OEMS did not feel that this would be a good time to go forward. EMSC voted and unanimously agreed to support this position paper.

Based on this action, Dr. Guins made the following motion. Sharon Alsop seconded the motion, and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Gonzalez commented that this subject was discussed at the last meeting

MOTION: The EMSC Committee recommends that the Advisory Board accept and adopt the Office of EMS position paper on Designation of

of the VA Chapter of Emergency Physicians and the proposal to have a pediatric designation did not set well with any of the physicians. The physicians were concerned that especially in rural areas that having such a designation system might make it difficult for that hospital to actually meet these kinds of requirements. Following the discussion, the Chair called for the vote.

Pediatric Critical Care Centers.

YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0;
ABSTENTIONS = 0. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled February 12 at The Place at Innsbrook. The time for the next meeting is extended to a three-hour session in order to allow the committee to review and update their strategic plan. Input is encouraged from interested parties regarding EMSC projects or initiatives that should be considered.

14. EMS System Finance, Legislation & Planning Committee - Kent Weber

14. The committee held an initial steering committee / organizational meeting on November 7, 2003. The main focus of this discussion was in regards to the membership for the newly created committee. Attendees at the meeting included Kent Weber, Mike Player, Kenny Updike, Bruce Edwards, Karen Wagner, Dave Palmer, Jim Chandler, Don Wilson and Genemarie McGee. It was the consensus of the group that Mike Player should serve as vice chair since his committee has already been involved in developing the revisions to the 5-Year EMS Plan.

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Mr. Player accepted the position and pointed out that this rolled his ad hoc committee into the Finance, Legislation and Planning Committee. Mr. Weber asked if this required any discussion.

Mr. Player gave an overview of the Ad Hoc Committee's work as well as their time table. The timetable previously established a targeted plan by August 2004 and they have requested that this date be moved back in time for inclusion in the 2005 legislative package.

Mr. Player explained that the timetable was announced during the description of the State EMS Plan at the last board meeting. The moving of the OEMS office has impacted the first phase which was the staff input to the initial attributes that were identified for the State EMS Plan. That is going to push the timetable back a little bit. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to get the initial attributes to the board by February 13 meeting. This will necessitate moving the entire timetable back to about December 2004 instead of August 2004.

The committee would like to have membership from several organizations that they feel should participate in the process, including VML, VACO, VAGEMSA, VAVRS. The committee probably will have to ask the board for permission to increase the committee size to approximately 13 seats.

15. Financial Assistance Review Committee - Byron Andrews

15. The committee met on November 7. The committee noted the decrease in the number of grant applicants in the last grant cycle. F.A.R.C. discussed

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finding ways to increase applicants. Several ideas were generated including looking at how the process occurs and finding programs that are system-wide beneficial or programs that meet significant needs of the system. Mr. Andrews discussed with Mr. Palmer if it might be beneficial to overlap some of F.A.R.C. initiatives with some of the initiatives of the State EMS Plan.

F.A.R.C. will be sending a notice to all EMS agencies informing them of the grant cycle dates. The next grant awards date is December 5.

16. Leadership and Management Committee - Gary Brown / Kenny Updike

16. Doug Young had a work emergency and was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Young reported to Mr. Brown that as chair of the Leadership and Management Committee he has already started meeting with Kenny Updike in planning and developing this committee. Mr. Young asks that if any board members have recommendations of possible members to please contact either Mr. Young or Mr. Kenny Updike at the Office of EMS.

17. Medevac Committee
Genemarie McGee

17. The committee met on October 15 at the Office of EMS. The LZ Directory was distributed to all the programs. The LZ Directory is pictorial and communication information about all the LZs in the state, as well as some in adjacent states. The committee also reviewed the JLARC Study on medevac services again to make sure that the committee had addressed everything that was in the report. The committee feels that they still need to address utilization of medevac services and make sure all of the state feels they are appropriately covered. The committee has worked together and will be sending out a questionnaire near the end of November to EMS agencies to ask some questions. The committee also reviewed a draft of a Code of Conduct for medevac services in the state of Virginia. The committee hopes to have that document complete and ready to present to the Board at the next Board meeting. Ms. McGee thanked Dr. Gilbert, who has attended the last two Medevac Committee meetings, for her help and input in setting a timeline and direction for the committee.

18. Medical Direction Committee - Carol Gilbert, M.D.

18. The committee met on October 16. The Food and Allergy Network made a presentation advocating for EMTs to administer epinephrine as a primary medication. The Medical Direction Committee has developed a subcommittee to work on this process and feels that it should go forward once they do some evaluation on the issue.

