

Professional Development Committee
1041 Technology Park Dr – Glen Allen, Virginia
October 7, 2009
10:30 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair Nick Klimenko Stephen Rea Holly Frost Jeffrey Reynolds Kathy Eubank Dave Cullen Dr. Charles Lane	Billy Altman-excused Donna Hurst-excused	Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Dr. George Lindbeck Warren Short Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser	Wayne Woo

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am	
II. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting (Attached)	Motion by: Jeffrey Reynolds To: Accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by: Kathy Eubank Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion by: Holly Frost To: Accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by: Kathy Eubank Unanimously Approved
V. Reports of Committee Members		

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	<p>a. Officer Reports –</p> <p>i. Larry Oliver -</p> <p>a. Did presentation to Medical Direction regarding I to P Bridge. MDC took no action. The current length of the program is set in regulations.</p> <p>b. EMS Advisory Board (EAB) had an Executive Committee meeting in September to discuss some of the events that took place at the meeting in August. The state Trauma Triage Plan was discussed as well as the formulary and guidelines committee. Dr. Brand wanted PDC and MDC to drive the process. After much discussion the Formulary and Guidelines groups were established and have begun to meet. Dr. Lindbeck clarified the purpose of these committees.</p> <p>c. Dr. Brand asked us to review the Trauma Triage Plan. Larry doesn't feel that PDC is the right place to review this plan. Please review your electronic copy and forward any comments to Greg Neiman.</p> <p>d. The EAB elections have been postponed until the November meeting.</p> <p>b. Reports of Committee Members</p> <p>i. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane</p> <p>a. The last MDC meeting was confusing and controversial. There is a sense at MDC that there is a change at the State level for a stronger Office of EMS and some mistrust of that by some. The discussion centered around the Trauma-Triage Plan and its process.</p> <p>c. Office of EMS</p> <p>i. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral</p> <p>a. Education Standards, Scope of Practice, Formulary are pieces coming into play. Practice Analysis is complete. Will need to begin writing new test questions for the ALS Levels. Due to AHA, may not see new textbooks until 2011.</p> <p>b. The next ALS-C Meeting is at Symposium on Thursday night.</p> <p>ii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman</p> <p>a. New Practical Exam-Was successfully implemented on September 1, 2009. No major hiccups have been experienced. All Certification Testing (ALS & BLS) information has been consolidated under a single link on the OEMS website. The transition period for old retests will continue until December 1. As part of the rollout Candidate and Instructor Reports have been updated to provide more information. Also, when candidates receive their results for retests of the old practical exam, they will no longer include the reason for the practical station failure. When the new practical was programmed, those codes were replaced with the new failure codes, which would not make sense</p>	<p>e-mail Gap analysis to Committee members</p> <p>Send new version of Formulary and Procedures</p>

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	<p>to the candidate.</p> <p>b. Suspension of EMT-B Exam - On June 28, 2009 the OEMS suspended the Written Instructor Pre-test in order implement the first major rewrite since they were issued in 1995. With the move to the <i>Education Standards</i> looming on the horizon, the Office felt now was the time to pull in the exams and write new exams based on the <i>Standards</i> and the AEMSC Practice Analysis. The Office anticipates resumption of testing no later than October 31, 2009. Greg requested help from the BLS Instructor SME's (Subject Matter Experts) to help write the new questions. He has received a number of responses but still has some sections outstanding. We are also planning to provide direction on how to prepare for the new exam. Due to the delay in testing, this may affect the Practical Exam scheduled for December and ultimately the Institute scheduled for January. Decisions on these events will be based on the number of eligible candidates at the time.</p> <p>c. Instructor Practical- The next Instructor Practical is tentatively scheduled for December in the ODEMSA Region. The date may depend on how quickly we can resume testing.</p> <p>d. Instructor Institute- The next Instructor Institute is scheduled for October 10-14, 2009 and will be held here in Tech Park. Fifteen candidates will be attending. The following Institute is set for late January 2010 and is also planned for here in Glen Allen.</p> <p>e. EMS Instructor Updates –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We held another Online Instructor Update on October 6, 2009 and received positive feedback from the 12 participants. Instructors/ALS-C who attend the online Update must complete a quiz in order to ensure they actually participate in the online component. We have had a higher than expected fail rate on the quiz. Participants should download and refer to documents referenced in the Update to be successful. The quiz is considered an “open-book” quiz. 2. The last in-person Update was held on September 26th at the VAVRS Convention, and 25 Instructors/Coordinators attended. The next in-person Update is scheduled for this Saturday, October 10, 2009 and will also be held here at 1041 Technology Park Dr. 3. The schedule of Updates can be found on the OEMS website here: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm <p>f. The Office of EMS policy is that if a Coordinator wants to move the start date of a course that has not actually begun more than 30 days from the</p>	

