

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott, Virginia
Friday, August 7, 2015
1:00 pm**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Sherrin C. Alsop - Virginia Association of Counties	Michel B. Aboutanos, MD, MPH, FACS - American College of Surgeons (Excused)	Gary R. Brown	David Trump, MD, MPH - Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health & Preparedness
Byron F. Andrews, III - Virginia State Firefighters Association	Julia Marsden – Consumer (Excused)	Scott Winston	Amanda Lavin - Office of the Attorney General
Samuel T. Bartle, MD - American Academy of Pediatrics	Genemarie W. McGee - Tidewater EMS Council (Excused)	George Lindbeck, MD	Bruce Edwards – Board of Health Representative
Gary P. Critzer - Central Shenandoah EMS Council	Marilyn K. McLeod, MD, FACEP - Blue Ridge EMS Council (Excused)	Wanda Street	Michael Player – Peninsulas EMS Council
Valeta C. Daniels - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Christopher L. Parker, BSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, CCEMTP - Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association (Excused)	Bob Swander	Jim Chandler, Tidewater EMS Council
Richard H. Decker, III - Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Jose V. Salazar, MPH, NREMT-P - Northern Virginia EMS Council (Excused)	Adam Harrell	Ed Rhodes – VAVRS/VAA/RDG/VAGEMSA/VFCA
Lisa M. Dodd, DO - Virginia College of Emergency Physicians		Warren Short	Jane Hornbeck – VAVRS/VFCA/VAA
Stephen J. Elliott - Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		Scotty Williams	Wayne Perry – Rappahannock EMS Council
Jason D. Ferguson - Western Virginia EMS Council		Wayne Berry	Randolph Breton – Physicians Transport
Joan F. Foster - Virginia Municipal League		Paul Fleenor	Kevin Dillard – Lifecare/National EMS Memorial Service
S. Denene Hannon - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads		Ron Kendrick	Marcia Pescitani – Northern Virginia EMS Council
Jonathan D. Henschel - Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Tim Perkins	Bob Ramsey – Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (VACEP)
David Hoback - Virginia Fire Chief's Association		Stephen McNeer	Al Thompson – Bon Secours
Sudha Jayaraman, MD, MSc - Medical Society of Virginia		Ken Crumpler	Jennie Collins – Prince William County Fire & Rescue
Jason R. Jenkins - Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters		Connie Green	Mark Whiting – Virginia Employment Commission
Cheryl Lawson, MD, FACEP - Peninsulas EMS Council		Tristen Graves	Richard Rubino – Stonewall Jackson Vol. Fire and Rescue
Ronald Passmore, NRP - Southwest Virginia EMS Council		Karen Owens	Robert Trimmer – Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Anita Perry, RN, MSN, CEN, AAS/NREMT-P, CMTE - Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association		Marian Hunter	Carol Pratt – Virginia Department of Health

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Kelly G. Southard - Rappahannock EMS Council		Robin Pearce	Rachel Dillon – Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Daniel C. Wildman - Virginia Ambulance Association		Amanda Davis	Damien Coy – Old Dominion EMS Alliance
William B. Ferguson – Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)		James Burch	Jeff Meyer – Portsmouth Fire/Rescue
John T. Korman – Associated Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)		David Edwards	Amy Ward – Portsmouth Fire/Rescue
		Irene Hamilton	Shelley Clary – Bedford County Fire & Rescue Dan Norville – Norfolk Fire-Rescue Janet Blankenship – Bedford County Fire & Rescue John Sayers – Chesterfield Fire & EMS Christopher Lindsay – HCA Virginia Timothy McKay – Chesterfield Fire & EMS Bryan S. McRay – Old Dominion EMS Alliance Allen Yee, M.D. – Chesterfield Fire & EMS Larry A. Oliver – Frederick County Fire and Rescue Chad Blosser – Central Shenandoah EMS Council Greg Woods – Southwest Virginia EMS Council Connie R. Purvis – Blue Ridge EMS Council John R. Dugan – American Heart Association John F. Galganski – James City County Fire Department Mark A. Wright – James City County Fire Department Gary Dalton – VAA/VAVRS Karen Wagner – FARC/VAVRS Seth Mowles – Bedford County Fire & Rescue

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer, Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. • The group stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. • The minutes of the May 8, 2015 meeting was approved by unanimous consent. • The August 7, 2015 draft meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent. 	

