

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott Richmond North – Glen Allen, Virginia
Friday, February 15, 2013
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Anita Ashby Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association	J. David Barrick (Excused) Peninsulas EMS Council	George Lindbeck Patrick Scott Winston	Connie Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council
Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council	B.R. "Beau" Blevins, III Virginia Association of Counties	Warren Short Michael Berg	Tracey McLaurin Lord Fairfax EMS Council
James R. Dudley, MD, MBA Virginia College of Emergency Physicians	Dreama D. Chandler (Excused) Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Carol Morrow Frank Cheatham	Ed Rhodes VFCA/VAVRS/VAGEMSA/Councils
Bruce W. Edwards Tidewater EMS Council	Michael Crockett Associated Public Safety Communications Officials	Karen Owens Ken Crumpler	Bubby Bish Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council	Steve Ennis Virginia State Firefighters Association	Wayne Berry Nancy Burrows	Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council
R. Christian Eudailey Rappahannock EMS Council	Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN Virginia Emergency Nurses Assoc / Virginia Nurses Assoc	Adam Harrell Tim Perkins	Elizabeth Papelino Southwest VA EMS Council
Robin L. Foster, MD American Academy of Pediatrics	Richard D. McClure (Excused) Old Dominion EMS Alliance	David P. Edwards Bob Swander	Karen Wagner Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
L.V. Pokey Harris Southwest VA EMS Council	John Dale Wagoner (Excused) Western Virginia EMS Council	Marian Hunter Amanda Davis	Gary Dalton Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads
David Hoback Virginia Fire Chief's Association	Anthony D. Wilson Virginia Ambulance Association	Paul Sharpe Greg Neiman	Kent Weber TEMS/Virginia Beach
Brian R. Hricik Northern VA EMS Council		Deborah T. Akers Terry Coy	Michael Player Peninsulas EMS Council
Ajai Malhotra, MD American College of Surgeons		Dennis Molnar Gary R. Brown	Rob Lawrence Richmond Ambulance Authority
Marilyn McLeod, MD Blue Ridge EMS Council		Wanda Street Irene M. Hamilton	Jennie Collins Prince William County Fire & Rescue
Wayne Myers, Jr. Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads			Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council
Andrea W. Oakes Virginia Municipal League			Wayne Perry Rappahannock EMS Council
Larry A. Oliver Lord Fairfax EMS Council			Dan Norville Norfolk Fire-Rescue
Gary W. Samuels VA Chapter of the International Assoc of Firefighters			Greg Woods Southwest Virginia EMS Council
Matthew J. Tatum VA Assoc of Governmental EMS Administrators			Melinda Duncan Northern Virginia EMS Council
Allen Yee, MD, FAAEM Medical Society of Virginia			Jim Chandler Tidewater EMS Council

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Staff:

Others:

- Jeff Michael
Rockingham County
- Bryan McRoy
Richmond Ambulance Authority
- Chip Decker
Richmond Ambulance Authority
- Billy Altman
WVEMS / Roanoke Fire-EMS
- Jeff Myer
Portsmouth Fire
- Keith Morrison
Fairfax County Fire Rescue Department
- Bryan Swanson
Chesterfield Fire
- Mindy Carter
CJW Medical Center
- Robert Trimmer
Chesterfield Fire
- Heidi M. Hooker
Old Dominion EMS Alliance
- Stephen Rea
Thomas Jefferson EMS Council
- Jose V. Salazar
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
- Eddie Ferguson
Goochland County Fire-Rescue
- Marissa Levine, MD, MPH
Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner
- Cynthia C. Romero, MD, FAAFP
State Health Commissioner
- Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP
Former State Health Commissioner

