

**State EMS Advisory Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA
August 6, 2015
11:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others:	Staff:
Gary Critzer, Chair Central Shenandoah EMS Council	Genemarie McGee, Vice Chair (Excused) Tidewater EMS Council	Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Regional Council	Gary R. Brown
David Hoback Virginia Fire Chiefs Association	Marilyn McLeod, MD (Excused) Blue Ridge EMS Council	Ed Rhodes	Scott Winston
Ronald Passmore Southwest VA EMS Council			Paul Sharpe
Bruce W. Edwards EMS Advisory Board Representative on the Board of Health			Warren Short
			George Lindbeck Irene Hamilton

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Call to Order/Introductions	Gary Critzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m.	
Approval of the Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.	
Approval of the Minutes	The minutes from the May 7 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.	
Low Attendance at August Meeting	<p>Mr. Critzer said it has become a noticeable pattern that the August board meeting has lower than usual attendance. This is typically due to summer vacations. Gary Brown and he have been discussing the situation, and Mr. Critzer asked the members present what their thoughts were on ways to remedy this situation.</p> <p>The committee discussed a few options; (1) not having a summer meeting, if the Code allows; (2) moving the meeting to another date; (3) holding the meeting in conjunction with the VAVRS Convention that is held in September at Virginia Beach; or perhaps, just moving the meeting to different locations around the state.</p>	Since the Code of Virginia dictates that there must be at least four meetings per year, and moving the meeting around the state would probably be costly and disruptive, it was decided to keep the meetings in Richmond and within the current time frame.

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REPLICA Legislation Update	<p>Mr. Critzer said that the Health Department (VDH) has informed them that while they support the REPLICA bill, it will not be an initiative for them in the upcoming legislative session due to the opposition it encountered last session. VDH encouraged OEMS to bring it back to the floor using constituent organizations.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes gave the group an update on some of the work he has been doing in an effort to get the bill back on the floor this session. Mr. Rhodes said he knows he has at least one patron that would sponsor the bill in the upcoming session. Mr. Rhodes said that he recently met with Secretary Hazel and discussed the REPLICA bill during that meeting. He said that Secretary Hazel is supportive of the bill and will recommend that the Governor support the bill again this year.</p> <p>Ed. Rhodes recounted some of the concerns that a key delegate he has spoken with has in regards to the Compact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have other states joined the Compact? 2. Will the Compact bring in increased cost? 3. He has a problem with one person representing the entire EMS system for Virginia. 4. He wants to know how a national compact addresses Lee County to Fairfax, volunteer to career. <p>Mr. Rhodes said that the delegate has requested that Gary Brown contact his counterparts in the states around Virginia to discuss a MOU or reciprocal agreements.</p> <p>Gary Critzer told the group that the on Friday the EMS Advisory Board will be asked to support a resolution that has been drafted by the Legislative and Planning committee supporting REPLICA. There will be packets distributed and available to all localities asking the local governments around Virginia to adopt the same resolution and forward it to their delegates.</p>	<p>Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Marilyn McLeod and Ed Rhodes hope to have a meeting with a key delegate regarding this bill in the near future.</p>
EMS for Geriatrics Committee	<p>Mr. Critzer gave the group an update on a topic that was discussed at the May meeting regarding request by EMS Advisory Board member, Dr. Jayaraman, who expressed an interest in having the Advisory Board create a committee for EMS and Geriatrics. Since there was some concerns about duplication of efforts and a need for more understanding as to what her objectives were for a Geriatrics Committee, Mr. Critzer asked Dr. Jayaraman for some specifics as to issues that she would like the committee to address. He relayed the information to the Executive Committee, and he received feedback which indicated support for at least establishing a Workgroup representing the different areas that Dr. Jayaraman would like to address.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked the group if they have any objections to establishing either a Geriatrics Committee or Workgroup. Dave Hoback and Dr. Lindbeck feel that it should begin as a Workgroup. Mr. Critzer said that is the message which he has conveyed to Dr. Jayaraman.</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer will work with Dr. Jayaraman to establish a Geriatrics Workgroup.</p>
Chair for Transportation Committee	<p>Matt Tatum, who was the Chair of the Transportation Committee and the Infrastructure Coordinator, has rotated off the State EMS Advisory Board. Mr. Critzer said that they need a replacement for his position as Chair of the Transportation Committee and asked the group if they had any candidates. Chip</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer will ask Chip Decker if he will accept the position of Chair of the Transportation Committee.</p>