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Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer made the Board and audience aware of recent recognitions of two State EMS Advisory Board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Passmore, whose restaurant in Galax, Virginia was recently recognized as one of the top ten barbecue restaurants in Virginia. • Joan Foster was honored by the Lynchburg Bar Association with its Liberty Bell Award, and an article recognizing her honor was published in the <i>Virginia City and Town</i> magazine, a publication produced by the Virginia Municipal League. <p>Mr. Critzer represented the State EMS Advisory Board at the Fire and EMS Memorial Service in June, and he encouraged others to attend this service in the future. Mr. Critzer also attended several committee meetings over the past quarter.</p>	
Vice Chair Report – Genemarie McGee	<p>Ms. McGee was not in attendance at this meeting and there was no report.</p>	
Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness – David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Trump reported that Dr. Levine, the State Health Commissioner, also attended the Fire and EMS Memorial Service in June. • Dr. Trump gave a brief update regarding Ebola. • Dr. Trump reported on the continued work around the state in an effort to improve the health care of Virginia citizens. Dr. Trump emphasized the importance for EMS to take part in these discussions. 	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown; Scott Winston; Dr. George Lindbeck; and other OEMS staff	<p>Mr. Brown welcomed two new members to the State EMS Advisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William (Billy) Ferguson representing the Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA) and • John Korman representing the Associated Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). <p>Mr. Brown reminded the Board about the American College of Surgeon’s (ACS) State Trauma System Consultative Visit that will take place in the first week of September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-review questionnaires were sent out and the returned questionnaires have been sent to the ACS. Mr. Brown thanked everyone who took time to complete the questionnaires. • Invitations have been mailed and the deadline to RSVP has passed. The ACS is very specific in not allowing anyone who has not RSVP’d to attend the site visit even if they did receive an invitation. Mr. Brown reiterated that no one who has not RSVP will be admitted at the door of the site visit. • EMS Compass – Mr. Brown reported that EMS Compass is a national effort, a cooperative agreement between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Office of EMS and the National Association of EMS Officials to develop evidence-based performance measures for the nation. The measures will also be based on the National EMS Information System and eventually linked to quality of patient care, as well as impact reimbursements. <p>Information can be found on the OEMS website and at the EMS Compass website,</p>	

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	<p>www.emscompass.org . The EMS Compass has released its first set of EMS performance measures, and the public can review and make comment on them by August 26. Mr. Brown emphasized that this will impact EMS nationally and as well as locally for EMS providers and agencies. OEMS will keep everyone informed of this endeavor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Symposium – The next EMS Advisory Board meeting will be held in Norfolk, Virginia in conjunction with the EMS Symposium. The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 11. <p>Registration is free for State EMS Advisory Board members. Board members should have received an email with a link to register for Symposium, but if they didn't please let Irene know.</p> <p>All board members receive at least one night's lodging so they can attend the board meeting. OEMS will arrange a room within the OEMS room block for board members who want to attend the Symposium and desire additional nights at their own expense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National EMS Memorial Service – Mr. Brown asked Kevin Dillard, the founder of the National EMS Memorial Service, to give the group an update on the service, which is returning to the East Coast after being held in Colorado for several years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Dillard shared some background information on the origination of the National EMS Memorial Service, which began in Roanoke, Virginia. It was moved to Colorado, which was selected as the permanent home for the service. However, that plan did not work out and it has been moved back to Virginia. They are looking for a permanent home in Virginia and until it is found everything will be housed in Fredericksburg. • EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (EVENT) – Scott Winston talked about the purpose of EVENT and reported that there are some reports being submitted from Virginia providers. He explained that the tool, which is voluntary, helps to document (1) incidents of near misses; (2) violence against providers/line of duty; (3) medication errors; and (4) equipment failures. The tool is used in the United States and Canada to identify trends that may exist in those areas with the aim of improving processes or procedures and helping to reduce the incidents of these dangerous circumstances and situations in the future. • Naloxone Presentation – Dr. George Lindbeck informed the group that during the last session the General Assembly passed two bills for use of naloxone by non-certified providers. His presentation gave an update on the use of naloxone by non-certified providers and why this has become a “hot topic” issue. 	

