

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, Virginia
February 5, 2016
1:00 P.M.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Michel B. Aboutanos, MD American College of Surgeons	Sherrin C. Alsop Virginia Association of Counties	Gary R. Brown	David Trump, MD, MPH, MPA Virginia Department of Health, Office of the Commissioner
Byron F. Andrews, III Virginia State Firefighters Association	Stephen J. Elliott (Excused) Thomas Jefferson EMS Council	Scott Winston	Amanda Lavin Office of the Attorney General
Samuel T. Bartle, MD American Academy of Pediatrics	William B. Ferguson (Excused) Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)	George Lindbeck	Connie R. Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council
Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council	Joan F. Foster (Excused) Virginia Municipal League	Michael Berg	Wayne Perry Rappahannock EMS Council
Valeta C. Daniels Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)		Deborah T. Akers	Harvey J. Porter Tidewater EMS Council
Richard H. Decker, III Old Dominion EMS Alliance		Adam L. Harrell	Ed Rhodes VAVRS/VAA/RDG/VAGEMSA/VFCA
Lisa M. Dodd, DO Virginia College of Emergency Physicians		Warren Short	Bubby Bish Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)
Jason D. Ferguson Western Virginia EMS Council		Tim Perkins	Kendra Sours Lord Fairfax EMS Council
S. Denene Hannon Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS)		Robin Pearce	Brad Taylor HCA Healthcare
Jonathan D. Henschel Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Stephen McNeer	Marcia Pescitani Northern Virginia EMS Council
David Hoback Virginia Fire Chief's Association		David P. Edwards	Al Thompson Bon Secours Richmond Health System
Sudha Jayaraman, MD Medical Society of Virginia		Tristen Graves	Robert Trimmer Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Jason R. Jenkins Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters		Amanda Davis	Karen Wagner Virginia Ambulance Association / Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
John Korman Associated Public Safety Communications Officials		Marian Hunter	Gary Dalton Virginia Ambulance Association / Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
Cheryl Lawson, MD Peninsulas EMS Council		Gregory S. Neiman	Donald Houtsma Powhatan Fire & Rescue
Julia Marsden Consumer		Ken Crumpler	Michael B. Player Peninsulas EMS Council / Regional

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			Directors Group
Genemarie W. McGee Tidewater EMS Council		Karen Owens	Christopher Lindsay Henrico Doctors' Hospital
Marilyn K. McLeod, MD Blue Ridge EMS Council		Irene Hamilton	Jeff Michael Rockingham County
Christopher L. Parker Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association		Wanda Street	Rob Lawrence Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA) / Richmond Ambulance Authority
Ronald Passmore Southwest Virginia EMS Council			Bryan S. McRay Old Dominion EMS Alliance (ODEMSA) / Richmond Ambulance Authority
Anita Perry Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association			Monty Dixon Henrico Fire
Jose V. Salazar Northern Virginia EMS Council			Kelly Schaaf Henrico Fire
Daniel C. Wildman Virginia Ambulance Association			Gary Samuels Virginia Professional Fire Fighters
			Mike Harmon Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)
			Mark Wright James City County fire Department
			Eddie Ferguson Goochland County fire-Rescue / Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)
			Paul Sharpe Henrico Doctors' Hospital
			Steven Lewis Eastern Virginia Medical School Family Medicine / Virginia Department of Health
			Rachel Dillon Old Dominion EMS Alliance
			Damian Coy Old Dominion EMS Alliance
			Allen Yee, MD Chesterfield Fire & EMS
			Kim Craig Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) / Staunton Augusta Rescue Squads (SARS)
			Kenny Dunn Henrico Fire
			Joe Powers

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			Henrico Fire
			Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council
			Timothy McKay Chesterfield Fire & EMS
			James Dillon Chesterfield Fire & EMS
			Heidi M. Hooker Old Dominion EMS Alliance
			Darren W. Clark Medical Transport
			Randolph Breton Physicians Transport / Virginia Ambulance Association (VAA)
			Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council
			Dan Norville Norfolk Fire-Rescue
			Heather Davis HCA – Chippenham Hospital
			Kevin Dillard Rappahannock EMS Council
			Joey King LifeCare Medical Transport

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Call to Order	<p>Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group stood to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag • The group had a moment of silence for any fallen brothers and sisters who may have died since the last meeting. • The minutes from the November 11, 2015 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. • The meeting agenda was approved with two additions – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under Item V – a presentation on Mobile Integrated Health Care by Dr. Allen Yee. ○ Under New Business – there will be a brief conversation regarding committee assignments. 	
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	Mr. Critzer deferred his report until the Executive Committee report.	
Vice Chair Report – Genemarie McGee	As the Vice Chair of the EMS Advisory Board and a member of the Executive Committee, Ms. McGee addressed the group in regards to the development of Virginia’s State Trauma Plan. She encouraged everyone to come together, begin fresh and evaluate how to deliver trauma care to our citizens; and to	

