

Training and Certification Committee
OEMS Office – 1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, Virginia
April 6, 2011
10:30 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair Dave Cullen Kathy Eubank Holly Frost Donna Hurst Tom Jarman Nick Klimenko Stephen Rea Jeffrey Reynolds	Dr. Hasan	Scott Winston Michael Berg Beth Singer Thomas Nevetral Greg Neiman Chad Blosser Dr. George Lindbeck	Marcia Pescitani Lynn Barbour

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am	
II. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today’s meeting. (Attached)	Motion By: Dave Cullen To: Approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by: Nick Klimenko Unanimously Approved
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion By: Dave Cullen To: Approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2010 PDC meeting as presented. Seconded by: Jeffrey Reynolds Unanimously Approved

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V. Reports of Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Officer Reports – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Larry Oliver – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Professional Development Committee’s name has been changed to better reflect its mission. It will now be called the Training and Certification Committee. b. Gary Brown discussed changes to the policies and procedures of the Governor’s EMS Advisory Board. We have the potential for 19 people to change on the Board this year. Bylaw changes have altered the structure of the sub-committees with an eye on better collaboration and information coming from committees to the full Board to reduce surprises and give them time to review the issues. Jason Campbell is the coordinator for this Committee b. Reports of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Medical Direction Committee (MDC) – Dr. Lindbeck/Tom Nevetral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee is working on a number of White Papers b. Dr. Hasan was appointed to replace Dr. Lane as a representative from MDC. c. Office of EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New changes to AHA probably won’t be seen in exams until the new questions have been successfully piloted. b. Effective July 1, NR will begin testing the Advanced EMT. Our enhanced providers should do well on the exam. Encourage your Enhanced Providers who want to pay for the exam to attempt it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Process will be the same for EMT, will need to complete a form for us and submit an application online to the Registry. 2. Will need to take the written and 7 Station Practical 3. Trauma Medical IV and Bolus Airway, Cardiac Arrest AED Random Skills ii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instructor Pretest deadline for the June Institute is April 16, 2011 2. Next Instructor Practical is set for mid-May 2011. Most likely will be held here in Richmond. 3. Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) February Institute had 12 people certify as Instructors. b) Next Institute hopefully will be in Blacksburg in conjunction with the VAVRS Rescue College in June. b. EMS Instructor Updates – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We continue to offer monthly Online Instructor/ALS-C Updates 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Next one is scheduled for first Thursday in May. b) Next in-person update will be at VAVRS Rescue College in June. 2. The schedule of Updates for 2011 can be found on the OEMS website here: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm iii. Funding and Accreditation – Chad Blosser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Still running smoothly, still accepting contracts, still have money for FY 2011 b) FY-2012 contracts will be moving forward and hope to have them posted in early June, 2011 c) Working with Karen Owens to move some Emergency Ops Courses to the EMSTF funding stream. d) We don't know anything yet about next year's funding amount. 2. Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A number of CoAEMSP visits for paramedic reaccreditation have taken place. b) A number of 5 year renewals for State Intermediate are coming due and site visits have been held. c) When new regulations go into effect Advanced EMT Programs will be required to be accredited. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) EMT optional accreditation will also be available when the regulations go into effect. d) A couple of Regional Councils that are currently Intermediate Accredited are seeking Paramedic accreditation. iv. Division of Educational Development-Tom Nevetral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Our web page is up to date on all of the Virginia Education Documents, Practice Analysis, Gap Analysis, and VEMSES b. Instructors, please ensure they are using the Phoenix and/or Gap analysis for CE c. Please encourage students to log into their portal during class and give them basic instructions on how to work through it. d. Look at what the publishers are offering and start making decisions about what you may want to use in the future. <p>Chad Blosser-We are looking at the creation of an Agency Portal and hoping for rollout near the end of the year. Will allow Agencies to have more information on their members.</p>	

