

**Medical Direction Committee  
Marriott West - Richmond, Virginia  
October 16, 2008  
10:30 am**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
James Dudley, M.D. – Chair Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. George Lindbeck, M.D. Stewart Martin, M.D. John Potter, M.D. Asher Brand, M.D. Allen Yee, M.D. Theresa Guins, M.D. Cheryl Lawson, M.D. Scott Weir, M.D. Charles Lane, M.D. Dave Garth, M.D. Barry Knapp, M.D.		Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Greg Neiman Randy Abernathy Amanda Davis Deborah Akers Tom Nevetral Warren Short Holly Frost Jeff Meyer	

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<b>I. Welcome</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:43 am	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Dr. Dudley asked that the committee and guests introduce themselves.	
<b>III. Approval of Minutes</b>	The Committee approved the July 10, 2008 Minutes	<b>Motion By: Dr. Stewart Martin to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by: Dr. Scott Weir Minutes... approved.</b>
<b>IV. New Business</b>		
	a. Ultrasound Study for Prehospital Field Use – Barry Knapp, M.D. Norfolk Fire & Rescue OMD – Barry Knapp, M.D. gave an overview with a Powerpoint presentation on the use of ultrasound for prehospital field use in Norfolk. Dr. Knapp stated that it has been proven that the ultrasound is beneficial in the arrest situation. He recommends the support of the committee for the funding of the six (6) ultrasound devices to conduct the study in six stations within the City of Norfolk. The cost of all	<b>Motion by Stewart Martin, M.D. to support a letter of recommendation from the Medical Direction Committee to be presented to the Financial Assistance Review Committee</b>

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	<p>six devices will be \$125,000. There is no other approved funding. At the conclusion of Dr. Knapp's presentation a motion was made to support a letter of recommendation from the Medical Direction Committee to be presented to the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) in support of the request for assistance.</p> <p><b>Items b. and c. deferred to Item #9 below.</b></p>	<p><b>(FARC) in support of the request for 100% financial assistance for this study from FARC. Motion seconded by Sabina Braithwaite, M.D... Call for the question and the vote was split five to five. Chairman James Dudley, M.D. voted affirmative for the motion...Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Dudley advised that he would author the letter to FARC in support of this study.</b></p>
<p><b>V. Old Business</b></p>	<p>a. Keltcie Delamar reported on the following items:</p> <p><u>Stroke:</u></p> <p>The new standing Stroke Task Force met in September to begin their work in addressing stroke systems work in VA – OEMS is represented by Paul Sharpe.</p> <p>The Hospital Association is doing a new survey of VA Hospital to ascertain changes in stroke capabilities and help address policy recommendation that all hospitals have written triage, treatment, and transfer plans in place.</p> <p>Currently there are 10 Primary Stroke Centers in the state, with an 11<sup>th</sup>, VCU, pending receipt of their formal letter of approval.</p> <p>National AHA is preparing a statement recommending against states creating their own hospital tiering or certification programs.</p> <p>EMS Survey (a collaboration between OEMS and AHA) will be launched this month (Stroke and STEMI combined) to help gather information on resources and assistance needed at the council/agency level – need support to encourage</p>	