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	<p>view this as a new day and a collaborative start to the Trauma Plan. Ms. McGee said they need to positively support the Trauma Oversight and Management Committee (TSOMC) and Gary Critzer in leading the way to develop this plan.</p>	
<p>Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness – David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA</p>	<p>Dr. Trump thanked everyone for the certificate he received at the November 2015 meeting in recognition of his pending retirement. He will be retiring on April 1, 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Trump introduced Dr. Steven Lewis, who is shadowing the Office of the Commissioner staff during the General Assembly session. Dr. Lewis is a third-year Family Medicine resident who is finishing up his program at Eastern Virginia Medical School, and he is interested in learning more about making laws and legislation. • Ebola Outbreak – Dr. Trump reported that the extra efforts required regarding the Ebola outbreak has ended. • Infectious Disease Exercise in a Box – During the Ebola crisis, the Virginia Department of Health collaborated on an initiative with the Department of Emergency Management to develop an Ebola Tabletop Exercise in a Box. This has now emerged into an Infectious Disease Exercise in a Box that will be piloted later this month in the New River Health District; and will be focusing on other diseases that are still a threat. • Zika Virus – Virginia is in the process of evaluating and getting testing done by the Centers for Disease Control on some individuals who have become ill after returning from areas with Zika virus. They have sent information to health providers statewide on what Virginia Department of Health is doing and how to contact the Health Department to inquire about Zika testing for a patient that is under care. • American College of Surgeons Recommendations – Dr. Trump stated that both he and Dr. Levine, the State Health Commissioner, feel that that recommendations from the American College of Surgeons have been very helpful. They think that the best approach now is to have a very thoughtful, inclusive and transparent approach in Virginia, looking at the recommendations and determining how they can help guide us in making the Trauma and Emergency Medical Services systems in Virginia the best in the nation. Dr. Trump also agreed that it is important to include all the partners that need to be in the discussions from the very beginning of the process. 	
<p>Office of EMS Report – Gary R. Brown, Director; Scott Winston, Assistant Director; George Lindbeck, MD; & OEMS staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Updates – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Sharpe resigned from the Office of EMS in January. Mr. Sharpe was in the audience and Mr. Brown thanked him for his service and all of his good work and efforts while working at the Office of EMS. ○ Carol Morrow who retired from the Office of EMS in April 2015, died unexpected in January. He asked if the audience would take a moment of silence in honor of Carol Morrow. ○ Connie Purvis, the Blue Ridge EMS Council Executive Director, is retiring at the end of the month. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Report – Mr. Brown reminded the audience that the Quarterly Report provides updates on ongoing projects, tasks and events in the Office of EMS, and EMS statewide and nationally. • Legislative Grid – OEMS sends out weekly Legislative grids and reports via email each Friday. Mr. Brown said this has been a light session and they only have four bills for which they had lead assignment; and three of the bills dealt with REPLICA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REPLICA – The House put forth two REPLICA bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 222- sponsored by Delegate Stolle along with several co-patrons, including Delegate Orrock, who advocated for REPLICA this year. HB 222 passed the House unanimously. ▪ HB-1007- sponsored by Delegate Levine, was a companion bill, which was withdrawn since it was a duplicate of HB 222. ▪ SB-311- sponsored by Senator Reeves, which is a complete duplicate, and it has passed the full Senate unanimously. ○ HB-311 – Sponsored by Delegate Orrock. This bill requires the establishment of collaborative agreements with other states, allowing EMS providers to provide EMS across state lines. Delegate Orrock put this bill in as a “bridge the gap” bill until REPLICA is enacted. Mr. Brown explained that the REPLICA bill requires 10 states across the nation to pass the bill before it goes into effect. Delegate Orrock sponsored this bill in the event that it takes longer than expected to get 10 states to pass the REPLICA bill, it would still allow EMS providers to cross state lines to provide EMS services. Mr. Brown said that it is a Section I bill, and OEMS must report their efforts to the General Assembly in regards to this bill by November 1, 2016. • VPHIB – NEMSISv3 – Mr. Brown reported that OEMS is regrouping and assessing the Trauma Program. They have been meeting weekly with the Office of Information Management (OIM) and conferencing with ImageTrend. <p>OEMS realize that a number of EMS agencies have not migrated to v3, and they plan to reach out to these agencies to find out what issues they may be having and to offer assistance. They have also decided to scrap the previously announced migration plan that has been on the OEMS website with group-based deadlines. Instead, because of the problems that EMS agencies are experiencing, OEMS has decided to adopt the national deadlines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new deadlines are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As of December 31, 2016, v2 will no longer be accepted. ▪ As of January 1, 2017, all data must be submitted in v3. ○ EMS Agencies will not be penalized or face enforcement actions for the former deadlines, and OEMS will help the agencies become compliant. 	<p>The Office of EMS will be sending out an official notice regarding these new deadlines in the coming week.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVENT Notification Tool – Mr. Winston gave an update on the EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (EVENT). The purpose of the tool is to improve the safety, quality and consistent delivery of medical services, and the data that is collected is used to develop policies, procedures and training programs to improve the safe delivery of EMS. The third quarter report is included in the OEMS Quarterly Report. • Department of Transportation (DOT) / National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Fatigue Project – Dr. Lindbeck gave an update on this recently started project. The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) won the RFP to look at fatigue issues for EMS. NASEMSO has put together a large, work group to develop some evidence-based guidelines for management of fatigue in EMS. Dr. Lindbeck said that he is on the Expert Panel that is working on this project. There will be an opportunity in the future to make comments regarding this issue on the NASEMSO website. • Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Active 2016 – Dr. Lindbeck provided some background information on the 1970 Drug Control Act that is a catalyst for this action. He explained the differences in how office physicians prescribe drugs for an individual patient as opposed to EMS physicians writing standing orders to apply to an unidentified patient at an unidentified time and place. The Drug Enforcement Administration is rewriting some of their internal regulations; however, they cannot write new regulations that do not follow the federal law. US HB 4365 to amend the 1970 Drug Control Act, allowing for EMS and how they prescribe standing orders, has been introduced by Rep. Richard Hudson from NC. <p>Dr. Lindbeck said additional information regarding this bill can be found at the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) website – www.naemsp.org.</p>	
<p>The Use of EMS Vaccinators During Flu POD Exercises – Ms. Hillary Jacobsen</p>	<p>Ms. Hillary Jacobsen, from the Virginia Department of Health Central Shenandoah Health District, gave a presentation reviewing a recent Flu Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise that was conducted in the Central Shenandoah area. The exercise was a partnership between the health system, the local government and the health department. It was unique because it used EMS providers as vaccinators in a drive-thru format and it was very successful.</p> <p>Ms. Jacobsen’s presentation explained POD sites and focused on utilizing EMS personnel as vaccinators.</p>  <p>2016 2 8 EMS as Vaccinators.pdf</p>	
<p>Report from the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Workgroup – Dr. Allen Yee</p>	<p>Dr. Yee gave a presentation on Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Community Paramedicine. He explained that the State EMS Advisory Board established the workgroup over a year ago that has been working on the topic. His presentation gave an overview of the need for MIH, as well as talked about the</p>	