The Medications and Procedures schedule for a number of specialty teams have been reviewed regarding some special team issues, including urban search and rescue teams, tactical EMS teams, neonatal teams and air medical teams. The Tactical EMS schedule and FEMA has met and disaster schedules were reviewed and approved and will be presented along with the rest of the package, after the other schedules have emerged.

The EMS Program Training Administration Manual was approved and forwarded to the Human Resources training group.

The Medical Direction program was provided at the EMS Symposium and had excellent attendance. At Symposium this year all of the classes were open to physicians for continuing education. In addition, an OMD class will be offered February 9 at the Homstead at the VACEP winter meeting for OMDs in the western part of the state.

The Human Resources and Training group sent a request to the Medical Direction Committee to review the use of mannequins as a means of practice and testing for ALS levels in Virginia. This request is based upon the fact that it is getting more and more difficult to get live intubations for individuals who are in training. The problem is that the new ALS levels are experienced based rather than time based, so rather than doing 10 hours of preceptorship you are expected to do a certain number of intubations or IVs. This makes it difficult to achieve the number of procedures required. The committee reviewed several of the events with airway mannequins and has one action item. Dr. Gilbert submitted the recommendation and asked that a board member present it as a motion.

Based on Dr. Gilbert's report, the Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Gilbert was asked to give a more detailed explanation for the motion. She explained that the motion was to use mannequins for practicing and testing in airway management in the ALS classes. At the present time a number of the classes are requiring intubations but they have to be live intubations. Many of the hospitals do not permit ALS individuals in the operating rooms or in many cases anesthesiologists are not willing to supervise them. There are not many opportunities for ALS students to actually do intubations on human beings the Chair called for the vote. Mr. Palmer deferred his motion for another board member to make.

Mike Player then made the following motion.

The motion was seconded by Chip Decker and the Chair opened the floor for additional discussion.

Mr. Player asked if the definition for the mannequin needed to be more specific. Dr. Gilbert said that would mean being locked into a specific type of mannequin and this might preclude individuals from accepting new mannequins as they become available. Mr. Player inquired as to whether programs would be able to get that direction from the OEMS training and Warren Short indicated that programs would be able to get direction from the OEMS training staff.

MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board accepts the recommendation of the Medical Direction Committee to permit the use of mannequins for practicing and testing in airway management classes.

Dr. Guins wanted to know if in the requirements for certification if any of these intubations required to be in pediatric patients and secondly do the mannequins that they are considering purchasing come in pediatric sizes.

Dr. Gilbert said that the Intermediate and Paramedic requirements do not require pediatric intubations. Dr. Gilbert expanded that the reason for this is because they parallel the requirements that were put out on the national level. Dr. Gilbert said that she has not seen a lot of really good multi-sized mannequins. Dr. Guins said that she will research the issue and report back if she finds any sources.

Hearing no additional discussion, the Chair called for the vote.

YEA = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENIONS = 0. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting for the Medical Direction Committee is scheduled on January 15. The additional meeting dates in 2004 are April 15; July 15 and October 14.

19. Nominating Committee - Karen Wagner

19. Mr. Palmer announced that the Board needed to receive a report from Karen Wagner in regards to a vacant chair position, Public Information & Education Committee. Mr. Palmer asked any board members who might not have a Chair position on a committee to consider being Chair of the Public Information and Education Committee.

20. Professional Development Committee - David Palmer

20. This committee was formerly known as Human Resources and Training Committee. The committee met in the last quarter and continued their initiatives and partnership with the Medical Direction Committee. The committee looks forward to working with Dr. Gonzalez and the EMS Emergency Management Committee on some strategies for some of the specialty courses. Another project of the committee is Distributed Learning and some web-based CEs are all projects of the committee.

21. Public Information & Education Committee - Ruth Robertson

21. There is no report from the PI&E Committee

22. Regulation and Policy Committee - Donald Barklage

22. The committee met earlier in the day. Discussion has continued on the regulations. The committee has finished language to go into the Compliance Manual regarding some direction for program staff on the issue of reserve vehicle permits. It is Mr. Barklage's understanding that the language has not yet been placed in the Compliance Manual due to all the complexities involved with OEMS moving and the EMS Symposium. However, that item does remain high on the agenda.

The committee continued their review of two specific draft regulations that are currently in the process for the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action. One draft involves designation of Regional EMS Councils and Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. The committee has provided comments back to OEMS staff on this issue.

23. Transportation Committee - Chip Decker

The committee is also beginning their deliberation and reviewing the revised challenge of the committee due to the Bylaw changes. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled on February 12 at The Place at Innsbrook.

