

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA
May 14, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
J. David Barrick <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>	James A. Gray, Jr. <i>Virginia Fire Chief's Association</i>	Gary R. Brown	Melinda Duncan <i>Northern VA EMS Council</i>
Edward B. Bish, Jr. <i>VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>	Cheryl L. Lawson, M.D. <i>VA Hospital & Healthcare Association</i>	P. Scott Winston	Elizabeth Enos <i>John Tyler Community College</i>
Asher Brand, M.D. <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	Clarence Monday (Excused) <i>Virginia Municipal League</i>	George Lindbeck, M.D.	Mindy Carter <i>CJW Medical Center</i>
Jason D. Campbell <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>	Matthew Tatum (Excused) <i>VA Assoc. of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)</i>	Beth Singer	Mike Harmon <i>Chesterfield Fire/EMS</i>
Jennie L. Collins <i>Northern VA EMS Council</i>	Anthony D. Wilson (Excused) <i>Virginia Ambulance Association</i>	Jim Nogle	Eddie Ferguson <i>Goochland Fire -Rescue</i>
Michael Crockett <i>Associated Public Safety Communications Officials</i>		Amanda Davis	Constance McGeorge <i>Office of Commonwealth Preparedness</i>
Gary A. Dalton <i>VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>		Wanda Street	Connie Purvis <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>
Kevin L. Dillard <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>		Irene Hamilton	Tracey McLaurin <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i>
Bruce Edwards <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>		Dennis Molnar	David E. Cullen, Jr. <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>
Steve Ennis <i>VA State Firefighters Association</i>		Michael Berg	Stephen Rea <i>Thomas Jefferson EMS Council</i>
Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler <i>Consumer</i>			Ray Whatley <i>Alexandria Fire Department</i>
Robin L. Foster, M.D. <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>			Jeff Meyer <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>
L.V. Pokey Harris <i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>			Heidi Hooker <i>Old Dominion EMS Alliance</i>
Linda G. Johnson <i>Thomas Jefferson EMS Council</i>			Rob Logan <i>Western Virginia EMS Council</i>
Ajai Malhotra, M.D. <i>American College of Surgeons</i>			Jim Chandler <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>
Richard D. McClure <i>Old Dominion EMS Council</i>			Tina Skinner <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>

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<p>Larry A. Oliver <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i></p> <p>William E. Quarles, Jr. <i>Virginia Association of Counties</i></p> <p>Gary Samuels <i>VA Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters</i></p> <p>Dee Dee Soyars <i>VA Emergency Nurses Association / VA Nurses Association</i></p> <p>John Dale Wagoner <i>Western Virginia EMS Council</i></p> <p>Scott Weir, M.D. <i>VA College of Emergency Physicians</i></p> <p>Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM <i>Medical Society of Virginia</i></p>			<p>Ed Rhodes</p> <p>Dan Norville <i>Norfolk Fire-Rescue</i></p> <p>Valeta Daniels <i>HAD-EMS Liaison</i></p> <p>Wayne Peer <i>Rockingham County Fire & Rescue</i></p> <p>Karen Wagner <i>VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i></p> <p>Mark Levine, M.D., MPH <i>VDH, Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Preparedness & Response</i></p> <p>Randy Abernathy <i>Retired Deputy Chief, Hanover Fire-EMS</i></p>

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Call to Order – Jennie Collins	<p>Ms. Collins, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1 PM.</p> <p>The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2010 meeting as submitted.</p> <p>The Chair called for a motion to approve the draft agenda for this May 14, 2010 meeting as submitted.</p>	<p>A motion was made and properly seconded; and the February 12, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>A motion was made and properly seconded; and the draft agenda for the May 14, 2010 meeting was approved.</p>
Chair Report – Jennie Collins	<p>Ms. Collins informed the Board of some upcoming EMS-related events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May 16 – 22 is National EMS Week. - June 26 is the date for the National EMS Memorial Service. It is being held in Colorado Springs. The National Memorial Bike Ride which is held in conjunction with the National EMS Memorial Service is currently taking place. Tim Perkins from the Office of EMS is participating in the bike ride. 	