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	<p>Nick Klimenko asked about the Instructor Error correction process. Chad replied that it has been an overwhelming success and have significantly dropped the number of errors in the system.</p> <p>v. Other OEMS Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Berg <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) DDNR regulations are still in the Governor's Office for 216 days. Once approved will go to the Registrar to sit for 30 days for comment. b) New Regulations are in the Secretary's Office. After that they will move to the Governor's Office. Once signed they will go to the Registrar for another 30 day public comment period. c) Town Hall – Regulations are still available online. A duplicate record was recently removed. d) Will meet with Regulatory staff in June to ensure they are up to speed. e) After an audit, it was found that the CTS Examiners should be employees instead of contractors. Testing will be moving back to DED and a Wage Supervisor will be hired to oversee the process of testing, CTS and NR. 2. Gary Brown-No Report 3. Scott Winston – No Report 	
VI. Previous Business	None	
VII. New Business	<p>a. Proposal to move to NREMT Testing Statewide (ATTACHMENT: B)</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding this proposal.</p>	<p>Motion by: Nick Klimenko To accept proposal Seconded by: Jeffrey Reynolds</p> <p>Motion to Table until the next Quarterly Meeting by Stephen Rea</p> <p>Seconded by Tom Jarman</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>

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	<p>The Committee requested the following information prior to the next meeting Estimate of the financial impact of this change and current costs associated with CTS. Cost estimate of current test writing and validation Pass/Fail for current vs previous practical exam</p> <p>b. Revision of Practical Exam Skill Sheets The committee recommended that OEMS make the changes necessary to the Skill Sheets to bring them in compliance with the Education Standards, then</p>	Warren Short
VIII. Public Comment	<p>Marcia Pescitani-Northern Virginia is not currently charging for Practical Testing Lynn Barbour introduced herself as the Program Coordinator for ODEMSA</p>	
IX. Dates for 2011 Meetings	<p>January 5, April 6, July 6, October 5</p>	
X. Adjourn	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm</p>	





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Professional Development Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2011

OEMS Office – 1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, VA 23059
10:30 AM
Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2010**
- V. Reports of Committee Members**
 - a. Officer Reports
 - b. Reports of Committee Members
 - i. Chairman Report
 - ii. Medical Direction Committee - Dr. Nael Hasan
 - iii. Others
 - c. Office of EMS
 - i. ALS Training Specialist- Tom Nevetral, OEMS
 - ii. BLS Training Specialist-Greg Neiman, OEMS
 - iii. Funding and Accreditation-Chad Blosser, OEMS
 - iv. Division of Educational Development (DED)-Tom Nevetral, OEMS
 - v. Regulation & Compliance – Michael Berg, OEMS
- VI. Previous Business-none**
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Proposal to move to NREMT Testing Statewide
 - b. Testing Committee reconvene to update skill sheets
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Dates for 2011 Meetings**
 - a. January 5, 2011-canceled
 - b. April 6, 2011
 - c. July 13, 2011
 - d. October 5, 2011
- X. Adjourn**

**Attachment: A to the
April 6, 2011 TCC Minutes**

**Approved
October 6, 2010
Minutes of the PDC**

Professional Development Committee
OEMS Office – 1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, Virginia
October 6, 2010
10:30 am

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Larry Oliver – Chair	Tom Jarman-excused	Scott Winston	Marcia Pescitani
Nick Klimenko	Dr. Charles Lane-excused	Michael Berg	Jerry Andrews
Stephen Rea		Dr. George Lindbeck	
Kathy Eubank		Warren Short	
Jeffrey Reynolds		Thomas Nevetral	
Dave Cullen		Greg Neiman	
Holly Frost		Chad Blosser	
Donna Hurst			

