

Members Present:

Matthew Tatum
*Virginia Association of Governmental EMS
 Administrators (VAGEMSA)*
 Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM
Medical Society of Virginia

Members Absent:**Staff:****Others:**

Randall Geldrich
Bon Secour St. Mary's/Ashland VRS

Rob Logan
Western Virginia EMS
 Jim Chandler
Tidewater EMS Council
 Gregory Woods
Southwest Virginia EMS Council
 Dr. Marissa Levine, M.D.
Virginia Department of Health

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Call to Order – Pokey Harris	<p>Ms. Harris, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM</p> <p>Approval of May 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Harris called for a motion to approve the May 13, 2011 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Approval of the August 12, 2011 Meeting Agenda- Ms. Harris called for a motion to approve the August 12, 2011 meeting agenda.</p>	<p>A motion was made and properly seconded. The vote was taken; and the May 13, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>A motion was made and properly seconded. The vote was taken; and the August 12, 2011 meeting agenda was approved as submitted.</p>
Vice Chair Report – Pokey Harris	<p>Ms. Harris recognized Jennie Collins, the past Chair of the state EMS Advisory Board, who has rotated off the Board for all of her hard work and dedication during her tenure on the Advisory Board. Ms. Harris also recognized the other board members who have rotated off the board: Asher Brand, Bubby Bish, Jason Campbell, Gary Dalton, Kevin Dillard, Linda Johnson, Cheryl Lawson, Clarence Monday, William Quarles, and Scott Weir.</p> <p>Ms. Harris asked for introductions around the table of all the Board members since there are several new members on the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Harris did not have any further report.</p>	
Deputy Commissioner of Public Health & Preparedness – Marissa Levine, M.D.	<p>Dr. Levine reminded the group that the Governor has set aside today as a day of recognition for the special forces who recently lost their lives in Afghanistan when their Chinook helicopter was shot down. Dr. Levine thanked the EMS providers for their hard work and dedication to saving lives.</p>	

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	<p><u>Cities Readiness Initiative-</u> Dr. Levine talked about a planning activity that has been in the works for a few years, the Cities Readiness Initiative. The Tidewater, Richmond and Northern Virginia areas have been working on this project for a few years. The scenario revolves around an inhalation Anthrax attack, and it requires a lot of very prompt activity from a number of individuals; in particular, local Emergency Management to dispense medication to the entire population in a 48 hour period. Dr. Levine encouraged everyone to learn more about this initiative in the unforeseen chance that this type of event ever occurs.</p>	
<p>Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Dr. Lindbeck, and Staff</p>	<p>Mr. Brown recognized the Board members who recently rotated off the Advisory Board. Mr. Brown said that the past members will be missed, but he is also excited about the new Board members.</p> <p>Mr. Brown familiarized the new board members with the Quarterly report to the EMS Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mr. Brown recognized Tim Perkins on his appointment to the National EMS Memorial Service Board of Directors.</p> <p><u>OEMS Personnel Announcements-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown announced that Tom Nevetral the ALS Training Specialist has left the Office of EMS. OEMS has recruited for that position and will be conducting interviews. • OEMS is transitioning the administration of state testing from Regulation and Compliance Division to the Division of Educational Development. This has led to the creation of three positions. One position, the Certification Examination Supervisor has been filled by Peter Brown. • They will be interviewing next week for positions to handle the National Registry exams; and then they will be interviewing for Certification Examiners. • Dr. Carol Pugh has been hired as the Statistician in the Division of Trauma and Critical Care. • Adam Harrell has been hired as the EMS Program Representative replacing the position vacated by Ken Pullen who retired. • Nikki Tolliver has been hired as the new IT Business Analyst for the Office of EMS. <p><u>EMS Symposium-</u> Registration for the EMS Symposium opened on August 1. EMS Advisory Board members are offered free registration for the Symposium and are encouraged to attend. The next Advisory Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Symposium on Wednesday, November 9 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.</p> <p>Board members interested in attending the Symposium should fax their registration forms to Irene Hamilton to avoid the registration charges. Also, if you are attending and need lodging, please complete the lodging form you have been provided and return it to Irene Hamilton.</p> <p>Mr. Brown announced that a Call for Presentations form is located on the OEMS website, and</p>	