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	<p>challenges, goals, and solutions.</p>  <p>MIHP for GAB V2.pdf</p> <p>Mr. Chip Decker asked if the State Health Commissioner has changed the guidance opinion, given the pressure to move forward with this initiative.</p> <p>Dr. Trump responded saying that he believes the guidance still stands. Dr. Trump said that the Director of Office and Licensure Certification, Erik Bodin, is available to discuss whether what is being proposed as a Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Community Paramedicine looks as if it is crossing over into the homecare world from the perspective of VDH and CMS. Dr. Trump said if the Commissioner heard this presentation, she would be concerned with what the community needs, what are the community resources and what they need to do together to improve the health of our community and residents of the community, and reduce healthcare cost and improve quality of care and outcomes for our patients.</p>	
Amanda Lavin – Assistant Attorney General	Ms. Lavin did not have a report.	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	Mr. Edwards was unable to attend the meeting, and there is no report.	
Rider Alert Safety Program – Rob Lawrence	Mr. Lawrence told the audience that they have been running the Rider Alert Safety Program in Virginia for the last four years. The program has been generously funded by the Department of Motor Vehicles as part of a Highway Safety Grant. This has allowed them to produce more helmet cards and stickers to go inside of helmets. Mr. Lawrence brought some display packets that individuals can take back to their organizations. Mr. Lawrence said that May is Motorcycle Safety month.	
Standing Committee Reports and Action Items		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee has met three times since the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting, in December, January and yesterday. • The December meeting was an Office of EMS update meeting to help set their agenda for the year. • They have been working with OEMS in support of the REPLICA bill. • ACS Report – The Executive committee has continued to work on the ACS Report. They met with the TSOMC in January to discuss the next steps for the ACS Report. <p>There will be a meeting on February 11 at the Courtyard by Marriott with TSOMC to discuss the process for addressing the report. Mr. Critzer will appoint a multi-disciplinary workgroup</p>	