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	<p>original date, the coordinator will need to submit a new Course Approval and cancel the original announcement. Canceling the original Course Announcement will also cancel an EMSTF Funding Contract associated with the course. In the past this hasn't presented a problem, but since EMSTF funding has been committed for FY-2010, the funding cannot be transferred to the new course and the new course will not be funded. If a course date is changed within the 30-day window, the Coordinator is responsible for contacting Jackie Hunter and completing a Contract Modification document.</p> <p>g. ProCPR and National Safety Council have been approved as certifications for entry into EMS Courses. The Office's position regarding online delivery of CPR material is that didactic may be completed via distance learning, but the student MUST complete skills check-off in the presence of an approved Instructor prior to the issuance of a completion card. Only the specific card of the blended program by ProCPR may be accepted. See the flyer for more information. (ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <p>iii. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation Update- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Two Intermediate sites going through Reaccreditation process. Prince William Co and Roanoke Regional b) A couple of Paramedic programs are going through CoAEMSP reaccreditation c) Teaching two classes at Symposium on Accreditation; Information on Advanced EMT Accreditation and Optional BLS Accreditation 2. EMSTF – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The FY-2010 EMSTF has closed as the program has committed all funds. b) Should have enough money to honor all contracts from this year but if further budget cuts are implemented we may have to cancel previously approved contracts. c) Vendor Compliant form for EMS Contractors. Violations of TPAM Policies and/or Regulations that violate the terms of the Contract will result in one of these forms being sent. Burden of proof is on the Contractor to prove they are in compliance. <p>iv. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scanners-Updated model with new software is now available, however have run into an issue with being able to upload. We are currently fixing the latest glitch. The Regional Councils have submitted a request under RSAF to 	

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	<p>purchase a large quantity of scanners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. EMSTF-may need to make changes in distribution for FY-2011 c. Education Standards- Have been asked a lot recently, “what is the transition program going to be for our current providers?” Rather than a transition program, we will do this through CE. d. New Instructor Test will test new Education Standards as Greg indicated. e. Non-US citizens in EMS Training- If they do not have an SSN, do not have them complete an Enrollment form. Submit scanned color copy of their Passport, Visa and any other documents and send it to Warren to determine eligibility. f. Practice Analysis. Final product was received by the Office on October 1. It is 152 pages long. Virginia had a 17% return on the questionnaire. The Office is reviewing the document and will be posting it soon. g. Webinar Quiz-Instructors continue to complain about having to take the quiz. h. H1N1 Vaccinator Program-Dr. Lindbeck created a summary document regarding who could vaccinate. Dr. Lindbeck advised that we wanted to create a Vaccinator Toolkit. Except in declared emergency only RN, LPN (under supervision of an RN) or Licensed Pharmacist are allowed to give Vaccines. If there is a declared Emergency and the Health Commissioner wanted to allow EMS providers to vaccinate, then we can. The toolkit was created to help inform the EMS community regarding vaccination programs. i. Karen Owens is the H1N1 Coordinator for the Office of EMS. Information was posted on the Office of EMS website on Friday October 2nd to give EMS Providers information on H1N1. j. The Instructor Update scheduled for Saturday at Symposium may have a change in time. Check the OEMS website for updated information. k. 1733 Registrants for Symposium this year. l. More information is now available on the web for Instructors. As we make more reports available via the web, we are planning to reduce the amount of mail sent from the Office. An updated Provider Interface is coming out hopefully before the end of the year. Will allow providers access at the moment of enrollment and will include the ability to view test results online. <p>v. Other OEMS Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michael Berg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have been in the Governor’s Office for 55 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A constituent group has been in contact with the Governor’s Office regarding a section of the new Regulations. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) DDNR Regulations have been in the Governor's Office for 163 days. c) Have been told not to expect action until after the new administration is in place. 2. CTS-discussed earlier 3. H1N1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) We are aware of a couple of agencies that have been vaccinators and expect they will be stopping immediately. 4. Mandated Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Must submit incidents involving hunting accidents to Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. b) DCJS-if there is a victim of a crime and there is no victim assistance program set up the Regional Council and/or OEMS must contact DCJS so that victim services can be offered. 5. OMD Certification Status report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) As of August 2008 we had 360 OMDs and as of August 2009 we have 192 OMDs. b) Had a couple of commercial agencies suspended for 24 hours until they could locate a new OMD. Three industrial sites are under suspension due to loss of OMD and one Volunteer agency. b. Scott Winston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. December 10 & 11, 2009 Rural EMS Summit at Central Virginia Community College. 2. At Rural EMS Roundtable earlier this year we identified 3 core issues of concern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) EMS Agency Leadership b) Local Government involvement c) Recruitment and Retention 3. Kevin McGinnis will be facilitating c. POLST- Dr. Lane asked if the Office was represented on the committee looking at this new form of end of life care declaration. Michael Berg responded we were aware of it, but did not have an OEMS representative on the committee. d. Gary Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H1N1-To reiterate, Karen Owens has been designated as H1N1 Coordinator for the OEMS and will be a single point of contact related to this for EMS. 2. Mosby will be presenting information on the next generation of 	