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order and asked the group to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Approval of the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Approval of the February 15, 2013 meeting agenda.</p>	<p>A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were accepted as presented.</p> <p>A motion was made, seconded and the agenda was accepted as presented.</p>
State Health Commissioner – Dr. Cynthia Romero	<p>Mr. Critzer welcomed the new State Health Commissioner, Dr. Cynthia Romero, to the meeting and offered her an opportunity to address the group.</p> <p>Dr. Romero gave the group a brief history of her medical background. Dr. Romero said she looked forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Levine, her Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner, and the EMS community.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer reported that on Thursday; Gary Brown, Bruce Edwards and he met with Drs. Romero and Levine. The meeting gave them an opportunity to bring Dr. Romero up-to-date on the EMS Advisory Board and its work, as well as the EMS system in Virginia.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer had the Board and audience introduce themselves to Dr. Romero.</p>	
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that over the past few months he has attended various EMS-related events. He said there are various upcoming meetings he will be attending to make sure that the EMS Advisory Board is represented at various associations and organizations that represent EMS.</p>	
Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner	<p>Mr. Wagoner was unable to attend the meeting because of a prior commitment.</p>	
Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner – Dr. Marissa Levine	<p>Dr. Levine reported that Dr. Maureen Dempsey has left VDH, and she will be the Acting Chief Deputy Chief Commissioner until that position is filled. Dr. Levine emphasized that she is still dedicated to serving EMS but realizes she will probably be pulled in several directions during the interim.</p> <p>Dr. Levine said that Virginia has had a vigorous flu season, but it seems to be winding down. Dr. Levine said that there have been a significant number of Norovirus outbreaks this season.</p> <p>Dr. Levine thanked the EMS community for their role in the local and regional collaborations that have been taking place over the last ten years. She commented on the good work of the Mass Casualty Incident plans and said that she would like to see them taken up a notch to include worst case scenarios. Dr. Levine said this will be an area she plans to push over the coming year, and she plans to make sure that EMS has an active partner role in the process and that they are not an afterthought.</p>	
Office of EMS Report, Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Dr.	<p>Mr. Brown took a moment to welcome Dr. Romero and said that the Office of EMS looks forward to working with her in the future.</p>	

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<p>George Lindbeck and OEMS staff</p>	<p><u>General Assembly</u> Mr. Brown reported that the Office of EMS has been assigned lead on nine bills this session. He gave an overview on some of the bills.</p> <p>HB1383 (Pogge) and SB1288 (Carrico) are companion bills that conform to each other. The bill requires all persons who apply to be a volunteer member or employee of an EMS agency on or after July 1, 2013 to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded through the Virginia State Police Central Criminal Records Exchange to the FBI. Mr. Brown said that this is a requirement in the EMS Regulations that were effective in October 2012. The bill brings the code language up to date to support that regulation. Mr. Brown said these bills have passed both houses and will be going to the Governor's desk for approval.</p> <p>HB1622 (Pogge) and SB790 (Stewart) are also companion bills. These are considered the recertification bills. Mr. Brown said these bills had some technical amendments related to the use of the terms "EMS personnel" and "EMS provider",. It removes the requirement of an OMD to waive a provider from state testing and allows providers to become recertified through meeting continuing education requirements. OMDs can still require a test or skill drills on the weekend or whatever they deem appropriate, but it does remove the test waiver requirement. These bills have also passed both houses.</p> <p>HB1927 (Morris) has passed the House and was reported out of the Senate Courts of Justice and re-referred to Senate Finance. It states that assault and battery of an EMS provider may be a Class 6 felony.</p> <p>HB1856 (Orrock) passed the House and it was reported out of Senate Education and Health on Thursday. Mr. Brown read some of the language from the bill and he explained that the bill was amended in the nature of substitute bill, changed from the bill that was originally introduced. After discussions with Delegate Orrock, he changed this to a Section One bill. Mr. Brown explained that a Section One means that the language will not be codified; it will not go into the Code of Virginia. The language stays with Legislative Information Services until the projects are completed to the satisfaction of the House committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate committee on Education and Health. Mr. Brown explained that this is basically a three-part piece of legislation, and the Office of EMS must report their progress to House and Senate committees. The bill directs the Board of Health to direct the State EMS Advisory Board to (1) to inform certified providers of the appeals process for adverse decisions made by agencies operational medical directors related to the ability of EMS providers to practice under their authority. (2) The Board of Health directs the State EMS Advisory Board to develop a standard operating procedure template to be used in the development of local and regional medical treatment protocols for basic life support emergency care provided by EMS providers. (3) It directs the Board of Health to direct the State EMS Advisory Board to review training for EMS personnel throughout the state to identify and address disparities in the delivery of training and the</p>	