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	<p><u>Executive Committee Meeting</u> – The Executive Committee met on April 22. Ms. Collins gave an overview of the topics of discussion at that meeting. Several of the Executive Committee agenda items will be brought to the Board in other reports at today’s meeting.</p> <p><u>Pandemic Flu Advisory Committee</u> - EMS needs representation on this committee. Ms. Collins asked that any Board members who might be interested in serving on the committee contact either Gary Brown or her.</p> <p><u>EMS Acronyms List</u> - Board member, Ms. Strickler, had asked for a list of acronyms of EMS related terms. Mr. Winston has developed an acronym list that will be posted on the OEMS website.</p>	
1st Vice Chair Report – Pokey Harris	Ms. Harris reported that the Executive Committee is looking at the realignment of the committees of the Board during the Bylaws revision progress.	
2nd Vice Chair Report – Gary Dalton	No report.	
Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Preparedness & Response – Mark Levin, M.D., MPH	<p>Dr. Levine announced that Dr. Karen Remley has been officially reappointed as State Health Commissioner by Governor McDonnell.</p> <p>Dr. Levine reported that he participated in a meeting at Fort A.P. Hill in preparation for the Boy Scout Jamboree. He was very impressed with the interagency cooperation and commended the REMS Council on their part in the process.</p> <p>Dr. Levine also reported on H1N1. He said that they are working on their after action report for H1N1; and that they are continuing their planning work for H1N1 to ensure that they have coverage in all areas.</p>	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston and OEMS Staff	<p>Mr. Brown reported on several items:</p> <p><u>Budget</u> – The General Assembly increased the \$4.25 for Life to \$6.25 for Life. Mr. Brown wanted everyone to understand, however, that the additional revenue from the \$2 increase goes to the Department of State Police for the Medflight aviation unit and approximately \$10.5M will go to the General Fund. It did restore the 25¢ that is dedicated for EMS Training Funds and basically restored the remainder of the \$4.25 for Life budget. The Office of EMS still has some transfers that come out of the \$4.25 for Life monies.</p> <p><u>Interagency Transfers</u> - Mr. Brown explained that the budget bill also requires that interest earned from the Trauma Fund and RSAF monies go back to the General Fund.</p> <p><u>Trauma Center Fund</u> - The court fees were increased from \$50 to \$100 for Driver’s License reinstatement for DUIs. These funds go into the Trauma Center Fund. However, there was conflicting language in the budget bill. The Office of EMS has informed the senior leadership of the Health Department of the conflicting language. VDH Administration is now working with the Senate Finance</p>	

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	<p>Committee, the Governor’s Office and the Department of Planning and Budget to fix the language</p> <p><u>Board of Health</u> – The Office of EMS appeared before the Board of Health on April 23, 2010 and requested approval of the Designation of Regional EMS Councils. The Board of Health gave approval for each of the 11 councils.</p> <p>The Office of EMS also requested and received the approval from the Board of Health for adoption of the State Stroke Triage Plan.</p> <p><u>EMS for Children Day</u> – Mr. Brown announced that EMS for Children Day is May 19. The focus this year is on child safety.</p> <p><u>Virginia Pre-Hospital Information Bridge VPHIB</u> – Mr. Brown acknowledged the complexity and aggressive schedule established by OEMS to submit pre-hospital data into the new VPHIB Program. OEMS realizes that a number of EMS agencies will not meet the established July 1, 2010 deadline. A lot of EMS agencies have requested and been granted extensions to begin submitting data using the new VPHIB program. The Office of EMS is working with the Commissioner’s office to provide a statewide variance to allow the EMS agencies additional time to come into compliance. The Office of EMS has requested the Commissioner grant a variance until December 31, 2010 to give the EMS agencies time to come into compliance.</p> <p>Mr. Brown also announced that the OEMS will be sending out a brief questionnaire and assessment to identify issues and determine what EMS agencies need in order to comply with the new data reporting requirements. OEMS will use this information to determine if another special initiative grant program is necessary to assist EMS agencies with meeting the requirements.</p> <p><u>State Furlough Day</u> – All state employees must take a furlough day on May 28. Because the Office of EMS will be closed on Friday, May 28; any paperwork that must be submitted by the end of May must be turned in no later than Thursday, May 27. There is information about this subject posted on the OEMS Web site.</p> <p><u>Line of Duty Death Benefits</u> – Scott Winston Mr. Winston reported that in an effort to balance the budget the funding for Line of Duty deaths (LODD) was transitioned from the General Fund to the participating employers. This means that in future years Line of Duty death benefits paid out by the Department of Accounts will be based on premiums that are going to be charged to state agencies or localities based on the number of employees who are eligible under the program. Funding for LODD for FY11 is going to come from cash that will be borrowed from VRS but that will have to be paid back. In FY12 funding for the premiums collected from participating employers will include members of volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squads. Mr. Winston pointed out that non-participating employers shall not be</p>	