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	<p>online training on Friday Night at 6pm at Symposium. Attendance will be by Invitation Only</p> <p>3. The rest of the Office will be moving into this space at 1041 Technology Park Dr sometime before the end of the year. DED will remain in their current space and the move of the rest of the Office will create some shuffling of Divisions between the two buildings. Eventually all mail will be delivered here.</p>	
VI. Previous Business	None	
VII. New Business	<p>a) Greg Neiman presented a proposal from the Office of EMS to add 2.0 hours OB/GYN as an option to satisfy Area 10 for BLS recertification. Providers could take any combination of AED and/or OB/GYN to recertify under area 10.</p>	<p>Motion by: Nick Klimenko To accept the Office proposal to add OB/GYN to satisfy area 10 for BLS recertification Seconded by: Jeffrey Reynolds</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>
VIII. Public Comment	<p>Jeffrey Reynolds discussed his concerns that Intermediates and Paramedics have very little difference operationally and should we consider requiring Intermediates to complete the same requirements for recertification that a paramedic must complete.</p> <p>Greg Neiman asked for the feeling of the committee regarding the Office pursuing changing the process for recertification and move back to area requirements rather than the restrictive list that the National Registry currently has in place for Intermediate and Paramedic. The Office would petition Registry to accept the Virginia process for NR recertification and receive approval prior to implementation. The proposed VA process would allow a provider to recertify both National and State certifications by completing the process.</p>	
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X. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 14:07.	

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OEMS Office – 1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23059
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Agenda

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 - ii. ALS Training Specialist- Tom Nevetral, OEMS
 - iii. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman, OEMS
 - iv. Funding and Accreditation-Chad Blosser, OEMS
 - v. Other OEMS Information
- VI. Previous Business-none**
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Recommended Change to BLS CE Requirements-Greg Neiman
- VIII. Public Comment**
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- X. Adjourn**

**Attachment: A to
October 7, 2009 PDC Minutes**

**Approved
July 8, 2009
Minutes of the PDC**

**Professional Development Committee
Marriott West - Richmond, Virginia
July 8, 2009
10:30 am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair Billy Altman Dave Cullen Donna Hurst Stephen Rea Dr. Charles Lane Kathy Eubank Jeffrey Reynolds Holly Frost	Nick Klimenko	Warren Short Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser Dr. George Lindbeck Tim Perkins Michael Berg	Connie Purvis Marcia Pescitani Kim Craig

