

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, Virginia
Conference Rooms A and B
January 8, 2015
10:30 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Marilyn McLeod, M. D. - Chair	Theresa Guins, M.D.	Debbie Akers	Chad Blosser
Charles Lane, M.D.	Paul Philips, D.O.	Greg Neiman	Michael Player
Asher Brand, M.D.		Adam Harrell	Marcia Pescitani
E. Reed Smith, M.D.		Peter Brown	Adam Alford
George Lindbeck, M.D.		Warren Short	John Dugan
Allen Yee, M.D.		Michael Berg	Cathy Cockrell
Forrest Calland, M.D.		Scott Winston	Gary Morris
Cheryl Lawson, M.D.			
Stewart Martin, M.D.			
Christopher Turnbull, M.D.			
Scott Weir, M.D.			
Tania White, M.D.			
Chief Eddie Ferguson			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
1. Welcome	The meeting was called to order by Dr. McLeod at 10:34 AM	
2. Introductions	No introductions were necessary.	Meeting Sign-in Roster Attachment "A"
3. Approval of Agenda		Approved by consensus
4. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from the October 9, 2014 meeting.	Approved by consensus
5. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues	Cathy Cockrell from WVEMS gave an update on the situation with the BREMS region concerning a drug diversion and tampering of Fentanyl. Dr. McLeod gave a further update to the committee. The DEA is conducting an investigation based on information that was shared through the media. Dr. McLeod to keep the committee updated on the progress of this investigation. Discussion by committee. Allen Yee, MD stated that the DEA is meeting with ACEP in New Orleans to discuss EMS specific issues. Michael Berg stated that with the regulatory change not requiring practitioner signature, there are areas that the pharmacist and physicians didn't feel comfortable with no signature. He stated that if the pharmacists and facilities still require signature you should follow the facility requirements.	

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6. Old Business			
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7. New Business			
A	High Low EVAC – S. Weir, MD	Shared with the committee the statistics and information concerning the use of High Low EVAC. Subglottic suctioning tubes are not being utilized in the prehospital environment but hospitals in his area are encouraging the use of this device. Discussed the cost estimate impact to prehospital environment. Cost of subglottic suctioning tube ranges from \$35 to \$80 dollars. Hospital acquired ventilator assisted pneumonia and associated deaths due to further complications can be reduced by the use of High Low EVAC. Has discovered a new device is being marketed in the near future that will significantly bring down the cost of this device. Dr. Martin wanted to know if Dr. Weir had an academic institution he was working with. Recommended a multi-center project approach. Dr. Brand stated that they have implemented on a limited basis. Problems with tube because suction port is small. Dr. Weir to share an article with the committee and will share further information as it becomes available.	
B	Future of I-99 - E. Ferguson & M. McLeod, MD	Chief Ferguson requesting that a joint meeting be established between VAGEMSA and the State Medical Direction Committee concerning the future of the I-99 certification level. Dr. McLeod shared with the committee that a workgroup was being established to look at the future of I-99 testing and certification. Should National Registry stop offering the ability to offer an examination at the I-99 level what are the needs for Virginia to continue certifying this level. Warren Short shared information concerning what the Office of EMS will need to complete should the need to generate a psychometrically sound and legally defensible examination at the I-99 level. Discussion by the committee and how this impacts the future of EMS in Virginia. Chief Ferguson shared the voice of the VAGEMSA committee. Dr. McLeod offered to attend a future VAGEMSA meeting along with other representatives	
8. Research Notes			
A	Research project discussion – M. McLeod, MD	Discussed with the committee an Epinephrine and Vasopressin research project in the BREMS region.	
9. State OMD – George Lindbeck, MD			
A		Nothing to report at this time.	
Office of EMS Reports			
A	BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EC Institute <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Institute will be in late January in the Tidewater area. b. Will be traveling this year, January in Tidewater, June in Blacksburg and September in Winchester. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Deadlines will be updated online soon. <p>2. Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The DED Division will stay on the road for 2015. b. Will be going to Councils we did not visit in 2014 c. See the latest schedule on our Webpage: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm <p>3. VEMSES testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No real change in the results of initial testing. Pass rate have gone up a little to around 50%. b. Only have around 40 EMT-Instructors left in the system c. No Longer recertifying EMT Instructors as of October 31, 2014 <p>4. Reminded the physicians that Education Coordinator endorsements are now done through the online OMD portal. Appreciates everyone efforts to do verification. Dr. Weir stated that he is not receiving an email notification that there is a pending verification awaiting his approval. The office will check with IT on this matter.</p>	
B	ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALS Coordinators no real change 2. After working with NR, since Virginia recertification mirrors Registry, CE reports will begin showing a statement that VA Providers have completed a Virginia Approved Refresher so they can just check “Completed Paramedic Refresher” on the NR recert application. Providers MUST be on cycle in case of audit. 3. Transition Application with I-P no longer being sent to Training Officer despite what is on their NR portal. It is going to OEMS and is approved on a daily basis. 4. Transition sunset is approaching. Everyone need to transition to NRP or will receive an AEMT card. 5. NR Stats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NR stats do not include under 18 	See Attachment ‘B’
C	Accreditation – Debbie Akers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Multiple CoAEMSP visits were held during late November and December. All programs evaluated were given favorable exit interview reports. All are awaiting the official report from CoAEMSP. b. Working with site review teams to visit a number of sites in VA c. Paul D. Camp Community College - Site Team is working with them d. Frederick County Accreditation at the AEMT/EMT level is in the hands of site review team. A site visit is pending dates from Frederick County. e. CSEMS has obtained BLS Accreditation and accredited 3 locations for BLS courses. Only the main campus will continue to offer Intermediate classes. 	See Attachment ‘C’