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	<p>individuals interested in presenting at the 2012 Symposium should complete and submit the forms as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>OEMS Website</u> – OEMS website has been revised and has a new look as part of a VDH initiative. Mr. Brown encouraged people to visit the website.</p> <p><u>EMS Provider Portal-</u> EMS Providers are encouraged to set up an account for the portal. Approximately 55 percent of EMS providers have already set up an account. Using the portal, you can look at a detailed CE report, print out test eligibility letters, and change your address.</p> <p><u>HB 1675-</u> HB 1675 is now in effect. This bill changes the process for variances and exemptions. The OEMS website has been updated with revised forms and information on how to submit your exemptions and variances.</p> <p><u>Durable Do Not Resuscitate Regulations-</u> The Durable Do Not Resuscitate Regulations went into effect on July 20, and you can find the changes and differences on the OEMS website.</p> <p><u>Washington National Heroes Day</u> – On September 11, the Washington Nationals will be holding a Heroes Day for first responders. On that day, you can get a \$36 ticket for \$20; \$5 of the ticket price will go to the Pentagon Memorial Fund.</p> <p><u>Assistant Director – Scott Winston</u> Mr. Winston had no report.</p> <p><u>State EMS Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbck</u> Dr. Lindbeck is on vacation.</p>	
Office of the Attorney General – Allyson K. Tysinger	Ms. Tysinger was unable to attend the meeting and there was no report.	
Board of Health Report – Bruce Edwards	<p>Ms. Harris recognized Bruce Edwards who was elected Chair of the Board of Health on June 9.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards talked about the presentations given at the June Board of Health meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said one presentation was in regards to alternative onsite septic disposal systems. Mr. Edwards said that is a key concern for any emergency manager during a disaster. Mr. Edwards said there are still some key issues in Virginia that need to be addressed.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Edwards said that one of the best presentations during the meeting was the presentation that Gary Brown made on the EMS system in Virginia. The presentation is located in Appendix A of the Quarterly report. The Board of Health members were very impressed with and interested in EMS.</p>	
<p>Executive Committee – Pokey Harris</p>	<p>The committee met on June 28. The Virginia EMS Advisory Board Committees and Task Groups Guidance Document was reviewed and finalized. There is a copy of the document on the OEMS website.</p> <p>The group discussed the orientation for new board members. This presentation was given to new board members last night.</p> <p>The committee continued to discuss the viability of one of the groups of the Board. The committee will bring this discussion to the entire board once they have some additional information.</p>	
<p>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Dalton</p>	<p>Mr. Dalton had no Administrative Coordinator report.</p> <p><u>Legislative & Planning Committee</u> - Gary Dalton Mr. Dalton reported that the committee met earlier in the day. They did not have any action items. However, they have a presentation.</p> <p>Line of Duty Act – Art Lipscomb and Ed Rhodes Mr. Lipscomb gave some background history on the Line of Duty Act from its creation up to the current time. Mr. Lipscomb said they have been trying to find a permanent funding source for the Line of Duty.</p> <p>Mr. Rhodes talked about who was covered by the Line of Duty Act and who was not covered. Mr. Rhodes talked about the coverage issues for volunteer rescue and fire agencies.</p> <p>Mr. Lipscomb said that Ed and he are working on legislation to present to the General Assembly in the upcoming session.</p> <p><u>Rules and Regulations Committee</u> – Gary Samuels Mr. Samuels reported that the committee has not met and had no report.</p>	
<p>Training & Certification Committee - Larry Oliver</p>	<p>Mr. Oliver reported that they are moving forward with the National Registry Testing process for all certification levels in Virginia. The committee brought forth a motion from the Training and Certification Committee regarding this process.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and hearing none called for the vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Training and Certification Committee moves that the Virginia EMS Advisory Board approve the Office of EMS Certification and Re-certification proposal as expressed in the “Considerations for Virginia EMS Certification Testing” document presented at the May 13, 2011 EMS Advisory</p>