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	<p>completion of the survey.</p> <p><u>STEMI:</u></p> <p>A new STEMI Task Force meets October 22, utilizing AHA Mission: Lifeline template for improving STEMI systems development (to be called Virginia Heart Attack Coalition or VHAC in VA). National basis set of 11 papers released by AHA on development of STEMI systems, including one on EMS perspective. VHAC Task Force has representation from all invested state organizations, including OEMS, and will be looking at a model to promote customized protocols within each regional (Council) area.</p> <p>Spring stakeholders meeting will involve more stakeholders, and especially representation from each of the Councils.</p> <p>AHA is currently launching an Environmental Scan in the hospitals to get a snapshot of capabilities statewide.</p> <p>EMS survey referenced above addresses STEMI as well as stroke.</p> <p>b. AHA/VDH Medical Emergency Response Plan (MERP) Review and Approval Request - Keltcie Delamar had presented the MERP to the MDC at their last meeting and requested that they review and approve it so that the VDH could disseminate it to appropriate parties.</p> <p>c. Asher Brand, M.D. Chair for the Virginia Scope of Practice Subcommittee reported that the subcommittee has conducted several meetings where they were able to determine a DRAFT document for the MDC to review for <i>Procedures and Formulary</i> to establish a SOP.</p> <p>Discussion immediately followed on the need to continue towards the National Scope of Practice model as previously submitted.</p> <p>Discussion then moved to establishing a “scope” for the five levels of certification. The committee established the DRAFT document which the MDC reviewed and commented on</p>	<p><b>Motion by Stewart Martin, M.D. to approve the MERP document as submitted. Asher Brand, M.D. seconded the motion... Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Motion by Allen Yee, M.D. to adopt the National Scope of Practice model as proposed and to continue training providers at a Virginia Intermediate level until 2014 with an amendment to allow all Intermediates to continue until 2014 but not train any new Intermediates. Seconded by John Potter... Motion passed.</b></p>

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	with modifications.	The MDC requested that the modified <i>Procedures &amp; Formulary</i> be sent out electronically to all MDC members for further review. <b><u>Emphasis needs to be placed on the Formulary to ensure that areas were not omitted.</u></b>
<b>VI. ALS Training Funds &amp; Accreditation Update</b>	Chad Blosser was unavailable to report.	
<b>VII. ALS Programs Issues</b>	Tom Nevetral reported that the NREMT was considering modifying the NREMT paramedic practical examination to allow it to be more cost effective and to better address competency of the paramedic. NREMT will deliver more information on this topic in the future. The NREMT is going to allow the utilization of the King LT airway as an option for the Dual Lumen section on the NREMT Airway Skill Station for Intermediate/Paramedic practical examination. Work on a new skill and essay sheets are forthcoming from NREMT.	
<b>VIII. BLS Programs Issues</b>	Greg Neiman reported on the following topics: 1. EMT Instructor Institute scheduled for January 2009. 2. DRAFT <i>Virginia Competency- Based EMT Accreditation Approval Policies and Procedures</i> , and <i>DRAFT Recommendations for the Virginia Department of Health, Office of EMS, Professional Development Committee, EMS Instructor Credentialing Ad-hoc Sub-committee</i> . <u>Greg is accepting open comments on these two documents until December 1, 2008.</u>	
<b>IX. State OMD Issues</b>	a. Dr. Lindbeck discussed the work of the OMD Workgroup and disseminated the minutes from this group's meeting of August 11, 2008. There was considerable discussion on the re-endorsement requirements that the group is proposing: 1. Attend an OMD training program sponsored in Virginia, <b>or</b> 2. Attend Hot Topics/Current Issues program (12 hours = 3 programs) and complete the Virginia specific on-line training module, <b>or</b> 3. Attend on Hot Topics/Current Issues program, verification of attending a national EMS training conference (approved by OEMS) and completion of the Virginia specific on-line training module.	<b>Michael Berg advised that there was a one year extension for OMDs for one year (non-renewable) until August 31, 2009.</b>

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<b>X. Regulation &amp; Compliance Issues</b>	Michael Berg discussed the DRAFT <i>EMS Physician Regulations (PART IV)</i> and asked the physicians to review them.	
<b>XI. Regional Council Issues</b>	Jeff Meyer advised the MDC that the Process Action Team (PAT) has been meeting.	
<b>XII. 2009 MDC Approved Meeting Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 8, 2009</li> <li>• April 9, 2009</li> <li>• July 9, 2009</li> <li>• October 8, 2009</li> </ul>	
<b>XIII. Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>XIV. For the Good of the Order</b>	None	
<b>XV. Adjourn</b>	Motion to adjourn at 3:25pm	