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:48 am	
II. Introductions	Introductions were not necessary.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today’s meeting. (Attached)	Approved by unanimous consent with no changes
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 2010 meeting (ATTACHMENT: A)	Motion: To approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2010 PDC meeting with corrections noted. By: Donna Hurt Seconded by: Dave Cullen Unanimously approved
V. Reports of Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Officer Reports – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Larry Oliver – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education Standards went to Advisory Board and was approved b. Process for Transition to Education Coordinator was also presented and approved. b. Reports of Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Medical Direction Committee (MDC) – Dr. Lindbeck 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion on the Trauma Triage Plan b. Couple of Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Amendments to Trauma Triage still being circulated ii. Changes in the Scope of Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intranasal Route was added to Enhanced and above 2. Vagal maneuvers were added c. Stroke System and STEMI was discussed and some interest expressed in adding STEMI to Code d. Keltcie Delamar has been reassigned in the AHA Office e. There was a presentation from Capt. Bennett on Tourniquets. f. Vaccine Policy has been approved. g. Discussion with AG's Office is ongoing regarding the Trauma Triage Plan c. Office of EMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ALS Training Specialist – Tom Nevetral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Still looking for SME's for future ALS Tests. Template is available from Tom. b. At the ALS Coordinators Meeting at Symposium on Thursday November 11, Capt Bennett will present on Tourniquets at 5:30 PM c. Have been hearing good things from educators, program directors and students regarding JB learning Test Prep for Paramedic Program. Students who do well on the prep tend to pass the Registry. Cost is \$41.95. d. The Office is still working to finalize the Phoenix Document, which will be the Gap Analysis for CE Programs in Virginia. Educators should consider teaching to Education Standards soon, so that providers can be up to speed when the tests go into effect. ii. BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instructor Practical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) August date was canceled due to low interest by eligible Candidates. b) Hoping to have enough folks in the pipeline for a successful exam in December. 2. Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fall Institute was also canceled due to a low number of eligible candidates b. EMS Instructor Updates – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We continue to offer monthly Online Instructor/ALS-C Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Last one was 10/5/10 to about 15 people b) No online update in November due to Symposium. c) Final Online Update will be Tuesday, December 7, 2010 @5:30 pm 2. Last in-person update was at VAVRS Convention in VA Beach in September. Had around 50 Instructor/Coordinators attend. 3. Next in-person Saturday November 13, 2010 beginning at 8:30. As always, symposium registration is not required. 	

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	<p>4. The schedule of Updates has been released for 2010 and can be found on the OEMS website here: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm</p> <p>iii. Funding and Accreditation – Warren Short</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) EMS Contracts have been released b) Contracts are retroactive for approvals already received c) Must be postmarked on or after October 1, 2010. For the first 4 weeks they must be received via USPS, FEDEX, or UPS only. No hand deliveries are being accepted for the first 4 weeks. d) Have received just over 400 contracts since Monday October 4. e) Total amount is \$3.2 Million 2. Accreditation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Starting to see more reaccreditations b) Two new programs have come in for Paramedic this year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Quickly approaching the date where programs seeking Paramedic accreditation should apply to CoAEMSP instead of state as it will be required in order to sit for Registry in 2013. c) CoAEMSP has clarified their requirement that the Program Director(PD) have a Bachelor’s Degree. In order to continue the process, your self-study must be in by December 31, 2010 and your PD must be enrolled and seeking the degree in order for Site Visits to be scheduled. <p>iv. Division of Educational Development-Warren Short.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please have the Instructors in your area help us in creating the new exams b. Our web page is up to date on all of the Virginia Education Documents, Practice Analysis, Gap Analysis, and VEMSES c. Symposium is right around the corner. Registration has been extended until this Friday. Currently we are down in overall Registration. Have had over 250 new registrants in the last 2 weeks, d. 2011 Symposium is gearing up and we are seeking people to teach sessions. Anyone interested should submit a bio and a description of the class they wish to teach. Submit them to Warren’s attention. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALS & BLS Academy –designed to provide a majority of the CE required in a single track <p>v. Other OEMS Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Berg <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) DDNR regulations are still in the Governor’s Office. Once approved will go to the Registrar to sit for 30 days for comment. b) New Regulations are still in the AG’s Office, did not make the Agenda for Board of Health. May be working with the AG’s 	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Office for Dr. Remley to review in the absence of the Board of Health</p> <p style="text-align: center;">c) Two Instructors have recently had their Certifications revoked.</p> <p>vi. Scott Winston-No report</p>	
VI. Previous Business	None	
VII. New Business	<p>a. Education Standards Timeline – Greg Neiman presented the proposed timeline for implementation of the Educations Standards.</p> <p>b. Discussion was held regarding the decision to require all Instructors to pass the Instructor Pretest to continue teaching in the future.</p>	<p>Motion by: Jeffrey Reynolds To accept the timeline as presented Seconded by: Nick Klimenko</p> <p>Unanimously Approved</p>
VIII. Public Comment	<p>Question from Jerry Andrews: What is the Status of the ALS Coordinator and transition to EMS-EC? Warren Short responded: Until the new regulations go forward we are making no change at this time. We are planning on holding an Administration session in January. In the current proposal, there is no requirement that ALS-C become EMS-EC's.</p> <p>Question from Jerry Andrews: The Regional Council's Medical Advisory Committee had approved Fentanyl but the Pharmacy Committee is balking at implementation. How should we proceed? Response from Michael Berg: No oversight is present at the State level. This is a local issue. The committees should come together to resolve this. Fentanyl and Morphine were approved by the Formulary Work group of the Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>Warren Short presented the results from the Provider Candidate survey that was requested by PDC in March of 2007. After reviewing the poor response rate, The committee felt it was time to rewrite and republish this survey or do more targeted e-mails to increase the response rate.</p> <p>Kathy Eubank provided information on the VAVRS Convention from this past September.</p> <p>Warren Short advised that currently only 23 Instructors have not accessed the portal. In addition, 11,000 EMS providers in the state have accessed and set up their account in the Portal.</p>	
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X. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm	