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D	EMSTF – Adam Harrell	1. EMSTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report distributed. b. FY16 contracts are being worked on with a few changes planned 	See Attachment 'D'
E	Division of Educational Development – Warren Short	1. March, 2014 Automatic began automatic recertification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. System appears to be working well b. Still a few providers who are finding excuses for late completion of CE 2. Discussed with the OMD's the need for OMD direct oversight in EMS education in Virginia and specifically at the BLS level. The way EMS education is being offered in the future may change and needs OMD input.	
F	Regulation and Compliance – Michael Berg	1. OMD workshop schedule – Next update is at ACEP meeting in February. Will get schedule posted for 2015. If any questions please let Dr. Lindbeck know. Encouraged the committee to advise the doctors to check their OMD status and need for workshop attendance. 2. Regulatory Packets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financial Review clean up regulation is in the AG office b. Regulatory Section 910 which left out the term 'affiliated' is in DPB for fast-track review. 3. Doug Layton has joined the Office and Regulation and Compliance is back to full staffing. 4. General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. HB1458 – Delegate O'Bannon - Board of Pharmacy has the lead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Will allow providers to carry Narcan on their person b. SB837- Senator Puller - to allow localities with a process in place to conduct their own background checks and receive the results c. SB 845 Senator Stanley - Exempt Volunteer FF and EMS from liability when responding on a call d. SB877 – Interstate Compact e. HB1441 – Delegate Bell - Mandating training for all mandated reported within six months of affiliation or certification. Must be approved by their board for content and instruction. OEMS will offer an opinion. f. HB1584 – Delegate Stolle - Technical clean-up Bill. 18 variations of EMS in the Code, multi-stakeholder effort. Will clarify the definition of EMS. g. HB1568 – Delegate Orrock – Emergency vehicles may exceed bridge and culvert posted weight limits by up to 20%. h. Stated last date to introduce a bill is January 23rd so there could be further bills to address in this legislative session. 	
G	Other Office Staff	Nothing to report.	
PUBLIC COMMENT			
For The Good Of The Order		1. Dr. Yee updated the committee on the progress of Chesterfield in obtaining a Home Health License for the	