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	to look at developing a timeframe for completing a draft Trauma plan. They will distribute the draft Plan to the various committees so that they can take each item of the ACS report and vet it through the system to find out what works for Virginia, the trauma system and the patients. The process will be open and inclusive.	
Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Robert Trimmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday, February 4. • Between November and January, there was 2.3 million dollars in grant payouts. • In the December 2015 cycle, there were 116 requests for 9.7 million dollars and 86 agencies were awarded grants totaling 4.5 million dollars. • EMS agencies need to register in the eVA system to receive their grant award funding. This is new information and the information with a link on the OEMS website. • Amanda Davis will be conducting webinars every Wednesday in February. Check the OEMS website for dates and times. 	
Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback	Mr. Hoback had no report as Coordinator.	
Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday, February 4. • The Medical Direction Committee met with them at their meeting concerning an issue in regards to supplemented transport requirements. They will address this issue during their periodic review this year. 	
Legislative and Planning Committee – Scott Winston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday, February 4. • They updated information on the status of regulations. • They discussed legislation that is moving through the General Assembly. • They had a discussion regarding membership and the possibility of replacing one of the committee’s members due to lack of attendance. 	
Infrastructure Coordinator – Chris Parker	Mr. Parker had no report as Coordinator.	
Transportation Committee – Chip Decker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee did not meet as last scheduled due to the snow storm. • They will be reviewing all of the RSAF grants that require a combustion engine. • They will be bringing forth their recommendations for the next generation ambulance in Virginia before July 1. 	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met earlier in the day. • They took actions on two PSAP accreditation applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winchester – Approved ○ King and Queen – Approved • P25 Compliant Radio Systems – They reaffirmed their position that systems purchased should be P25 compatible in order to be eligible for RSAF grant funding. • They will be recommending Mike Keefe from Virginia Department of Emergency Management / Tuckahoe Rescue to fill the role of an EMS representative on the First Responder Network Authority. 	

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Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday. • They had two presentations given at their meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restructuring of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) – a video of this presentation is on the VDEM website. ○ Northern Virginia Mobile Triage Program – They are looking at this program to see if it will be a solution for the Commonwealth. They have appointed a workgroup to look into it further. • Update on Model Uniform Core Criteria (MUCC) – Karen Owens recommended that MUCC be put on hold because there is indecisiveness at the federal level. The current triage tags are still available. 	
Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod, MD	Dr. McLeod has no report as Coordinator.	
Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. McLeod addressed an issue that was raised at the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting by Mr. Randy Breton of the Virginia Ambulance Association in regards to the makeup of the Medical Direction Committee. <p>Dr. McLeod gave the group background on the issue and how Mr. Breton’s questions have been addressed. She also explained why MDC has decided they do not need to add a transport medical director to the MDC.</p>	
Medevac Committee – Anita Perry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday, February 4. • They are continuing work with the STEMI Project, and they should have 2015 data available by the May meeting. • They will be presenting at the Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) meeting in May. • Drone Workgroup - The drone workgroup met last week, and they have put together a PowerPoint for education of drone operators across the state. • WeatherSafe Data – They had 681 entries for the last quarter and 56 percent were for interfacilities. They had no issues requiring them to submit letters for failure to submit information. 	
Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Michel Aboutanos, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met in December. • He thanked Vice-Chair, Genemarie McGee, Deputy Health Commissioner, Dr. Trump and Chair, Gary Critzer for their remarks regarding the ACS Report and their recommendation that this should be an open, inclusive and multidisciplinary process. • They met with the Executive Committee in January, and that time they decided that the first step in addressing the ACS Report is to draft a Trauma Plan. They will appoint a multidisciplinary workgroup to develop the Plan. • The Trauma Performance Improvement Committee has begun its work for their unit report on trauma triage. • The Injury and Violence Prevention subcommittee, at their last meeting, it was decided to treat it as a workgroup instead of subcommittee. A retreat will be planned for the workgroup that 	