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	<p>Dr. Lindbeck explained that these new bills direct The Board of Pharmacy to put together a required regulations and training program with input from the Board of Health and the Department of Medicine. OEMS was contacted and gave feedback.</p> <p>Dr. Trump informed the group that the Board of Pharmacy has posted their protocol on their website outlining what pharmacists are supposed to do to evaluate prescriptions and dispense medication.</p> <p>Dr. Trump informed the group that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has put together a program REVIVE that provides training materials for lay individuals when dealing with overdoses. The REVIVE program is available on their website at http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/substance-abuse/revive.</p> <p>Bob Ramsey, Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (VACEP) Executive Director, informed the group that next week they are hosting a task force of emergency physicians to discuss establishing guidelines on the distribution of opioids in emergency departments. Mr. Ramsey also reported that their group was able to help in the defeat of proposed Virginia General Assembly legislation that would have required emergency physicians to find out where heroin overdose patients obtained the heroin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare Industry Coordinator Bridge To Employment Program, Virginia Employment Commission – Mark Whiting <p>Mr. Whiting informed the group about the Bridge to Employment Program, which is a new statewide initiative that is a part of a Department of Labor Demonstration Project. The project targets three specific industry sectors – (1) healthcare; (2) advanced manufacturing; and (3) logistics and supply chains. Mr. Whiting said that they have experts in those three areas and pair them with staff on the military bases who are working with veterans and transitioning service members who may want to enter one of those three fields. He informed the group of available resources for individuals, stakeholder groups and HR recruitment staff. They have the Virginia Employment Connection website; Bridge-to-Employment Coordinators who work on military bases; and they offer job fair services. Mr. Whiting said all of these services are free of charge to the public.</p>	
Amanda Lavin, Assistant Attorney General	Ms. Lavin had no report.	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	<p>Mr. Edwards reported that the Board of Health met on June 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agenda included briefings on Virginia’s plan for well being; the heroin abuse issue; an updates on Ebola and the measles. • They also had three regulatory actions- regulations governing Virginia newborn screening 	

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	<p>services, a NOIRA on Virginia Radiation Protection regulations; and the regulations for licensures of hospitals in Virginia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Edwards made the Board members aware of the REPLICA issue and how important it is to EMS. • Mr. Edwards was re-elected as Chair of the Board of Health. 	
Standing Committee Reports and Action Items		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that the Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 6, 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions at the meeting included the historically low attendance at the August State EMS Advisory Board meetings. Since several board members were unable to attend this meeting; and it has been noted over the years that attendance is typically down at the August meeting due to vacations and other obligations, the group discussed several options for changing the August meeting date in the future. <p>After discussion, however, it was determined that the current meeting schedule should remain in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Committee Chair – Matt Tatum has rotated off the State EMS Advisory Board. Matt was the Chair of the Transportation Committee, and, therefore, that chairmanship was vacant. Chip Decker was nominated, and has accepted, the position as Chair of the Transportation Committee. • REPLICA – This was the EMS Compact bill that was defeated in the House during the last General Assembly session. OEMS intends to take the bill back to the General Assembly in the upcoming session, and they are in the process of finding a patron to sponsor the bill. Ed Rhodes is working to find a sponsor for the bill. VDH is encouraging OEMS to find a sponsor for the bill; even though they will not be including the bill in its legislative packet this session since it was unable to get it passed in the last session. <p>OEMShas developed a Resolution to support REPLICA. The State EMS Advisory Board members will be asked today to support this resolution so it can be sent forward. The Resolution was included in the Quarterly Report, Appendix A. Constituent organizations will also be asked to take this resolution to your organizations and local governments and ask them to support it, as well.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Appendix A.pdf</p> </div>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the Resolution in support of REPLICA.</p> <p>Vote: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>