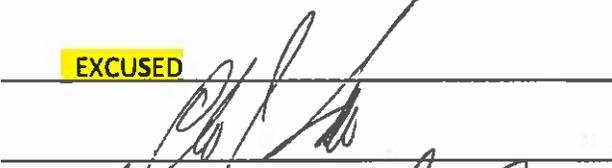
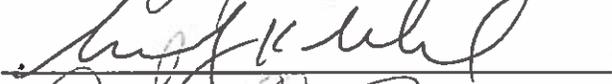
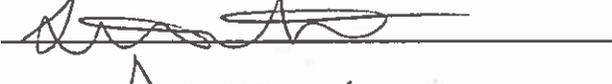
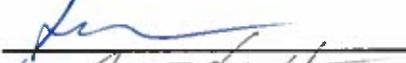
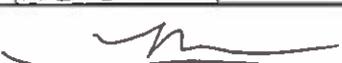
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	<p>purposes of providing community paramedicine care in his area.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Discussion by committee concerning lay person administration of Epinephrine for the perceived anaphylactic reaction. 3. Dr. Lane reported that he has been getting requests from the field to assist State Police for Medical Oversight and equipment. Dr. Yee stated that there is some movement to get training to the State Police Divisions. Mentioned the program that Trooper Galton and Dr. Bono has started with this project. Dr. Smith stated that a potential white paper be developed to support the opinion of initial training for law enforcement. 4. Dr. McLeod asked Dr. Calland about Reboa. Dr. Calland provided information on REBOA to the committee. 5. Dr. Brand queried the committee on emergent versus non-emergent dispatch of EMS and which physicians were participating in this matter. 	<p>Dr. Reed Smith will provide information to be shared with the committee.</p>
Meeting Dates for 2015	April 9, 2015; July 9, 2015; October 8, 2015	
Adjournment	12:27 P.M.	

Attachment A

1/8/15 – Attendance Roster

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING ROSTER
January 8, 2015

Please sign in next to your name.

Region	Representative	Signature
SWVEMS	PAUL PHILLIPS, D.O.	EXCUSED
WVEMS	CHARLES LANE, M.D.	
BREMS(CHAIR)	MARILYN MCLEOD, M. D.	
TJEMS (OEMS)	GEORGE LINDBECK, M. D.	
CSEMS	ASHER BRAND, M. D.	
LFEMS	CHRISTOPHER TURNBULL, M.D.	
REMS	TANIA WHITE, M.D.	
NVEMS	E. REED SMITH, M.D.	
ODEMSA	ALLEN YEE, M. D.	
PEMS	CHERYL LAWSON, M. D.	
TEMS	STEWART MARTIN, M. D.	
MAL	FORREST CALLAND, M.D.	
MAL	SCOTT WEIR, M.D.	
EMS CHILDREN	THERESA GUINS, M.D.	EXCUSED
VAGEMSA	CHIEF EDDIE FERGUSON	
OEMS STAFF:		
GARY BROWN		WARREN SHORT 
SCOTT WINSTON		DEBBIE AKERS 
MIKE BERG		GREG NEIMAN 
TIM PERKINS		ADAM HARRELL  Peter Brand 

Attachment B

National Registry Statistics

BLS NR Statistics

As of 01/06/2015

State Statistics:

Results sent to National Registry: 7,581

Successful within 3 attempts: 4,563 = 72%

No test attempt to date: 1,257 = 17%

Those who tested:

	Attempted	Passed	%	Failed	%
First	6,316	3,956	63%	2,360	37%
Second	1,201	502	42%	699	58%
Third	313	105	33%	208	67%
Fourth	62	29	47%	33	53%
Fifth	14	7	50%	7	50%
Sixth	3	1	33%	2	67%

The above is reflective of the results including our 'Under 18' test candidates that is not reflected when you pull our State report from National Registry. The statistics for the 'Under 18 group are as follows:

Results sent to National Registry: 682

Successful within 3 attempts: 277 = 53%

No test attempt to date: 162 = 24%

Those who tested:

	Attempted	Passed	%	Failed	%
First	520	226	43%	294	57%
Second	113	45	40%	68	60%
Third	21	6	29%	15	71%
Fourth	5	2	40%	3	60%
Fifth	1	1	100%	0	0%
Sixth	0				

The National statistics for this same period are as follows:

EMT

Report Date: 1/6/2015 5:04:24 PM
Report Type: National Report
Registration Level: EMT-Basic / EMT
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2012 to 1st Quarter 2015
Training Program: All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
156510	70% (109551 / 156510)	80% (124846 / 156510)	80% (125559 / 156510)	0% (90 / 156510)	16% (24638 / 156510)	4% (6244 / 156510)