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	<p>will probably be held in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Center Designations – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VCU Health System, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and the Norfolk General Hospital all have been verified as Level I Centers. ○ Winchester Medical Center and Chippenham Medical Center have been verified as Level II Centers. • Dr. Aboutanos commented that the ACS Report recognized that Virginia is very advanced in already having a Trauma Center Fund. • The Trauma Triage Task Force will be finalizing their recommendations on the State Trauma Triage Interfacility Transport Guidelines. The recommendations will be sent to the TSOMC, and he will be reporting their recommendations to the EMS Advisory Board. 	
EMS for Children Committee – Samuel Bartle, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on January 7. • Robin Pearce presented the pediatric-related topics from the ACS Report, and they discussed what was important in it for the kids. • They have been working with the EMS Partnership Grant, the Pediatric Readiness Program Project and the Pediatric Disaster Preparedness. 	
Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore	<p>Mr. Passmore has no report as Coordinator.</p>	
Training and Certification Committee – Ron Passmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Training and Certification Committee (TCC) met on January 6. • The Division of Education Development Staff, including BLS & ALS Training Specialists, EMS Training Funds and Certification Testing, provided updates. • The Intermediate 99 Workgroup, chaired by Larry Oliver, held their first meeting in December 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Workgroup is currently surveying other states regarding plans for the continued certification and recertification of EMT-Intermediates. ○ They estimate that Virginia certified approximately 200 new EMT-Intermediates in 2015. • The Training Regulations Review Workgroup, chaired by Chad Blosser held their last meeting on November 24, 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The workgroup surveyed 50 states with 25 states responding. Most pointed to their regulations regarding how they managed poor performing educators. ○ The workgroup concluded that with the recent changes in EMSTF and regulation that Virginia is in a good position, and they determined that they had completed their job. • The Test Order workgroup, chaired by Donna Burns, to consider the Cognitive vs. Psychomotor test order offered by OEMS was not convened due to OEMS accepting removal of the test order policy with planning implementation July 1, 2016. • Accreditation Program Internal Psychomotor Testing Workgroup, chaired by Chad Blosser, to consider allowing accredited EMT programs to conduct in-house psychomotor exams or competency validation through CapStone plans to ramp up their efforts. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next scheduled meeting for the TCC is April 6, 2016. 	
Workforce Development Committee – Jose Salazar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on Thursday, February 4. The EMS Officer Program is back on track, and they hope to have the pilot in the spring with the goal of releasing the program at the annual EMS Symposium. The Standards of Excellence group continues to meet. EMS agencies are encouraged to visit the OEMS website to complete the Standards of Excellence assessment. The group is working on a second document to help agencies having a hard time meeting the Standards of Excellence criteria showing them how they can work with OEMS to meet these standards. 	
Provider Health & Safety Committee – Dan Wildman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met earlier in the day; however, they did not have a quorum. Dr. Lindbeck presented information on provider fatigue. The committee discussed this issue and decided to continue to distribute information to their providers on this subject until national guidelines are established. They discussed establishing an EMS Safety Officer and establishing some guidelines for that position. They are looking for input from members of the EMS community. They invite interested parties to attend their next meeting to provide input on this topic. The committee continues distributing Safety Bulletins each month. 	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Michael Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Directors have met twice since the last meeting. They do not have any action items. February 29 will be the last day for Connie Purvis as the Executive Director of the Blue Ridge EMS Council after serving 32 years as Executive Director. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Eddie Ferguson – Goochland Fire & Rescue – Spoke to show support for the EMS Training Fund Program to continue to fund the auxiliary CE Programs. If it is still in discussion, he feels it would be worthwhile to revisit and make sure those programs stay funded. He said they may not totally line up with some of the new CE requirements, he thinks many of the operational medical directors require ACLS and PALS and PHCLS for their providers to ensure quality of patient care.	
OLD BUSINESS	None.	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Committee Assignments – Mr. Critzer said they have been approached by a few committees who are concerned about having to reappoint membership of the committee on an annual basis. The current Bylaws state that the Executive Committee working with the Chair of each standing committee will reappoint the individuals on an annual basis. They have been asked for multi-year appointments so they do not have to come back each year to appoint committees. Mr. Critzer will be putting together a Bylaw change for the Board’s consideration. The Board will receive the proposed Bylaw change prior to the next meeting for discussion, and it cannot be approved until the August meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that in the short term, the Executive Committee could reappoint the committee appointments until the Bylaw change is in place.</p>	Mr. Gary Critzer will propose a change to the Bylaws to allow multi-year appointments for members of the committees of the state EMS Advisory Board. These proposed changes will be distributed to Board members prior to the May 6, 2015 meeting.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.	