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		<p>Board meeting and included in the May Quarterly Report to the EMS Advisory Board. YEAS= 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 1 (Steve Ennis)</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED.</p>
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator – Larry Oliver</p>	<p><u>Transportation Committee</u> – Larry Oliver Mr. Oliver reported on behalf of David Barrick who was unable to attend the meeting due to work obligations. Mr. Barrick asked him to report that the proposed NFPA 1917 Ambulance Specification document is available on line and public comments are open until August 30. Mr. Barrick asks that you review the document and follow the directions to submit comments.</p> <p>Steve Ennis asked if there would be any attempt to have involvement of the EMS Advisory Board into the NFPA Standard process. Mr. Ennis is concerned about the heavy vendor influence. Mr. Brown answered stating that on the national level EMS is involved and has a heavy presence on the committee. It has been presented to the National Association of State EMS Officials several times. Mr. Brown agreed that there is a heavy vendor presence but has a fair degree of EMS representation as well.</p> <p><u>Communications Committee</u> – Pokey Harris The committee met earlier in the day. They are continuing to work on the EMD White Paper with Dr. Lindbeck. The committee plans to have the White Paper ready to distribute by the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>PSAP EMS Accreditation and Re-accreditation remains a priority for the committee.</p> <p>The 2013 deadline for the Narrowbanding Initiative mandate is close. The committee is partnering with their sister organizations and other agencies to get the information regarding this initiative widely distributed and to look for funding mechanisms. Ms. Harris emphasized that they must have local government buy in as agencies will not be able to afford to fund this initiative.</p> <p><u>Emergency Management Committee</u> – Karen Owens Ms. Owens said the committee approved the final draft of the new MCI I and II 2011 version. They will be working with the Division of Training to release this information through the provider portal instead of providing CDs</p> <p>They have rolled out a new MCI Training Funds program that is mirrored after the EMS Training Funds program. Reimbursement for MCI I and II training classes will be conducted similar to how EMT training classes are done. Individual and Course reimbursement may provide some incentive for people to teach these courses and students to attend.</p>	

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<p>Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer</p>	<p>The committee met yesterday. Mr. Peer was re-elected as Chair of the committee.</p> <p>The committee discussed several ongoing computer issues with the Consolidated Grants Application Program (CGAP). The committee has charged Mr. Peer to work with the Office of EMS staff to try to fix the problems. The hope is to get it to a web-based program. Mr. Peer said if there is not any progress in the next few months, the committee plans to adopt a resolution to present to the EMS Advisory Board asking that they take it to the Board of Health to make it a priority to fix the problems with the program.</p> <p>Mr. Peer said the grant cycle is open and it closes September 15.</p>	
<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Dr. Allen Yee</p>	<p><u>Medical Direction Committee</u> – Allen Yee, M.D. The committee did not have a quorum and did not meet.</p> <p><u>Medevac Committee</u> – Allen Yee, M.D. The committee met on Thursday, August 11. They are continuing to work with the Weather Safe Program and have almost all the agencies submitting data.</p> <p>The committee is continuing to work towards minimizing helicopter shopping and they have identified only a small number of incidents; and they will be working with those agencies and hospitals.</p> <p><u>Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee</u> – Ajai Malhotra, M.D. The committee met on June 2. The committee has an action item. Dr. Malhotra gave some background on the action item. He explained that they have modified the Trauma Center Manual to add a category as to whether you are a Trauma Center or a Trauma and Burn Center.</p> <p>Ms. Harris opened the floor for discussion following the motion being read.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards asked if this was vetted with the Medical Direction Committee and the EMS for Children Committee. Dr. Malhotra answered explaining that it did not because it was more formalizing what already happens. Dr. Dudley asked if this would change the referral patterns or triage from field centers to burns centers that are already in place. Dr. Malhotra said it will not change current designations for where the patients are being taken.</p> <p>As a new board member, Mr. Eudailey asked what the normal process is for these types of actions so he could be clear about the votes he would be taking. Ms. Harris said that it is the process to make sure that actions have been well vetted. Mr. Eudailey said based on that principal he does not feel he is in a position to support this action since he isn't sure if it has been well vetted.</p> <p>Following discussion, Mr. Harris called for the vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee requests that the EMS Advisory Board approves the revised Trauma Center Designation Manual as presented.</p> <p>VOTE: 18 YEAS; 1 NAY- (Chris Eudailey); ABSTENTIONS: 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED.</p>