EMR

Report Date: 1/6/2015 5:06:02 PM
Report Type: National Report
Registration Level: First Responder / EMR
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2012 to 1st Quarter 2015
Training Program: All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
8247	72% (5966 / 8247)	78% (6413 / 8247)	78% (6414 / 8247)	0% (0 / 8247)	19% (1532 / 8247)	4% (304 / 8247)

Attachment C

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of January 7, 2015



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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
American National University	77512	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Central Virginia Community College	68006	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Germanna-Rappahannock Community College	11903	Yes	-	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Historic Triangle EMS Institute	83009	No	1	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	08709	No	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	77007	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Lord Fairfax Community College	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Northern Virginia Community College	05906	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Patrick Henry Community College	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Piedmont Virginia Community College	54006	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue	15312	Yes	-	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Rappahannock EMS Council Program	63007	No	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
Southside Virginia Community College	18507	No	1	National – initial	CoAEMSP
Southwest Virginia Community College	11709	Yes	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care	15319	No	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Tidewater Community College	81016	Yes	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program	76011	Yes	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at EMT- I, AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- Patrick Henry Community College is awaiting information from CoAEMSP.
- Rappahannock EMS Council and Prince William County have completed their first cohort class and are awaiting their initial accreditation site visit.
- Rappahannock Community College has obtained a LOR to allow them to conduct their first cohort class starting in fall of 2014.
- Central Shenandoah EMS Council is in the process of accreditation at the paramedic level in Virginia which is described on the OEMS web page at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/Paramedic.htm>

Accredited Intermediate¹ Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	79001	Yes	2*	State – Full	May 31, 2016
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
<i>Dabney S. Lancaster Community College</i>	00502	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2017
<i>Hampton Fire & EMS</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	February 28, 2017
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	No	--	State – Full	February 28, 2019
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	No	--	State – Full	April 30, 2017
<i>Nicholas Klimenko and Associates</i>	83008	Yes	2	State – Full	July 31, 2015
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2016
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	3	State – Full	July 31, 2016
<i>Roanoke Regional Fire-EMS Training Center</i>	77505	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2015
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>		No	--	State – Conditional	December 31, 2015
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2017

Programs accredited at the Intermediate level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- Paul D Camp Community College self-study has been received and has been reviewed by the Office. A site team will be assigned next week.
- *Central Shenandoah EMS Council is now accredited at the BLS level and two alternate sites were approved to offer BLS education only.

Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Site Number</i>	<i># of Alternate Sites</i>	<i>Accreditation Status</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>

- Frederick County Fire/EMS has submitted their self study. The site team has been assigned and a site visit date is being planned.

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

<i>Site Name</i>	<i>Site Number</i>	<i># of Alternate Sites</i>	<i>Accreditation Status</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS		--	State – Full	July 31, 2018
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS		--	State – Full	July 31, 2018

- Frederick County Fire/EMS has submitted their self study. The site team has been assigned and a site visit date is being planned.
- Chesterfield Fire and EMS has submitted their self study which is under review by OEMS.
- Harrisonburg Rescue Squad has submitted their self study which is under review by OEMS.

Attachment D

EMSTF Report

Emergency Medical Services Training Funds Summary

As of January 5, 2015





EMS Training Funds Summary of Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2013	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
19 Emergency Ops	\$1,460.00	\$755.00
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$729,348.00	\$358,139.11
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$125,160.00	\$49,936.21
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$297,360.00	\$78,575.00
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$80,000.00	\$18,280.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$350,000.00	\$161,005.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	\$1,102,668.00	\$588,894.99
Total	\$2,685,996.00	\$1,255,585.31

Fiscal Year 2014	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
19 Emergency Ops	\$1,120.00	\$280.00
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$780,912.00	\$371,354.12
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$94,010.00	\$36,648.02
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$223,270.00	\$79,415.00
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$130,000.00	\$61,300.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$304,000.00	\$178,690.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	\$1,188,504.00	\$523,189.72
Total	\$2,721,816.00	\$1,251,716.86

Fiscal Year 2015	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
19 Emergency Ops	\$2,480.00	\$180.00
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$580,576.50	\$144,810.96
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$46,364.00	\$11,258.80
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$121,362.50	\$21,218.75
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$68,960.00	\$3,920.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$406,480.00	\$32,440.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	\$816,424.00	\$178,028.28
Total	\$2,042,647.00	\$391,856.79