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	<p>required to contribute to the fund that is managed by the state but are still responsible for any claims that occur in their jurisdiction,</p> <p><u>State Medical Director</u> – George Lindbeck, M.D. Dr. Lindbeck reported that the Guidelines Subcommittee and the Formulary Subcommittee are both moving forward. They are working on a project to survey hospitals about care provided in the Emergency Department .</p> <p>Mike Berg talked about variance process changes being submitted for individuals testing or certification time period. Mr. Berg said that the variance process is outlined in the Virginia Code and in the EMS Regulations. OEMS has updated their Web page to show that the form requires the signature of the Medical Director if they are affiliated with an EMS agency as well as they must have a resolution from the local governing body where the provider resides. Mr. Berg said that they can accept letters from either the City Manager or the County Administrator who are acting on behalf of the local government when they are not in session. Mr. Berg reiterated that variance requests must have local government approval.</p> <p><u>Vaccination by EMS Provider</u> - The Office of EMS and Dr. Lindbeck is working in cooperation with the Office of Immunization and the Board of Nursing to put together a draft policy in regards to EMS personnel administering immunizations and other vaccinations. Once the package is complete it will go to the Health Commissioner for approval.</p> <p><u>Electronic Signatures</u> - Mr. Berg reported that electronic signatures are not legal at the federal level. He reported that in March 2010 the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued an interim rule that will become a final rule on June 1. The ruling states that a prescriber can have use of electronic signature if the pharmacist wish to use it, but the DEA requires that certain security measures must be met; and the security measures have to be validated by a third party vendor that meets certain criteria established by the DEA.</p> <p>Within the Virginia EMS system this raises question in regards to both the ToughBook program as well as the VPHIB program; Does the use of the electronic signatures on ToughBooks meet the DEA requirement? Other systems with programs using electronic signatures need to have a third party vendor to assure that the security is in place for those signatures.</p> <p>Also effective June 1, the use of stamped signatures or facsimiles of any signatures will no longer be accepted by pharmacists per the DEA. They have to be either the electronic signature or the actual signature. Mr. Berg said he has been told that all the prescribers are supposed to receive documentation from the DEA noting all of this information.</p> <p>It was also learned recently that the Board of Pharmacy has determined that the Federal Drug Control</p>	