**Attachment: B to the
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**Proposal to move to NREMT
testing Statewide**

Ideas for NREMT Testing

- I. Process
 - A. Virginia continues to certify ECs
 - B. Course is announced to Va. OEMS for review and approval – no change
 - C. Va. Enrollment continues as it currently does.
 - D. Testing cannot start until CSDR is mark pass for the student and the student has an eligibility to test letter for the Virginia Practical only.
 - E. Initial Certification has three parts in the following order:
 - 1. Virginia Practical
 - 2. NR Written
 - 3. Reciprocity for Virginia Certification
 - F. Written will be through NR and shall occur only after practical is passed.
 - G. Paths for EMT's whose programs were approved by OEMS
 - 1. Accredited Programs
 - a. Certification Practical will be done by site for 15 or more. If less then go to CTS.
 - b. Will require attendance by Test Representative
 - c. Must announce to OEMS with enough time to assign a test representative
 - d. Will follow CTS guidelines
 - e. Will allow for up to 1 retest.
 - 2. Non-Accredited program's students will report to CTS for practical testing and allow for 1 retest.
 - H. Practical scores will be recorded and processed as are currently done.
 - I. Once practical exam is passed, OEMS will approve applicant for NR testing via NR website.
 - 1. Applicant must complete the web application for NR testing using the Virginia OEMS program number.
 - 2. Once the applicant has passed the Virginia practical, the Office will mark the applicant as completed.
 - 3. Work with NR to automate this process.
 - J. NR Written exam follows NR policy.
 - K. Reciprocity
 - 1. Providers completing a Virginia approved program.
 - a. Applies for Reciprocity like Ps
 - b. Work with NR to automate this process.
- II. Cost of written exam
 - A. Virginia pays for only the initial NR written attempt.
 - B. Any retests or recertification attempts for NR at provider's expense
 - C. Arrange for NR to bill?
- III. Recertification
 - A. Requires participating in the current Va. process.
 - B. Recertification is by CE only regardless of affiliation.
 - 1. The state will no longer maintain written certification exams.
 - 2. If OMD's want a test taken.
 - a. Develop their own
 - b. Us NR – but this does not exempt provider from CE.