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	<p>Scott Winston gave a brief history and purpose for REPLICA. The Chair asked for a motion and second to vote, which he received, allowing the State EMS Advisory Board to take action on the resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatrics Committee – Dr. Jayaraman had asked the Executive Committee about the possibility of establishing a Geriatrics Committee to address the needs of that population. The Executive Committee did have some concerns about duplication of effort and decided that before establishing a full committee that they should begin with a Geriatrics Workgroup. • Nominating Committee – Mr. Critzer said that he had to appoint a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of officers for the State EMS Advisory Board for the next year. He asked Ron Passmore to Chair the committee. The other members of the committee are Marilyn McLeod, Stephen Elliott, Anita Perry, and Jon Henschel. <p>Mr. Critzer asked for, and received, a motion and second to accept the Nominating Committee. Hearing no discussion, he called for a vote on the motion.</p>	<p>Dr. Jayaraman will Chair the workgroup. They will work with Dr. Jayaraman to determine the individuals who should be a part of the workgroup.</p> <p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the appointed Nominating Committee – Ron Passmore, Marilyn McLeod, Stephen Elliott, Anita Perry, and Jon Henschel.</p> <p>Vote: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Robert Trimmer</p>	<p>Mr. Trimmer reported that the committee met on Thursday, August 6. He gave an update of the grant program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From May to July of 2015, OEMS has processed \$1.8 million in grant reimbursements. They have also processed one emergency grant in the amount of \$144,000. • In the last cycle, they received 152 applications requesting \$10,724,108. They awarded to 115 agencies in the amount of \$5,068,323. • The initial phase of the E-Gift application is close to being completed. They have a grant cycle open now that will close on September 15. Please remind anyone putting in grant requests for ambulances of the new cot retention requirements and to include those in their grant requests. 	
<p>Administrator Coordinator – David Hoback</p>	<p>Mr. Hoback does not have a report.</p>	
<p>Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel</p>	<p>Mr. Henschel reported that the Rules and Regulations Committee did not meet on Thursday because they had no action items or current projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fast Track items are still waiting review. • The DDNR Review is still soliciting Public Comment on Town Hall. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMS Regulations periodic review will begin next year. • The Transportation Committee is still working on ambulance standards. • Technical Service Advisories are being issued by two cot vendors to address concerns of the current antler and rail fastening systems. 	
Legislative & Planning Committee – Joan Foster	<p>Ms. Foster reported that the Legislative and Planning Committee did not meet earlier today because they had no pertinent items to discuss. She gave an overview of the committee’s projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They discussed REPLICCA and a resolution that was just approved by the State EMS Advisory Board. • The State EMS Plan was approved by the Board of Health on June 5, 2014. The Plan must be reviewed and updated every three years. They will be starting the process to update the Plan. • The Legislative and Planning Committee will also be reviewing the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS Strategic Plan for potential incorporation into the State EMS Plan. • Scott Winston talked about the Comprehensive Clean-Up bill. He explained that due to some statutory changes some definition changes in their current EMS regulations (12VAC5-31) are necessary. Because a full review of the regulations is a lengthy process, OEMS has submitted a Fast Track regulation packet to VDH Executive Management that makes some specific non-controversial changes to the regulations. • Ms. Foster reported that potential legislation for the 2016 General Assembly session is a budget amendment to cover the additional cost of installing cot retention systems in ambulances manufactured after July 1, 2015. 	<p>EMS Advisory Board Standing Committees should review their portion of the Plan to determine any updates they might want to the Plan.</p> <p>Inform Scott Winston or Joan Foster of any items you want the Legislative & Planning Committee to review for the possibility of taking them to the General Assembly.</p>
Transportation Committee -	No report.	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	<p>The committee met earlier in the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They discussed the accreditation process and made some minor adjustments to some training requirements associated with the accreditation process. • They issued conditional PSAP Accreditation to Dickinson County and Fauquier County based on verifying some numbers they had on trained and certified individuals. • Their next meeting will be held at the EMS Symposium. 	
Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback	<p>Mr. Hoback reported that the Emergency Management Committee met on Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He gave an update on the Mutual Aid Net software. Approximately 100 resources have been loaded in the system and the implementation of the foundation training will begin the week of August 10. • They talked about the transition of the national model for the triage from START to SALT or 	