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	<p>availability of training for EMS personnel.</p> <p>The first report on the progress in meeting these requirements is due to HWI and Senate Education and Health no later than December 1, 2013.</p> <p>HB2315 (O'Bannon) The bill amends and requires the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads to submit an annual financial report to the Executive Committee of the State EMS Advisory Board on the use of monies received from the special emergency medical services fund, which is the Four-for-Life.</p> <p>HB1988 (Sickles) has passed both houses. It provides immunity from civil liability for any person who maintains an AED on real property owned or controlled by that person.</p> <p>SB881 (Deeds) This bill did include language that would allow the charging of automobile insurance companies for charges associated with emergency response to automobile accidents. This language was removed from the bill and the substitute bill allows localities to enact ordinances to bill property owners on behalf of volunteer fire departments to recover costs associated with response when the fire department is called in to save or protect property insured by a fire insurance policy.</p> <p>Mr. Brown thanked his staff for their support during the General Assembly session and gave a special thanks to Mike Berg and Scott Winston. Mr. Brown said Scott Winston prepared most of the legislative action summaries which was a tremendous support.</p> <p>Budget Amendments- Mr. Brown gave an overview of the budget amendments and said that the information in the Quarterly Report has changed since the report was published.</p> <p>The House has the following budget amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- The Commissioner of Health should work with the State EMS Advisory Board to prioritize funding from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund to provide grants to local EMS organizations to purchase 12 Leads. That is a language budget amendment only. 2- \$90,000 from the second year of the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be provided for national background checks on persons applying for membership with a licensed EMS agency. 3- It adds \$1,000,000 the second year to restore funding to Poison Control Centers. The language does say that the State Health Commissioner shall work with the Poison Control Centers to ensure continued statewide coverage of poison control services through the existing centers. The existing centers are the three centers, National Capital Poison Center, VCU Poison Center, and the Blue Ridge Poison Center at UVA. 	

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	<p>The Senate has the following budget amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Up to \$1,000,000 the second year from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be used for grants to EMS agencies to purchase 12 Leads. Mr. Brown said they have been working hard to try and have this language changed to conform to the House language. The House language basically says that the Board and the Financial Assistance Review Committee will prioritize the funding of 12 Leads. Mr. Brown said they went back and pulled the last five years of RSAF funding and they have funded a little over \$5million dollars for 12 Leads. Therefore, they are prioritizing this and the process is in place; and they are hopeful that this will occur. However, Mr. Brown said that this will be up to the budget conferees. 2- \$110,000 from the Virginia Rescue Squad Assistance Fund shall be used to reimburse costs of the National Criminal Background Checks. Mr. Brown said again this is different from the House version, and will have to go to the budget conferees to work out. 3- Add \$1,000,000 the second year to restore funding to operate the current three poison control centers serving Virginia. <p>Mr. Brown reported that earlier today at the VAGEMSA meeting HB2028 came up for discussion. This bill allows school boards to require current certification or training in emergency first aid, CPR and the use of AED's for bus drivers, increases required school personnel with such training for schools and requires such training for those seeking initial teacher licensure or renewal of a license to teach or a provisional teaching license. For students, beginning for the first time 9th grade students in the 2016-2017 school year, the bill adds a requirement that recipients of the standard in advanced diplomas must receive training in emergency first aid, CPR and the use of AEDs. It also requires an AED in every school by the 2014-2015 school year.</p> <p><u>EMS on the National Scene-</u> Mr. Brown encouraged the Board to read the section of the Quarterly Report regarding recent national EMS activities. He said a lot of the national activities will eventually have an impact at the state level. Mr. Brown pointed out that in the report is information about three important projects that have been awarded to NASEMSO – (1) Model EMS Clinical Guidelines; (2) Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline; and (3) Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure for State Adoption</p> <p><u>HB1499 / SB1773 – Board of Pharmacy – Mike Berg</u> Mr. Brown asked Mr. Berg to give an update on a Board of Pharmacy bill that has great impact for EMS.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that HB1499 / SB773 are Board of Pharmacy bills that clarified the circumstances under which emergency medical services personnel may administer medications and provides that emergency medical services personnel may administer medications pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol. Mr. Berg reported that issues with this procedure has been going on for quite a</p>	