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	<p>EMS for Children Committee – Robin Foster, M.D. Dr. Foster was not present and there was no report.</p>	
<p>Professional Development Coordinator -</p>	<p>Ms. Harris reported that Jason Campbell, the Coordinator, has rotated off the Board. He is not present and there is no report.</p> <p>Workforce Development Committee – Carol Morrow Ms. Morrow reported that the 2nd Annual EMS Career Fair will be held at the Symposium on November 10 from 5 – 7 PM. Flyers are available. The learning objectives for EMS Officer I are complete and a draft is in the Quarterly Report, Appendix E. Ms. Morrow stated the Standards of Excellence are complete and a draft will be rolled out in the fall.</p> <p>EMS Provider Health & Safety Committee – Pokey Harris Ms. Harris reported Jason Campbell was Chair of that committee but he has rotated off the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Harris reported that the membership composition for this committee was presented to the Executive Committee and it was approved. Organizations represented on the committee will be contacted and requested to name an individual to serve.</p>	
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Dave Cullen</p>	<p>Mr. Cullen reported that the committee met on Thursday, August 11. The group formed a Nominating Committee to elect a new slate of officers for their group.</p> <p>The group is forming a workgroup to work with OEMS on the contracts in order to make some of the deliverables related to the development of regional plans more relevant and reasonable.</p>	
<p>Nominating Committee: Election & Appointments – Pokey Harris</p>	<p>Ms. Harris explained there are five members on the Nominating Committee. Two members will be elected and three members will be appointed by the Chair of the Advisory Board</p> <p>Ms. Harris opened the floor for nominations for the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Matthew Tatum nominated Dale Wagoner; Gary Critzer nominated Chris Eudailey; Dr. James Dudley nominated Dr. Allen Yee.</p> <p>Ms. Harris explained that the Nominating Committee will be compiling a slate of officers for Chair, Vice Chair, and the four coordinator positions; Administrative Coordinator, Infrastructure Coordinator; Patient Care Coordinator, and Professional Development Coordinator.</p> <p>Mr. Brown pointed out that the Bylaws state that the slate of officers must be distributed to the full Board by October 5.</p> <p>Ms. Harris called for a motion to close the nominations. A motion was made and properly seconded to close the nominations. The Board members were then asked to vote for two of the three nominees.</p> <p>The members of the Nominating Committee are: Gary Samuels, Chair; Gary Critzer; David Barrick;</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moved to close the nominations with the the three nominations of Dale Wagoner, Chris Eudailey, and Allen Yee.</p> <p>The Board members voted and the two members elected to the Nominating Committee were: Dale Wagoner Allen Yee</p> <p>Following the Bylaws, Ms. Harris appointed three members to the Nominating Committee: Gary Critzer Gary Samuels David Barrick</p>