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	<p>Model Uniform Core Criteria (MUCC) for mass casualty triage. The committee will stand by the START triage for the moment.</p>	
<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. McLeod is not in attendance due to a work-related emergency, but Mr. Critzer gave her report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medical Direction Committee met in July. They had presentations from Dr. Michael Feldman from the VCU Burn Center and Dr. Calland from the UVA Trauma Center. • They discussed improving communications between the Trauma Committee and the Medical Direction Committee. • The committee also discussed EMS Technician and driver fatigue and agreed to work with the Provider Health and Safety Committee on ways of reducing these situations. 	
<p>Medical Direction Committee – George Lindbeck, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Lindbeck introduced two action items from the MDC that both refer to the Scope of Practice documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) / Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Forms - Dr. Lindbeck reported that MDC discussed use of these forms as an alternative to the DDNR form. They decided that since the DDNR form is 	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves that the scope of practice formulary be expanded for Emergency Medical Responders/First Responders to allow the administration of naloxone. Vote: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves that the scope of practice formulary be expanded for ocular analgesics to the EMT level. Vote: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion was carried unanimously.</p>

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	still in Public Comment that they will wait until the end of the Public Comment period before they decide with the stakeholders how they can address this issue most efficiently.	
Medevac Committee – Anita Perry	<p>Ms. Perry reported that the Medevac Committee met on Thursday and they have no action items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is continuing its work on the project for air transport of STEMI patients. They have collected data for two quarters, and the workgroup will meet again the end of August to discuss their next phase of the project. Ms. Perry has some PowerPoint presentations of the data available. • Weather Turndown data – They are continuing to access the data entered into the Virginia Helicopter EMS Program, and they did not have to send any helicopter shopping letters this quarter. • A workgroup has been formed to draft a one-page Landing Zone Safety Guideline document that will be submitted to the task force that is currently reviewing the Trauma Designation Guidelines. • The next meeting is in November at the EMS Symposium. 	
Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee – Robin Pearce	<p>Dr. Aboutanos was not in attendance at the meeting. Robin Pearce from the Office of EMS gave the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has a new member, Dr. Keith Stephenson from New River Valley Medical Center in Christiansburg Virginia is now the Level 3 representative. He is replacing Dr. Makhoul from Chippenham Hospital since Chippenham Hospital has become Level 2 Trauma Center. The committee is still trying to recruit a citizen representative. • Johnston-Willis Hospital is now a Level 3 Trauma Center. • The committee has a subgroup that is working on the update for the State Triage Plan, and the committee is also working on site review education since they will be expanding their review pool. • They have multiple non-trauma center hospitals throughout the state that are contemplating utilizing the ACS program, the Rural Trauma Team Development Course. • Work is continuing on the ACS agenda. 	
EMS for Children – Samuel Bartle, M.D.	<p>Dr. Bartle reported that the committee met on July 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues on the PEDS ED Readiness Evaluation for the state’s emergency departments. • The American Academy of Pediatrics has proposed setting up a coalition of coastal states in preparation for any future hurricanes or other natural disasters that would require interstate interaction. • The committee is working on the Pediatric Trauma guidelines. • The committee is also soliciting pediatric topics for the 2016 Virginia EMS Symposium. 	
Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore	Mr. Passmore had no collaborative items to report as Coordinator.	