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	<p>Act will not allow the Medical Director of an EMS agency to establish patient care guidelines or protocols authorizing administration of medications for certain clinical presentations unless a practitioner signs the patient care report verifying the medications were utilized. This means that the field practitioners will now be required to have the signature of the receiving practitioner; and the signature has to be electronic and approved by the DEA through the third party vendor or it must be an actual signature.</p> <p>OEMS has drafted a memo that will be distributed to all EMS agencies on this subject after it is reviewed and approved by Mr. Eric Gregory in the OAG's office.</p> <p><u>Electronic Voucher Forms</u> - Gary Brown Mr. Brown encouraged all Board members to complete an Electronic Voucher form. This will allow the State to direct deposit their travel reimbursement checks into their checking accounts. State Departments will be charged \$5 for each paper check that is written to a traveler. Board members must attach a voided check to the form. Please complete and mail it to Irene Hamilton in the Office of EMS.</p> <p><u>NASEMSO Conference</u> - Gary Brown Mr. Brown reminded the Board that the Virginia Office of EMS is hosting the National Association of State EMS Officials Conference this year. The conference will be held October 11 - 15 in Norfolk.</p> <p>Rick McClure of the Board was concerned with the cumbersome process that will take place if all variances have to be approved by the governing locality where a provider resides. Mr. McClure wonders if it would be appropriate to ask the Commissioner of Health to pursue a change in the Code that will allow the County Administrators or County or City Managers as opposed to the Board of Supervisors and City Councils to approve variances in order to avoid a cumbersome and lengthy process.</p> <p>Mr. McClure made a motion to that effect.</p> <p>MOTION: The Virginia Code 32.1-111.9 states that the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the principle office or legal residence of the agency or entity or provider licensed or certified by the Office of Emergency Medical Services is located. Mr. McClure would like to strike that sentence "governing body" and adding in the term "agency head" and the "Operational Medical Director" and that would be the recommendation without even going to the County Manager; it would be saying that the Office of EMS would be allowed to rule on a variance that comes from the agency head and the Operational Medical Director as opposed to requiring local government to take some action. .</p> <p>There was extensive discussion surrounding the proposed motion. Several board members thought it would be better to have more information before voting on this motion.</p>	<p>MOTION; The EMS Advisory Board wants to postpone any action on requesting the Commissioner of Health to</p>

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	<p>Bruce Edwards brought forth a motion to postpone action on this item until it can be worked out more.</p> <p>MOTION; The EMS Advisory Board wants to postpone any action on requesting the Commissioner of Health to pursue a change in the Code legislation of Virginia Code 32.1-1119 until the issue can be researched and worked out by the Finance, Legislation and Planning Committee (FL&P) and Regulation and Policy Committee.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Mr. Quarles.</p> <p>The Chair called for the vote.</p>	<p>pursue a change in the Code legislation of Virginia Code 32.1-111.9 until the issue can be researched and worked out more in committees. YEAS = 23; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Regulation and Policy and FL&P committees will work on this item and report back to the Board.</p>
Office of Attorney General – Eric Gregory	Mr. Gregory was not in attendance at the meeting.	
Bylaws Subcommittee Report – Bruce Edwards	<p>The Quarterly Report to the Board included a clean copy of the proposed Bylaws changes, along with a document summarizing the proposed changes to the Bylaws and an organizational chart of the proposed committee structure. Mr. Edwards explained at the last meeting of the Bylaws Subcommittee, the members were still hung up on Article XIII, the Code of Ethics. Since they couldn't come to a unanimous conclusion, the Chair asked that section be put aside until August.</p> <p>Mr. Edwards presented the document summarizing the proposed amendments to the Bylaws to the Board for their approval, with the exception of Article XIII (Code of Ethics).</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the composition of the Medical Direction Committee (MDC).</p> <p>Dr. Brand stated that he feels the MDC should have some non-physician members, and he feels the Bylaws should specify the composition of the MDC. He would like to see the composition include each regional medical director or the regional EMS council's designee, and he would also like to see three ad hoc members that would probably be chosen by the Executive Committee. He said he would like to see an educator, an EMS provider and an administrator.</p> <p>Dr. Yee voiced his concerns on the possibility of having the Medical Direction Committee potentially composed of all non-physicians. Dr. Yee stated further that even though he didn't foresee that happening, he feels that this is an opportunity to amend the Bylaws to prevent that from ever happening.</p> <p>Dr. Brand asked the Advisory Board to consider making the Bylaws change to address the concerns of the Medical Direction Committee members.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board accepts the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws as submitted by the Bylaws Subcommittee with the exception of Article XIII, Code of Ethics.</p> <p>YEAS = 20; NAYS =3; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p>