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	Dale Wagoner; and Allen Yee.	Ms. Harris asked Gary Samuels to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee; and he agreed.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Rob Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer of Richmond Ambulance Authority- Mr. Lawrence stated that he is also leading the Rider Alert Motorcycle Safety Program. Mr. Lawrence briefed the Advisory Board on the program at the May board meeting. Mr. Lawrence gave an update on the progress of the program. The program has distributed 125,000 cards across two states, in 15 weeks into the program's conception. Geico, who is one of their sponsors, is also taking the program to Sturgis which is a national motorcycle rally in South Dakota. The program is also a part of the Virginia Motorcycle Rider Program; and every new motorcycle rider in the program will receive one of the cards for their helmet.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p><u>Changing EMS Advisory Board Meeting Days from Friday to Thursday-</u> Ms. Harris opened the floor for additional discussion on an ongoing discussion the Board has had about changing their meeting days from Friday to Thursday to avoid some of the traffic delay experienced by some members on Friday.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards spoke, as one of the members who had pushed for the move from Friday to Thursday. Mr. Edwards said that at his request the Board of Health had changed their meeting days from Friday to Thursday and he has discovered that it doesn't really make any difference in travel time.</p> <p>Mr. Brown was asked about the cost difference in holding the meetings on Thursday as opposed to Friday. Mr. Brown said there is a cost difference since this would require most lodging rooms on Wednesday. Typically the hotel experiences most of its meetings on Monday through Thursday and, therefore, the space and lodging rooms are more expensive. Prices tend to be a little lower when you lodge on Thursday and meet on Friday.</p> <p>Steve Ennis asked that the Office of EMS would take into consideration the meeting dates of other conferences when scheduling the Advisory Board meeting dates, since a lot of times the meeting dates conflict with other major state conferences.</p> <p>Mr. Dudley made a motion to keep the meetings on Friday. Richard McClure seconded the motion.</p> <p><u>Committee Interest Forms and Committee Membership Forms-</u> Ms. Harris discussed the Committee Interest Form. She explained that the form asked for any leadership roles board members might desire as well as committee chair positions. All board members are encouraged to become part of a committee. On some committees you may serve as a member. Ms. Harris also explained that in some cases the committee membership has been established, but she encouraged all members to participate in the committees.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to keep the meeting dates on Friday.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMUOSLY.</p> <p>Ms. Harris asked Board members to return the Committee Interest Form to Irene Hamilton by September 15.</p>

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NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Volunteer Rescue Squad Assistance Workgroup</u> – Bruce Edwards Mr. Edwards explained that he along with other members of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) are concerned that a number of volunteer rescue squads throughout the Commonwealth are struggling; some have even gone out of business. Mr. Edwards, along with some fellow members of VAVRS started meeting to discuss the problem. A workgroup was formed that realized that it needed more diversity, especially some young blood.</p> <p>They have formed the Volunteer Rescue Squad Assistance Workgroup (VRSAWG). The group consists of VAVRS life members and officers; a young rescue squad member from Southside; the new young Captain from Tappahannock VRS; William Quarles, a former member of the EMS Advisory Board, who is also well versed in how local government works; Carol Morrow, from the Office of EMS, because of her work on the Standards of Excellence and Workforce Development document. Dr. Levine was also involved in the preliminary discussions.</p> <p>The group hired a consultant and held a two-day retreat. At the retreat, they developed a Strategic Plan. The plan includes their vision, mission, strategies, objectives with action plans that have dates on them; an each of the six objectives have an owner. The group also assigned an Accountability Partner, who serves as a person who makes sure the owner of the objective sticks to the timeline.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Edwards said that the group feels in this way they will know they are doing something to try and help the struggling volunteer rescue squads. Mr. Edwards said he chairs the group and Gary Dalton is the vice-chair.</p> <p><u>Mental Health Patients Initiative</u> – Bruce Edwards Mr. Edwards reported that since 2006 he has been actively working on how psychiatric patients are handled in the medical system. He said that EMS providers see many of these patients regularly who run a gamut between pediatric patients to senior citizens.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards said EMS has protocols in place for caring for all patients with the exception of mental health patients; who generally are left in the Emergency Department and may end up in a 10 x 10 room for hours or days before a mental health bed can be secured for them. He has had conversations regarding his concerns with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Levine; as well as opening some dialogue with the Division Director of Mental Health from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards has the endorsement of Tidewater EMS Council to address this issue. He realizes that it is a huge issue, but he also feels that this is what EMS does, take care of patients. He feels that they need to make some state connections between VDH and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. This issue probably needs to be addressed on a regional and local level with the Community Service Boards, as well.</p> <p>In closing, Mr. Edwards said he believes EMS needs to get on the path to advocate for this helpless patient.</p> <p>Following Mr. Edwards talk, Gary Critzer went on record in support of his initiative and brought forth a</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory board goes on record as a strong advocate for mental health patients in the Commonwealth and further requests that Bruce Edwards continues his efforts on all levels to examine how the EMS community can help improve care to this patient population.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

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Adjournment	Hearing no more business the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM	
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 1 PM at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.	

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