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Training & Certification Committee – Ron Passmore	<p>Mr. Passmore reported that the committee met on July 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new course delivery process is up and running and most programs are requesting non-traditional (on-line) status. • The 2015 Symposium online registration is open. • The 2016 Symposium Call for Presentations opened on July 7. • EMS Training Funds are addressing some fraudulent issues that were discovered, as well as making changes to address these issues in the future. • There are two new TCC workgroups that have been established and will begin work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EMT Intermediate 99 Planning Workgroup – Larry Oliver, Chair ○ Training Regulations Review Workgroup – Chad Blosser, Chair • At their next TCC meeting, the Department of Educational Development (DED) will provide information regarding the CE transition in 2016. Also, at the next meeting the Training Program Manual (TPAM) will be presented. • The next meeting is scheduled on October 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Office of EMS. 	
Workforce Development Committee – Ron Passmore	<p>Mr. Passmore gave the report since Mr. Salazar was not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee did not meet on Thursday due to a lack of quorum. The minutes of the May 7 meeting are available on the OEMS website. The committee’s primary goal is to complete the EMS Officer and Standards of Excellence Programs. The next meeting is scheduled at the EMS Symposium. • The EMS Officer Workgroup has met several times since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting. They are working on the development of an EMS Officer I course, and they continue to make edits and draft content of all the modules. They do not have an updated completion date or date of launch for the pilot course at the moment. • The Standards of Excellence Workgroup has identified agencies in different parts of the Commonwealth who have volunteered to participate in the pilot phase. Two agencies have completed the self survey and site visits are being scheduled for the two agencies. The pilot phase is scheduled to be completed by October 2015. All of the documents are available on the OEMS website at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Agency/SoE.htm. • The Virginia Recruitment and Retention Network met on July 31 at the Virginia State Firefighters Conference in Hampton, Virginia with approximately 40-50 attendees. It was a panel discussion with Kim Craig of Staunton-Augusta, Cris Leonard of Hanover County, and Bradley Quinn of Purcellville presenting their best practices and fielding questions from the audience. The next meeting of the Recruitment and Retention Network will be held during the EMS Symposium in November. 	
Provider Health and Safety Committee – Daniel Wildman	<p>The committee met on Wednesday, August 5 at the Office of EMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee continues to distribute monthly topics regarding health and safety through OEMS social media platforms. Please share any topics you would like to see shared. • The committee continues to work with Workforce Development Committee and the EMS Officer Program in regards to provider health and safety issues. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee has been asked to come up with some guidelines for fatigue in the EMS workforce. They welcome any feedback that could help with the development of the guidelines. 	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors Group – Greg Woods	<p>The Regional Directors group met on Thursday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They discussed standardization of their IT structures across the region. They discussed with OEMS the development of a Regional EMS Council portal that would give them access to data and reports. They appreciate OEMS commitment to that project. Their next meeting is December 3, which will be their Officer Election meeting. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Dugan – American Heart Association – Made the audience aware of the Mission Lifeline Program, which is their STEMI Project; an EMS recognition program that recognizes EMS agencies for providing quality care to STEMI patients. Damien Coy – Field Rep and CISM Coordinator for Old Dominion EMS Alliance (ODEMSA) – Addressed the audience in regards to Provider Health and Safety issues. He said that in addition to preventing fatigue of EMS providers that there are increasing numbers of suicide by providers. He asked if there was a possibility of forming a CISM Committee. <p>Connie Green, OEMS staff for the Provider Health and Safety Committee, addressed his concerns. She said that CISM comes under the Provider Health and Safety Committee. Ms. Green said they have been watching those trends, as well, and it is on their radar screen.</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	None	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.	