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	<p>while but in meetings with the Board of Pharmacy last summer they were able to work out the points of confusion. If signed by the Governor, this change will take effect on July 1, 2013.</p> <p><u>EMS Personnel Updates-</u> Mike Berg introduced the newest EMS Program Representative, Nancy Burrows. Ms. Burrows has been working at OEMS since October.</p> <p>Mr. Brown recognized Chad Blosser who worked for OEMS as the Quality Assurance / Quality Improvement Coordinator for 10 years. Mr. Blosser left OEMS in December to assume the position of the Executive Director for the Central Shenandoah EMS Council. OEMS hopes to have the paperwork signed to fill that position after the General Assembly session is over.</p> <p>Mr. Brown also reported that Marian Hunter who is the Public Relations Coordinator is hiring for the Public Relations Assistant. They hope that they will have a new employee in that position by May.</p> <p><u>Fire and EMS Week-</u> Mr. Brown also announced that the Virginia Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service is the first Saturday in June. Mr. Brown said that talks began last year to memorialize EMS personnel as well. Mr. Brown said that this year the Governor is going to issue a proclamation declaring the week after the memorial service Fire and EMS Week.</p>	
<p>Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards</p>	<p>Mr. Edwards gave an overview of the December 14 Board of Health meeting. He reported that VDH had inspected and licensed 20 of the facilities and also accepted plans for corrections for deficiencies. The licenses will renew in March 2013 and the plans of correction have a two year period for those corrections.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said they had a very in-depth presentation on sexual violence activities He said it is a public health issue that was born under the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, and it brought to life the long-term health issues that it brings on.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said they got an overview of the VDH Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards explained the Abortion Regulations have to stay on the Town Hall for 60 days. Therefore, the Board of Health meeting scheduled for March 14 has been postponed until April 12 so they can consider the Abortion facility regulations.</p>	
<p>Standing Committee Reports:</p>		
<p>Executive Committee – Gary Critzer</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer reported that the Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 14.</p> <p><u>Board of Health Seat-</u> The Board of Health Seat – the EMS representative – they have to nominate to either reappoint Mr. Edwards or appoint someone else for that seat. The nominations are due to the Secretary of the</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to give the Executive Committee the authority to vet individuals interested in the Board of Health</p>

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	<p>Commonwealth this spring. The Executive Committee is asking that on or before February 28 anyone who is interested in the seat should submit a letter of interest stating why you want to serve in that position and their qualifications to serve in the position along with their resume. This information needs to be submitted to Mr. Critzer by email by February 28. His email address is on the OEMS website.</p> <p>After February 28, Mr. Critzer is asking for the State EMS Advisory Board to give the Executive Committee of the EMS Advisory Board the ability to vet those interested individuals and select three and rank them in priority to submit to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office. A motion was made and properly seconded to allow the Executive Committee to vet and submit three names to the Secretary's Office.</p> <p><u>HB1856 Work Assignments-</u> Mr. Critzer reported that he and several others attended the subcommittee meeting and talked with delegates regarding this bill. They ended up with a compromise in the Section One bill that puts it back in the hands of the State EMS Advisory Board. They have discussed the three key issues that are related to (1) EMS certification and training programs (2) the BLS guidelines template; (3) and the OMD appeals process. They have decided that the best way to handle this is assignment to the standing committees. The committee chairs will begin to work on this at their next meetings. The plan is to have a progress report to the State EMS Advisory Board in May and August, and they can have at least a partial report to the General Assembly by the December deadline.</p> <p><u>VPHIB Users Group-</u> Mr. Critzer said at prior State EMS Advisory Board meeting the possibility of having a VPHIB users group to work with OEMS staff regarding the VPHIB submission program was discussed. He said OEMS has provided him with names of individuals throughout the Commonwealth considered to be power users of the various software programs currently being used to submit data into the state. Mr. Critzer said he has been contacting these individuals and once he has all the confirmations he will get back with Paul Sharpe and staff to get the group working. The concept is that those individuals would be able to be a resource to others in the Commonwealth to help with submission issues, implementation issues of new software, to help with compliance and make sure that they are making the process as smooth and seamless as they can.</p> <p><u>Committee Appointments-</u> Committee appointments were approved for the Training and Certification Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that he will also be working to get a Bylaws group back together to review the current EMS Advisory Board Bylaws to make sure they are appropriate and to consider any changes that are in order.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that the Executive Committee also discussed the State EMS Plan and the recent EMS</p>	<p>seat, rank them and submit the top three candidates to the Secretary's Office.</p> <p>YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>HB1856 Work Assignments: Certification and Training Issues – Training and Certification Committee</p> <p>BLS Template –Guidelines Workgroup of the Medical Direction Committee</p> <p>OMD Appeals Process – Medical Direction Committee and the Rules and Regulations Committee</p>