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	<p>Steve Ennis, voting on the prevailing side of the first motion about the Bylaws brought forth a motion to resend the action just taken by the Board. The motion was seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>The Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>Following that vote, Dr. Brand brought forth another motion.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Dr. Weir asked if the motion could be split into two motions. Dr. Weir explained that the way the motion currently reads, it would be possible to agree with one part of the motion but disagree with the other part.</p> <p>Based on the discussion, Dr. Brand decided to resend his motion altogether and have the Board vote on the two separate items.</p> <p>Dr. Weir brought forth a motion.</p> <p>The floor was opened for discussion. It was suggested that if they make this change, it will open the door for every other committee to stipulate their membership in the Bylaws.</p> <p>Following this motion, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Following discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>Following that vote, the original motion was brought back to the Board for approval.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to resend the action taken to accept the proposed amendments to the Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws Committee.</p> <p>YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 1 (Bruce Edwards).</p> <p>The motion carried.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board agrees that the composition of the Medical Direction Committee be the regional medical directors from each of the regional EMS councils and three ad hoc members to be determined by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>MOTION: The Bylaws stipulate the membership of the Medical Direction Committee in Bylaws.</p> <p>YEAS = 7; NAYS = 12; ABSTENTIONS = 2</p> <p>Motion Failed.</p> <p>MOTION; The EMS Advisory Board accepts</p>

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		<p>the Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws as submitted by the Bylaws Subcommittee, with the exception of Article XIII, Code of Ethics.</p> <p>YEAS = 16; NAYS = 2; ABSTENTIONS – 3</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
<p>Narrowbanding Presentation – Pokey Harris</p>	<p>Ms. Harris told the Board that the state is mandated to meet the FCC requirements for narrowbanding by January 1, 2013. Because it has come to the attention that many EMS agencies are not aware of this impending requirement, the Communications Committee has taken an initiative to work with agencies to make sure they are aware of this new requirement and deadline.</p> <p>The Board was shown a video that has been produced to help agencies understand the new FCC narrowbanding requirement.</p> <p>Ken Crumpler, OEMS Communications Coordinator , introduced Constance McGeorge the Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator. Ms. McGeorge explained that this presentation can be found on YouTube or the VITA website.</p>	
<p>Awards Selection Committee – Kevin Dillard</p>	<p>Mr. Dillard reported that regional awards programs start this month and will conclude the end of July. In August, the committee will meet to select the statewide winners.</p>	
<p>Communications Committee – Ken Crumpler</p>	<p>The committee discussed securing some funding to help agencies comply with the narrowbanding requirement. Amanda Davis from the Office of EMS will work with Constance McGeorge’s office to secure this funding.</p> <p>The committee is also working with the Regulation and Compliance division of OEMS on the section of the EMS regulations regarding communications.</p> <p>Paul Hoppes from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management gave a presentation regarding FCC regulations and frequency issues.</p>	
<p>CISM Committee – Karen Owens</p>	<p>Ms. Owens distributed a letter to the Board that they are going to put on the OEMS website and send to the points of contact for their CISM teams and CISM trained personnel. Ms. Owens explained that the letter is the first step by the Office of EMS to rebuild the accreditation process for statewide and national deployment of CISM resources.</p>	
<p>EMS Management Committee</p>	<p>The committee last met on April 29 at the Office of EMS. They are continuing to meet with officials</p>	