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	Decker was recommended to serve as Chair of the Transportation Committee.	
OEMS Program Updates		
Trauma and Critical Care Unit – Paul Sharpe	<p>Paul Sharpe gave an update on the Virginia Prehospital Information Bridge (VPHIB, Version 3) roll out. He reported that it is successful and most agencies seem pleased with the product. One facility has had some problems and Bryan Hodges is making a list of their concerns so they can be addressed. Paul said they have shared their program and forms with agencies in other states, and a lot of them have duplicated them for their own use.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe reported that the major challenge they have encountered is getting the hospital dashboards replaced. They are doing it now but they are a little behind on the timeline schedule. Mr. Sharpe reminded the group that they have several training videos on the OEMS website that can be helpful to agencies and hospitals.</p> <p>Gary Critzer asked Paul about the possibility of giving hospital emergency rooms and QA/QI personnel access to the data for a longer period of time. He explained that this issue has been a topic of conversation at several of his Trauma Triage Committee meetings. Mr. Sharpe said that as long as the personnel can prove that they are within the hospital's PI structure and they have a resolution from the hospital's Board of Directors requesting that they get access then they can be granted access to the data.</p> <p>The group also discussed some of the reasons for the hospital not having the prehospital data in their records, i.e. the hospital's medical records departments do not recognize the reports as a part of the official hospital record and discard the report; and agencies having a heavy volume of runs and not having time to complete the full report at the time of the patient's delivery to the emergency room and leaving a short report; but completing the full report within the allotted five day time period.</p> <p>Paul Sharpe said that he is going to build a short form into the electronics in case agencies are only able to complete a short report at the time of delivery of the patient.</p>	
Division of Educational Development – Warren Short	<p>Warren Short reported that they will have two action items from the Medical Direction Committee that will come before the State EMS Advisory Board on Friday. One action item will allow naloxone administration by first responders and the second action item is to allow the use of optic analgesics down to the EMT level.</p> <p>Mr. Short made the group aware of an issue with continuing education in the state. He said, either from misunderstanding or the lack of value, individuals are getting CEs and not having to do any work to earn the CEs. Mr. Short said they will be bringing this issue to the Training and Certification Committee (TCC) and the Medical Direction Committee (MDC).</p> <p>Warren gave the group an update on the National Registry roll out for new continuing education. He discussed some of the changes:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit hours will not be given for some of the auxiliary programs such as the merit badge courses • The National Registry is not going to recognize any CE for leadership and management or for continued competency of educators. <p>Training and Certification is investigating what the National Registry is going to require as the standard and if the National Registry will allow any alternatives to the published standards. Mr. Short reported that Training and Certification is working out the details on how they will convert their current program into the new CE program.</p> <p>Mr. Short said OEMS will be converting to the new program on April 1.</p>	
OMD/Medical Direction Committee Updates – Dr. George Lindbeck	<p>Dr. Lindbeck reported that they have not heard anything from the Board of Pharmacy in regards to the delay access Narcan regulations. He said they have been advising agencies not to move forward with their local plan with law enforcement until the regulations have been distributed.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck said he attended an FDA Conference in Washington D.C. and he said it was very interested. He said that the statistics show that the most effective way to distribute Narcan is to give it to fellow users.</p>	
Office of EMS – Gary Brown	<p>Mr. Brown said he got a notice from the California EMS Authority announcing a \$2.75 million dollar grant they have received from the federal government to develop technology infrastructure policies and agreements that enable an interoperable bidirectional health information exchange between multiple health information organizations (HIOs) during a disaster and between EMS, HIOs and hospitals in daily EMS operations. Mr. Brown said that this is just a precursor of things to come in EMS.</p> <p>Mr. Brown also reported that the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act was introduced to Congress on June 23 to establish a new Medicare payment designation to sustain emergency services in rural communities.</p>	
Board of Health Update – Bruce Edwards	<p>Mr. Edwards reported that the abortion regulations will be a major topic of discussion at the next Board of Health meeting. Mr. Edwards said that there may also be another somewhat controversial topic coming to the Board of Health at its September meeting but he doesn't have all the details at this time.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said that he mentioned the REPLICA bill at the last Board of Health meeting and the Board of Health was in support of the proposed bill.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards was reelected as Chair of the Board of Health.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 pm.	