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	<p>survey. Mr. Critzer said they were very impressed by the fact that on the first attempt they had a 48 percent response.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said in the meeting with the Commissioner they voiced their concern regarding the continued attempts that happen every year to tap into EMS funding for other initiatives not related to EMS.</p> <p>The committee also discussed briefly Regional EMS Council funding, which Mr. Eudailey has brought up previously, and the potential for increases. He said that funding for the regional EMS councils can be looked at through the designation and grant award process. They will be talking with Tim Perkins so they can get that information out.</p>	
<p>Financial Assistance Review Committee – Billy Altman</p>	<p>Mr. Altman reported that FARC met on Thursday, Feb. 14 For the 12/12 grant cycle they had \$9.1 million requested by 130 agencies and they awarded \$4.11 million to 101 agencies. Amanda Davis is out doing grant workshops. They are available for anyone who wants them.</p> <p>FARC updated the State EMS Plan during their meeting on Thursday.</p> <p>FARC did two emergency grants during the meeting and one special initiative grant for EMS ALS Training Equipment supplemental grant. They had 21 applications and they were all awarded for a total of \$1.3 million.</p>	
<p>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels</p>	<p><u>Rules and Regulations Committee</u>- Gary Samuels Mr. Samuels reported that the committee met on Thursday, Feb. 14. He reported that the new Regulations have been printed and submitted to all EMS agencies. The committee forwarded a recommendation to the Executive Committee to fill one position with Mr. Gerald Hyland from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors who is also a VACO representative. They are working on the State EMS Plan with the items that affect their committee. They have been charged with reviewing how the legislation will impact the regulations appeals process under HB1856 related to OMD’s adverse decisions. They are also looking at potential changes to regulations for the future through some requests by different committees who would like to change or update some of the regulations as they are currently written.</p> <p><u>Legislative and Planning Committee</u> – Chris Eudailey Mr. Eudailey reported that the Legislative and Planning Committee met earlier in the day.</p> <p><u>State EMS Plan</u> - Mr. Eudailey asked the Board committees to review their respective parts of the State EMS Plan and submit their updates using the OEMS provided template over the next 60 to 90 days. They would like to have all the reports back by the May State EMS Advisory Board meeting so that the Legislative and Planning Committee can review that document in its total. It is anticipated that the document will be coming to the State EMS Advisory Board as a draft document in August and again to have Board action taken on the State Plan by November meeting of this year so it can move on to the</p>	<p>Committees should review their section of the State EMS Plan and send their revision to Tim Perkins within the next 60-90 days.</p>