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 1043.	
II. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today’s meeting. (Attached) Dr. Brand has requested time to speak. This item was added under Medical Direction Committee Report.	Motion by: Dave Cullen Seconded by: Billy Altman To: Accept the Agenda as revised Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion by: Billy Altman Seconded By: Dr. Charles Lane To: Accept the minutes as presented Unanimously Approved
V. Reports of Committee Members		
	a. Officer Reports – i. Larry Oliver - Two action items were presented at the last Governor’s EMS Advisory Board (GAB) – both were tabled.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TPAM Changes-copies not placed in the minutes for the GAB, it was an oversight on our part. There were concerns expressed about some of the OEMS Policies. The new policies will be included in the next GAB handout so the item can be completed. b. I to P Bridge-GAB wanted more information and was not ready to take a position. Larry has heard that a gap analysis is going to be conducted by NR and the National Association of State EMS Officials to determine what needs to be covered and seem to be backing away from the 72 hour statement. Larry will be speaking at the Medical Directors' Committee Meeting tomorrow regarding their decision to not take a position on this issue. c. Larry discussed briefly the Mission and Vision statements and tasks for today. <p>b. Reports of Committee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Asher Brand, Chair of MDC spoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proposed EMS Plan Document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Committee has a sub-committee that is looking at the current Committee structure. 2. Dr. Brand requests that PDC consider expanding the mission and vision to enhance cooperation with MDC in regards to clinical issues and position papers. ii. DRAFT Trauma Triage Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Brand feels it is a very good plan that mirrors the CDC Guidelines. 2. However, he is concerned that it supersedes any regional or local plan and does not allow localization. b. Dr. Lane advised that the Procedure and Medication Schedules were tabled at the last MDC due to concerns expressed about the RSI skills being excluded from the Intermediate level from NOVA. It will be addressed again tomorrow. <p>There was discussion about the establishment of Statewide Procedure and Medication Schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Office of EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Atlantic EMS Council (AEMSC) Practice Analysis closed June 19th. The Council will be meeting at the end of July or early August to review the information obtained. ii. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral 	<p>Greg will send a copy of the Draft Triage Plan and CDC recommendations to PDC for review and comment.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ALS Programs have been ending and the Test Reps have been busy running Exams. b. The next ALS-C Meeting is in Roanoke on Friday, July 10, 2009. c. The next ALS-C Seminar on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Have 29 people registered. d. On August 7, 2009, in conjunction with EMS Advisory Board, Gregg Margolis will be in town. The Office has scheduled a session for him to meet with ALS-Coordinators. Anyone interested may come to ask questions on any issues related to the National Registry. iii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Practical Exam-We are on track for implementation on September 1, 2009. b. Consolidated Test Site (CTS) Evaluator Program has been rolled out. It is a two-part program. The 1st part must be completed online through TRAINVirginia. The second part involves watching video scenarios and evaluating candidate performance. The second part is hosted by the Regional Council. All current Evaluators must go through retraining to continue evaluating in the future. This requirement includes EMT Instructors who act as evaluators at CTS. c. Instructor Practical- The next Instructor Practical is scheduled for August 1, 2009 in the Winchester area. Invitations went out to close to 40 candidates. d. Instructor Institute- The next Instructor Institute is scheduled for October and will also be held in the Winchester Area. The last Institute was held in June in conjunction with the VAVRS Rescue College in Blacksburg. 14 new instructors received certification. e. EMS Instructor Updates - The next in person Updates will be held in September at the VAVRS Convention, October at the Frederick County Public Safety Building and November at Symposium. The Office has finally implemented monthly online updates and they have been successful. Instructors/ALS-C who attend must complete a quiz in order to ensure they actually participate in the online component. Have had a higher than expected fail rate on the quiz. Participants should download and refer to documents referenced in the Update to be successful. The schedule of Updates can be found on the OEMS website here: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm f. Suspension of EMT-B Exam - On June 28, 2009 the OEMS suspended the Written Instructor Pre-test in order implement the first major rewrite since they were issued in 1995. With the move to the <i>Education Standards</i> looming on the horizon, the Office felt now was the time to pull in the exams and write new exams based on the <i>Standards</i> and the AEMSC Practice 	

