

Legislation and Planning Committee Meeting (L&P)
Crowne Plaza West, Richmond
Friday, February 10, 2012
9:00 A.M.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Chris Eudailey, Chair	Robin Foster, MD	Scott Winston	Gary Samuels
Michael Player	Byron Andrews	Gary Brown	Bruce Edwards
Kent Weber	Ed Rhodes	Michael Berg	Dreama Chandler
Rob Logan, Vice-Chair		Tim Perkins	Cathy Fox
Matt Tatum		Paul Sharpe	Keith Morrison
Gary Dalton		Dr. George Lindbeck	
Art Lipscomb			

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OPENING	Mr. Chris Eudailey called the meeting to order at 9 AM. The minutes from Friday, August 12, 2011 were reviewed. The minutes were approved as written.	Motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2011 meeting made by Michael Player. Seconded by Rob Logan. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Chris Eudailey abstained from the vote.
OEMS UPDATE	<p>Mr. Scott Winston reported that Ms. Beth Singer, OEMS Public Relations Coordinator has resigned to accept a position with the National White Collar Crime Center. OEMS intends to initiate the recruit process for this position in the near future.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported the Governor has confirmed the appointment for the Virginia Fire Chief's Association on the state EMS Advisory Board. Chief David Hoback from City of Roanoke Fire Department was appointed. The consumer seat on the state EMS Advisory Board remains vacant.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Winston reported approximately the number of certified EMS personnel in Virginia accessing the EMS Portal continues to grow. Over the last several years, OEMS has initiated access to OEMS records and reports to EMS Instructors, EMS Providers, and EMS Agencies. The next group to obtain access will be EMS Medical Directors.</p> <p>Several EMS Medical Director “Hot Topic/Current Trends” training courses have been scheduled in the next several months. Courses will be held in Fredericksburg, VA on Wednesday, March 7 and another program will be held on May 3 at a location to be named.</p> <p>Mr. Paul Sharpe reported the national EMS dataset and technical requirements are being changed and each state, including Virginia, has made significant changes to their EMS data collection programs. Virginia is moving from the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) version 2 standards to NEMSIS version 3. On February 1, 2012, a draft copy of the Virginia version 3 Data Dictionary was made public. State, regional and local data committees, EMS software vendors, EMS agencies, organizations and associations, and all other interested parties have been invited and encouraged to provide input via a Virginia version 3 (VAv3) Wiki site. The Wiki site is https://vphib-vav3.wikispaces.com/</p> <p>On January 1, 2013, OEMS will begin collecting version 3 data from EMS agencies. March 30, 2013 is the last day EMS agencies can submit version 2 format data to OEMS.</p> <p>Mr. Bruce Edwards provided an update on activities and actions of the Virginia Board of Health. Mr. Edwards stated that EMS now has a seat at the table and we can have a tremendous influence on public health matters. Mr. Edwards referenced recent proposed budget cuts to dental care for indigent children. He stated this has everything to do with EMS because studies have shown that poor dental care leads to a higher incidence of heart disease and other diseases of the body. Other examples Mr. Edwards shared included reduction of childhood obesity and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). According to Mr. Edwards, EMS needs to take a thirty (30) thousand foot view and encourage and promote greater integration of EMS into VDH and public health. EMS has an opportunity to intervene to make things better from a healthcare standpoint.</p>	

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	<p>Several comments were made by committee members in response to Mr. Edwards statements. Questions about federal funding intended for Fire and EMS agencies were raised and the use of these funds by Emergency Preparedness and Response. Another comment simply stated was, “OEMS has been a cash cow for VDH” and efforts to increase integration of EMS into public health are only attempts to use \$4 for Life funding intended for EMS for other public health programs in VDH.</p>	
<p>STATE EMS PLAN UPDATE</p>	<p>Mr. Tim Perkins reported the final draft of the plan was approved by the state EMS Advisory Board at their August 13, 2010 meeting. OEMS presented the final approved Plan to the Board of Health (BoH) at their meeting on October 15, 2010.. The BoH subsequent ratified the Commissioners approval of the plan at their March 11, 2011 meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Perkins indicated OEMS has recently provided written updates to each key strategic initiative and their associated objectives and action steps. Beginning with the May 2012 state EMS Advisory Board meeting, and for all subsequent Advisory Board meetings, a written update on the State EMS Plan will be provided in each quarterly report.</p> <p>Mr. Michael Player suggested OEMS should establish a portal on the OEMS Web site to receive comments and suggestions from EMS stakeholders about the state EMS Plan. Mr. Player also mentioned it would be helpful to know the number of individuals that visit the EMS Plan page on the OEMS Web site.</p>	<p>OEMS should establish a portal on Web site to receive comments from EMS stakeholders about the state EMS Plan.</p>
<p>EMS REGULATIONS</p>	<p>Mr. Michael Berg reported that the EMS Regulations have been in the Governor’s office for 178 days. It is not likely anything will happen with the EMS Regulations until after the 2012 session of the Virginia General Assembly concludes on March 11, 2012 and the reconvened veto session is held on April 18, 2012.</p>	
<p>2012 session - EMS RELATED LEGISLATION</p>	<p>The Office of EMS has been assigned lead on four (4) bills during the 2012 session of the Virginia General Assembly (HB 177 – access to Trauma Registry Data for regional EMS Councils, HB 380 – Victims of crime, regional plans, and the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, HB 533 – prohibits reallocation of \$4forLife funds with approval from VA General Assembly and SB 312 – same as HB 533). It was reported legislators are very aware and sensitive about attempts to reallocate EMS funds. Senator Stosch, Chair of the Senate Education</p>	