23. The committee met on October 27. The committee has a deadline in September 2004 to come up with the new State Ambulance Contract. The

committee has been fortunate to get some members who are knowledgeable about ambulances and maintenance on the committee. The goal is to get input from the Financial Assistance Review Committee and to make the State Ambulance Contract a viable contract that individuals can purchase an ambulance using the contract. The next meeting will be held on December 1 at ODEMSA.

24. Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee - Morris Reece

24. The committee last met on September 4. As reported at the last Advisory Board meeting, the State Trauma Plan was taken back to the Trauma Committee and the committee has received a number of comments. The committee is still in the process of assimilating the document and should have it ready to present to the board at the next meeting. 24.

At the last board meeting, the committee reported on a request from a hospital in Virginia Beach asking that their trauma center designation be changed from a Level II to a Level III. A strike team was sent to the facility and it was ascertained that they were meeting Level III criteria.

Subsequently, a designation team was sent to the facility, and that team recommended that they be granted a Level III designation. That recommendation has been forwarded to the Commissioner's office. The committee has done several designations in the last quarter; and they have one additional designation to do to complete the round. In all of the reviews, the team has recommended to the Commissioner to approve the requested designations.

The next meeting will be on December 4. At that point, there will be a preliminary report to the committee on Phase II of the HRSA grant, which is looking at the current trauma designation program from every aspect. It is the hope that from this will emerge is a fundamental overhaul of the program since its conception. The three primary objectives of the committee is to: 1) develop and implement a completely revised designation process with a new Administrative Manual. 2) improvements to the site center review process; and 3) looking at ways to educate the public and others in recognizing and reward facilities that have taken the expense and trouble to become designated centers. The committee's goal is to have the newly revised program operational in the next year to year and a half.

25. Regional Council Executive Directors - Rob Logan

25. The Regional Council Executive Directors group has met twice since the last Advisory Board meeting. On October 17 the group met to address several specific tasks, including a review and preparation of comments on the Rules and Regulations regarding Regional EMS Councils and the new draft regulations relating to Financial Assistance. The group also began looking at development of a universal regional awards program to feed into the Governor's Award Program. The group met again on November 13. At that time they developed a list of nominees to the new Finance, Legislation and Planning Committee that has been forwarded to Mr. Weber. 25.

Prior to this meeting, the group attained a partnership with the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) to retain the help of a legislative consultant to assist us in seeking legislative support for the proper reallocation of the 4-for-Life funds and the other legislative initiatives affecting EMS before the legislature in this upcoming session. The consultant chosen is Ed Rhoads of Rhoads Consulting Group.

The group has begun work on some elements of the State EMS Plan regarding regions and will take this back to the Ad Hoc committee who is formulating the plan.

The group also elected officers for the coming year. Officers are: Rob Logan - WVEMS Council - Chairman; Mike Berg - TJEMS - Vice Chair; Connie Purvis - Blue Ridge EMS Council - Treasurer; Tina Skinner - Rappahannock EMS Council - Secretary.

Mr. Logan brought one item before the board for action in regards to the Awards program. In an effort to enhance recognition of the Governor's Award winners, the Regional Council Directors group want to encourage some actual participation from the Governor's office in the awards program. The group promotes continuing the protocol of inviting the Governor's participation in the actual presentation of the awards. However, in absence of that participation, some other method of participation such as a photo opportunity with the Governor or something of that nature.

Based on Mr. Logan's suggestion, Mike Player made the following motion. Don Barklage seconded the motion and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.

Hearing no discussion, the Chair called for the vote.

MOTION: To improve and enhance the recognition given winners of the Governor's EMS Awards, the EMS Advisory Board will invite and encourage the Governor to attend the awards presentation or to personally participate in another appropriate recognition ceremony such as a reception with a photo opportunity.

YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0;
ABSTENTIONS = 0. The motion carried unanimously
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Public Comment
Old Business
New Business

26.
None
None
None

Announcements - Mike Player introduced a member of his staff, Captain

Paul Long, who is the new EMS Training Officer.

Warren Short introduced a new member of the Office of EMS, Chad Blosser who is the new Training QA/QI Coordinator.

David Palmer announced that the VA1-Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) has received first year developmental funding. Recruiting will begin very soon. Information should be coming out through the councils and other EMS channels re recruitment needs. They will be looking for personnel within a 3 hour response mode to Norfolk.

Mr. Palmer also announced that Kent Weber was recognized by the Boys Scouts of America and received the Guiding Light Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Friday, February 13, 2004 at 1 p.m. at The Place at Innsbrook. The Place at Innsbrook is available to committees on February 12, 2004 for their meetings.

Date:February 13, 2004

Time:1:00 p.m.

Location:The Place at Innsbrook

Adjourn
Next Meeting