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	<p>Board of Health and they can take action on it by early next year to update the EMS State Plan.</p> <p><u>EMS Needs Assessment Survey</u> – Mr. Eudailey reported that the committee is very happy with the response they have received from the initial assessment tool that was sent out. The individuals who worked on this survey from Legislative & Planning this past year are recommitted to invest some additional time and energy along with OEMS staff. They will be reviewing the raw data and getting some documents out to summarize that data. The group will also be looking at the documents, the questions and making some refinements to it and resending it out later this year so they can continue to build upon this tool and better know the needs of EMS in the Commonwealth.</p>	
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</p>	<p>Mr. Tatum reported that each committee is working to assure that their committee membership is in full compliance with the Guidance document and also working to improve participation within their committees.</p> <p><u>Transportation Committee</u> – Matt Tatum The Transportation Committee did not meet in January. They are continuing to monitor the national standards for ambulances.</p> <p><u>Communications Committee</u> – Gary Critzer Mr. Critzer reported that the Communications Committee met earlier in the day. They had a guest, Chris McIntosh who discussed the national broadband initiative, the D-Block allocation to public safety. Mr. Critzer said it was a very enlightening presentation; and he plans to ask him to visit VAGEMSA and also to attend the next State EMS Advisory Board meeting to give his presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer reported that the EMD White Paper has been published and is available on the OEMS website. The committee also discussed encouraging agencies as they purchase new radios, or reprogram existing radios, to ensure that they include the national interoperability channels in all of their infrastructures.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management Committee</u> – David Hoback Mr. Hoback reported that the Emergency Management Committee met on January 24. He said this was the first meeting that he attended as Chair. He used the meeting as an opportunity to get grounded on the history of the committee and their future visions. The committee discussed the topic of triage tags needing to go out for bid. The committee discussed their future direction. Deployment of EMS task forces and the role they play in disasters, pre-staging, who takes ownership of the deployment and resource typing were discussed. Mr. Hoback said he toured the Virginia EOC and met with Mike Nelson. It gave him a chance to get an understanding as to what the EOC expects with EMS deployment. He said he committee needs to work on resource typing and developing an inventory listing. The committee will start working on that project. The committee has also changed their meeting time. They will now meet on the Thursday before the EMS Advisory Board meeting at 10AM.</p>	

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<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD</p>	<p><u>Medical Direction Committee</u> – Marilyn McCloud, MD Dr. McCloud reported that the meeting had to be canceled because of weather conditions, and she did not have a report.</p> <p><u>Medevac Committee</u> – Allen Yee, MD Dr. Yee reported that the committee met on Thursday, Feb. 14. The committee discussed some questions they have with the Rules and Regulations that took effect in October. They will have a meeting in April to review the Medevac State Plan and make some suggestions for updating the regulations to Mike Berg.</p> <p><u>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee</u> – Ajai Malhotra, MD Dr. Malhotra reported that the committee met last on December 6. He reported that most of the discussion at the meeting was in regards to the Performance Improvement Subcommittee. The subcommittee has been active and looking at the state registry and coming out with data. There have been some concerns as to what the data means and what it does not mean. Dr. Malhotra said that the data presented at the May State EMS Advisory Board was early evaluation of what is in the Trauma Registry and no current changes are recommended to the field triage plan. He said they will continue to look at the data so that these concerns raised by some members don't happen again. They are formalizing the process as to how they should look at the data so that no one feels excluded.</p> <p>Based on a conversation that Mr. Eudailey had with Dr. Roberts from Mary Washington Hospital, he asked Dr. Malhotra about statistics in a White Paper that was done concerning Level II Trauma Centers. Dr. Malhotra explained that the committee was aware of some of the questions regarding this data and that is why they are not making any changes currently to the field triage plan.</p> <p><u>EMS for Children</u> – Robin Foster, MD Dr. Foster reported that their last meeting was also canceled due to bad weather. She reported that the National Pediatric Readiness Project has rolled out from the feds. She said that Virginia's assessment window is from February 1 through April 30. She said they would like to have a 100 percent response in Virginia. Dave Edwards can assist anyone with any questions they might have. Dr. Foster said they are trying to broaden their ability to take pediatric care education out into the community. The EPC, Emergency Pediatric Care course, which is a two-day prehospital course which they taught in August in Henrico as a pilot will now be taught in Tappahannock on March 16-17 in conjunction with another conference. Dr. Foster said if anyone has an interest in their staff participating, please email Dave Edwards or her and they will be glad to try to coordinate their teaching the class with other events going on in the community. She said they have a staff and EMSC is providing help with the registration costs and the books. They will also be teaching the course in April at Southside Regional Hospital in Petersburg. Dr. Roberts said that they will also be teaching the EPC and ENPC courses at the EMS Symposium as well.</p>	