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	<p>and Health Committee expressed understanding about SB 312, and it's intent. At Senator Stosch's recommendation, SB 312 was carried over to next year's session of the General Assembly and will be brought back up if the Senate Finance committees fail to deal with relevant budget amendments related to EMS funding. HB 940 will stagger terms of appointment to the state EMS Advisory Board beginning in July 1, 2012. New appointments to the Board will be made for 2, 3, and 4 year terms and then revert to a standard 3 year appointment term after all new appointments are made.</p> <p>Mr. Art Lipscomb, Virginia Professional Fire Fighters (VPPF) distributed a legislative report to the committee on bills being tracked by VPPF. Mr. Lipscomb updated the committee on the status of bill related to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) – SB497 and SB498, Line of Duty Death – SB125/HB740 and SB438 and conversations at Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) debriefings to be considered privileged (HB856/SB362) and several bills that would allow localities to regulate the use of traffic control devices (opticom).</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	<p>The Committee re-opened the discussion about the make-up of the Legislative and Planning committee.</p> <p>Scott Winston reported that over the last fifteen (15) months, the committee composition has been identified five (5) different ways with membership numbers of 10, 10, 11, 9 and 12. The following organizations have been identified in every membership listing of the committee: Committee Chair, VAVRS, VFCA, VPPF, regional EMS Council, VAGEMSA, and two (2) At-Large positions. Mr. Winston reported some of the confusion about the composition of the committee occurs when state EMS Advisory Board member serving as the Chair of the Committee also represents one of the recognized organizational members of the committee.</p> <p>Michael Player commented that the committee should be comprised of representatives from large constituent groups that yield a lot of legislative power. There was further discussion about the need for a representative from EMS for Children (EMSC) that represents a specialized, and narrowly defined group. An observation was made that there is no other organizational membership on the committee representing other specialty groups.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Gary Dalton and seconded by Rob Logan that the committee should</p>	<p>Motion by Gary</p>

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	<p>be composed of the following ten (10) organizations: Committee Chair from state EMS Advisory Board, VAVRS, VAGEMSA, VFCA, VPFF, regional EMS Council, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA), Virginia State Fire Fighters Association, and two (2) At-Large members.</p> <p>Discussion of the motion followed. Mr. Kent Weber indicated he was representing an At-Large seat on the committee and expressed his willingness to step down from the committee because he jokingly felt he represented the geriatric population on the committee. It was noted Mr. Weber's participation on the committee has been invaluable based on his long history and knowledge of the EMS system in Virginia.</p> <p>After further discussion, an amended motion was made by Matt Tatum and seconded by Michael Player to replace one of the At-Large positions on the committee with a representative from local government (VACO/VML). The amended motion called for the composition of the committee to reflect the following ten (10) organizations: Committee Chair from state EMS Advisory Board, VAVRS, VAGEMSA, VFCA, VPFF, regional EMS Council, VHHA, Virginia State Fire Fighters Association, local government representative (VACO/VML) and one (1) At-Large member.</p> <p>The committee unanimously approved the motion as amended.</p>	<p>Dalton and seconded by Rob Logan for composition of the committee to be Chair from state EMS Adv. Board, VAVRS, VAGEMSA, VFCA, VPFF, regional EMS Council, VHHA, VFFA and two (2) At-Large positions.</p> <p>Amended motion made by Matt Tatum and seconded by Michael Player for composition of the committee to be Chair from state EMS Adv. Board, VAVRS, VAGEMSA, VFCA, VPFF, regional EMS Council, VHHA, VFFA, local govt. representative, and one (1) At-Large position.</p> <p>The amended motion was approved unanimously by the committee.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	There was no public comment.	
Meeting dates for 2012	The following meeting dates were announced for 2012:	

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	<p>Friday, May 18 and Friday, August 10 in Richmond, VA at the Crowne Plaza West and Wednesday, November 7 or an alternate date that coincides with the Virginia Fire Services Council Legislative Summit (typically held in October time frame).</p> <p>All meetings will begin at 9 AM unless otherwise indicated.</p>	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM	

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