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– Bubby Bish	<p>in preparation for the National Boy Scouts Jamboree scheduled at Fort A P Hill on July 25 – August 4 Mr. Dan Norville, Norfolk Fire Dept. will be on the ground at the event for the entire Jamboree. VA 1-DMAT traveled to Texas to participate in an exercise.</p> <p>The committee worked on reviewing and updating the Mass Casualty I manuals and are now starting to work on the Mass Casualty II manuals. They will be working on the Mass Casualty II manuals at a worksession of the committee on June 22.</p> <p>Karen Owens and Frank Cheatham attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis where they both taught lectures.</p> <p>Their next meeting is July 29 at 10 AM at the Office of EMS.</p>	
EMS for Children – Robin L. Foster, M.D.	<p>Dr. Foster reported that EMS for Children did receive ongoing HRSA funding. Those funds will be used to survey hospitals for pediatric transfer agreements as well as off line and on line pediatric medical control access.</p> <p>At their next meeting they will have a presentation on immobilization of children in ambulances. Dr. Foster and Dave Edwards met with the Office of the Attorney General. The OAG office has completed a presentation on Gang Violence and the video is going national. The OAG is willing to share this information with EMS providers at the regional council level and at Symposium; and also is helping Dr. Foster and Dave Edwards to produce an EMSAT video.</p>	
EMS Workforce Development Committee – Carol Morrow	<p>The committee has not met but will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>There will be a Career Fair at the EMS Symposium and more information will be forthcoming. It is scheduled to be held on Thursday night at Symposium; from 6 – 9 PM. Participation is anticipated from both paid and volunteer EMS agencies, hospital training programs, as well as related EMS organizations.</p>	
Finance, Legislation & Planning – Gary Dalton	<p>The committee has not met since the last EMS Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Winston presented the proposed state EMS Plan and a slide presentation regarding the State EMS Plan. The presentation gives an overview of the Code requirements for the Plan and the process of revising the Plan.</p> <p>The Plan will be put on the OEMS web site to solicit comments. Questions regarding the Plan should be directed to Tim Perkins, Scott Winston or Gary Dalton.</p>	<p>The Board will be requested to approve the State EMS Plan at the August 13 meeting. Prior to the next Board meeting, members will be given a summary of the comments received regarding the proposed plan and final proposed state EMS Plan showing any suggested revisions made in response to comments received. If approved by the EMS Advisory Board the Plan will be placed on the agenda for the October 25 Board of Health meeting.</p>
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer	<p>The committee met on Thursday. The committee will be meeting on June 3 and 4 to finalize the grants for this cycle. Mr. Peer reported 112 agencies submitted grant applications totaling \$7.2 million in requests for this cycle.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Peer thanked the Transportation Committee for their help in grading the grants related to EMS vehicles. He reported that the Office of EMS has applied for a \$1.5 million dollar Interoperability grant. Amanda Davis is going to make an amendment to the grant so the grant can help with Interoperability compliance. The committee would also like help from the Communications Committee on looking at the grant in relations to the narrowbanding requirement.</p>	
<p>Medevac Committee – Allen Yee, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Yee reported that the committee met on Thursday.</p> <p>The committee continues to endorse the use of WeatherShare. The committee is also continuing their work with Project Synergy. Dr. Yee also reported that Medflight III is now converted to a law enforcement mission only helicopter. Dr. Yee reported that Medflight II had a recent incident involving a hard landing in Washington County but everyone walked away without any serious injuries. Dr. Yee also recognized the contributions of First Sergeant Donald Childs who retired last month from the Virginia State Police aviation division.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in October.</p> <p>There was discussion about the possibility of the State Budget Bill being changed reverting dollars back to EMS since the State Medevac now only operate two units for Medevac missions..</p>	<p>Jason Campbell would like the FL&P Committee to find out if the budget bill language can be changed since the State Medevac now only have two units.</p> <p>Gary Dalton will address this issue with the FL&P Committee and report back to the Board.</p>
<p>Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Brand</p>	<p>The committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting.</p> <p>They discussed several issues, including white papers and deposition papers that they would like to produce. The committee also discussed the Trauma Triage Plan.</p> <p>The committee discussed supporting the concept of intranasal medication administration. This discussion will probably generate a white paper. Dr. Yee put together a comment sheet on this issue; and it was the consensus of the group that adding that to the skills grid would probably be helpful. They will also be coming forward with comments on hemorrhage control and the use of tourniquets. The committee will also be looking at the use of homeostatic agents in the field.</p> <p>Dr. Brand distributed a booklet which contained his comments regarding issues related to Trauma Triage. Dr. Brand explained that his handout is intended to bring everyone up to date in terms of what has been happening and what has sparked some of the concerns. Dr. Brand reminded the Board that last August they rejected the Trauma Triage Plan and recommended the Medical Direction Committee and the Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee work together to sort out the differences. The item was placed on the agenda at the last meeting and the Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee rejected all of the proposed changes brought forth by the Medical Direction Committee. Dr. Brand stated at the same TSOMC meeting the committee rejected four of the eleven regional Trauma Triage plans.</p> <p>Dr. Brand said the document he produced and distributed was put together to represent the concerns of the MDC. Dr. Brand said that it was his understanding that the Trauma Triage Plan would be</p>	