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	<p>Analysis. The Office anticipates resumption of testing no later than October 31, 2009. We are also planning to provide direction on how to prepare for the new exam. Due to the delay in testing, this may affect the Practical Exam scheduled for December and ultimately the Institute scheduled for January. Decisions on these events will be based on the number of eligible candidates at the time.</p> <p>iv. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation Update- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Office has started the reaccreditation cycle. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) UVA Pre-hospital Program is going through the process and should be reaccredited. b) Feedback from Accredited sites has led to an increase in the number of letters to improve communication from the Office. c) We have a number of Paramedic programs that are seeking CoAEMSP Accreditation in compliance with the regulations. d) New Regulations expand required accreditation to the new Advanced EMT Certification Level and optional accreditation at the EMT Level. The Office will be developing a process to implement this. There will be some new courses at Symposium discussing BLS and AEMT Accreditation. 2. EMSTF – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2009 contracts were wrapped up early as we met the \$3 million funding allocation point. \$2.4 million has already been distributed out of that money. b) 2010-monies have been reduced. DMV will still send us \$1.6 million and we will forward \$600,000 to VSP. This leaves us \$2.4 Million for FY 2010. \$866,000 has already been allocated since the 2010 contracts became available. c) The OEMS was told this week we must submit 5%, 10% & 15% budget reduction plans to the Health Department for the next year and next biennium. This may put EMSTF funds at risk. We will continue to contract until we are told we no longer have the money. 3. Bar Code Scanning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The scanner models are no longer being manufactured and have been replaced by a new model. 	<p>Holly Frost entered at 12:15pm</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Software is being updated. 2) Information has already been released on the new model. 3) MSRP is \$1800. 4) New software provides feedback to the Instructor on who received or did not receive credit. 5) Questions, please contact Chad . 4. Three New Programs are going up on TRAINVirginia soon. 5. Training Program Administration Manual (TPAM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Regardless of what happened at the Advisory Board the Policies have been implemented. The Office needed them in place to move forward with scanners and third-party vendors. Once they are reviewed at the GAB, we don't think there will be opposition to them as written. b) Due to the current structure of the Regulations and TPAM, recently some Instructors were able to get by with things they should not have been allowed to do. Due to these loopholes, the Office will be required to rewrite the TPAM to clarify and make it more explicit. Look for a revised document in the future. v. Other OEMS Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Michael Berg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OMD Course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compilation Report of those OMD's who are still outstanding in completing the OMD Course has been distributed. Deadline is August 31, 2009. b) Next in-person course is Aug 10, 2009 in Fauquier County. c) Online Course is still available. d) There is no extension to the variance, so OMD's who wish to continue must complete the process. 2. Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) DDNR Regulations are on the Governor's Desk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) After approval will hold 1 public hearing before moving forward. 3. New Regulations-Still waiting on DPB to issue approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Once moved forward will hold five public hearings to address the new Regulations. 	
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<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>A. Review and discussion of the PDC Mission Statement:</p> <p>MISSION: The Professional Development Committee will, in collaboration with the Medical Direction Committee and other stakeholders, promote quality educational, operational and other affiliated aspects related to the enhancement of the EMS profession across the Commonwealth.</p> <p>B. Review and Adoption of PDC Vision Statement:</p> <p>VISION: The Professional Development Committee (PDC) will review and recommend changes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and regulations affecting the training and certification of pre-hospital providers • procedures and guidelines for each level of certification • standardized education and testing curricula • training and continuing education requirements and improvements • monitoring of EMS training programs • Quality Assurance, Quality Improvement and accreditation for educational programs. <p>Working with our various stakeholders, the PDC will be forward-thinking, utilizing best practices identified in the delivery of EMS, recommend implementation of cutting-edge technology and encourage EMS educators and providers to strive for professional development and excellence in coordination, management and instruction to ensure that students and providers receive the best initial and continuing education to insure quality patient care.</p> <p>C. Review and Adoption of four Core Objectives:</p> <p>CORE OBJECTIVES: <i>Expand availability of Quality EMS Training.</i> - Promote the professionalism of EMS by aligning all initial EMS educational programs to that of other allied health professions. Assure competent entry-level providers by having all EMS programs accredited with accreditation at the EMT level as an option.</p>	

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	<p><i>Enhance Competency Based Training Programs.</i> – Research and implement alternatives to the practical examination such as successful completion of a recognized competency–based training program conducted by an accredited site and the use of computer-based technology for written examinations.</p> <p><i>Assure Quality and Evaluation</i> - Update the certification process to assure certification examinations continue to be valid, psychometrically sound and legally defensible, using subject matter experts and documents such as: the <i>Virginia Scope of Practice, EMS Education Standards</i> and <i>AEMS Council Practice Analysis</i>.</p> <p><i>Develop Partnerships with Stakeholders</i> - Promote collaborative educational activities between local government, EMS agencies, hospitals and community colleges to support more community-based EMS programs which lead to increased recruitment and retention of certified EMS Providers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <p>D. Dr. Lindbeck is soliciting 2 people from PDC to work on Statewide Patient Care Guidelines. Holly Frost and Billy Altman have indicated their interest.</p>	<p>Motion by: Dave Cullen Seconded by: Donna Hurst To: Accept the proposed Mission and Vision statements and four Core Objectives and forward them to the Finance, Legislation and Planning Committee to consider for inclusion in the new State EMS Plan and EMS Advisory Board By-laws.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously Approved</p>
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