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<p>Professional Development Coordinator – Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver said he attended the Provider Health and Safety Committee on Thursday, Feb. 14. He said that after discussion within the committee it is obvious that they have some collaboration they need to work on with education on provider health and safety with recent events that have occurred within the Commonwealth as well as throughout the country. They will be working with the Workforce Development Committee and the EMS Officer Standards project to make sure there is a component of education in there for health and safety.</p> <p><u>Training and Certification Committee</u> – Larry Oliver Mr. Oliver said they did not meet in January due to a lack of quorum and they have no report. He said at their next meeting, the subcommittee will start to look at competencies and the way they are achieved and the use of high fidelity simulation mannequins. That committee was set late last year but it was felt that it would be better to wait until after the first of the year to start meeting. Rick McClure is the Chair of that committee. Also one of the things they identified during the last process to get nominations for people to serve on the Training and Certification Committee, there are a couple of groups that are listed that are not formalized groups within the Commonwealth. The Committee will be working on their stakeholders lists to make sure these groups are formally recognized and can submit nominations for membership to the committee.</p> <p>The State EMS Plan will be worked on; as well as working on their assignment related to HB1856.</p> <p>Their next meeting is scheduled on April 10.</p> <p><u>Workforce Development Committee</u> – Carol Morrow Ms. Morrow reported that the committee met on Thursday, Feb. 14. . She said they only had three members show up and they are having difficulties getting members to attend. They talked with several groups today regarding the EMS Officers Program. She said that they are including some health and safety components in the Standards of Excellence program.</p> <p><u>Provider Health and Safety Committee</u> – Brian Hricik Mr. Hricik reported that the committee met on Thursday, Feb. 14. They did review and accept the REMS CISM Accreditation package. He said that they will be working with the Workforce Development Committee and Training and Certification Committee for some additional education opportunities to promote EMS provider health and safety. He said they are also looking into a process that would require each EMS agency to identify a health and safety officer through their licensure and re-licensure process. Mr. Hricik said the committee is also looking into having either a Facebook or Twitter account through the Office of EMS that will be used to send out weekly messages related to EMS provider health and safety.</p>	
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Woods</p>	<p>Mr. Woods reported that the Regional Directors group has met twice since November. He said that all eleven regional councils are undergoing re-designation site visits over the next couple of months.</p>	

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	The Directors group is also considering planning a Regional EMS Council Board Leaders Retreat with the purpose of standardizing some policies across the eleven regions and promoting greater collaboration among all eleven Regional EMS Councils.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Rob Lawrence from the Richmond Ambulance Authority gave the group an update on the Rider Alert Program. He said they have just received a Virginia Transportation Safety Grant and they can now issue every single trainee rider in the Commonwealth with a rider alert card that graduates from a rider training course for the next 12 months. May 1 begins National Motorcycle Safety Month and they will be running a number of safety programs throughout the Commonwealth. He also reported that last November the Federation of International Motorcyclists recognized both the Rider Alert Program and its counterpart in UK for the World Motorcycle Safety Award.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	None	
Resolution for Dr. Karen Remley	<p>At its November 2012 meeting, The State EMS Advisory Board adopted a resolution to recognize Dr. Remley for her service and commitment to EMS in the Commonwealth. Mr. Critzer read the resolution. Remley Resolution.pdf</p> <p>Dr. Remley was present to receive the resolution and thanked the EMS community and assured them that she would still be active in public service, and she hopes to work with EMS in the future.</p>	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled on Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Courtyard by Marriott Richmond North, Glen Allen, Virginia.	