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	<p>bypassing the EMS Advisory Board and going directly to the Board of Health for approval; and he, therefore, wanted an opportunity to voice his concerns.</p> <p>Dr. Brand brought forth a motion. He felt it would be helpful in light of the pending meeting between the Board Chair, the OAG, and the Chairpersons of the TSOMC and MDC Committees,</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Dr. Malhotra explained the reasons for the Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee rejecting the plan as revised by the Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>After listening to discussion, Bruce Edwards brought forth a motion to defer voting on the motion from Dr. Brand.</p> <p>The Chair called for a vote on this motion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The state EMS Advisory Board advises the Office of EMS that the state EMS Advisory Board considers it their role to have final determination of the contents of the Trauma Triage Plan submitted to the Board of Health. Further any changes to the Regional Trauam Triage Plan(s) will take the form of recommendations to this body.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to defer voting on the motion brought forth by Dr. Brand regarding the Trauma Triage Plan until, Drs. Malhotra, Brand and Eric Gregory from the Office of the Attorney General can meet to resolve the issue between the two committees.</p> <p>YEAS = 19; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 1</p> <p>The motion carried.</p>
Nominating Committee – Anthony Wilson	Mr. Wilson was not in attendance at the meeting. There was no report.	
Professional Development Committee – Larry Oliver	<p>Mr. Oliver reported that Billy Altman resigned from the committee and was replaced by Tom Jarman from Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue . The committee also had to appoint a replacement on the Patient Care Guidelines Workgroup, and Mr. Nick Klimenko was selected.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver reported that the committee has several major tasks ahead to start implementing the new EMS Education Standards.</p> <p>Tom Nevetral has sent out information to subject matter experts to determine their interest in writing test questions based on the new EMS Education Standards. . Mr. Oliver said it was important for</p>	

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	<p>individuals to complete the survey and comply within the given time lines.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver brought forth a motion from the Professional Development Committee asking that the Advisory Board approve Intermediate Draft Standards.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Several Board members commented that the draft was difficult to follow and identify the changes in the Intermediate standards.</p> <p>Steve Ennis asked if this vote could be postponed until the Board could receive a summary of what current privileges were taken away from Intermediates before voting on this motion.</p> <p>Following that request, Mr. Ennis brought forth the following motion</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Ms. Collins suggested that the Professional Development Committee put together a presentation to the Board to help Board members identify and better understand any changes to the Intermediate standards.</p> <p>Following the discussion, the Chair called for the vote.</p> <p>Mr. Oliver brought forth another motion from the PDC regarding the EMS Education Coordinator Program.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Following discussion, Jason Campbell brought forth another motion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The state EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the Intermediate Draft Standards as presented by the Professional Development Committee.</p> <p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to defer voting on the Intermediate Draft Standards until they can see a summary of the impacts on current Intermediates.</p> <p>YEAS = 21; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion carried.</p> <p>MOTION: The state EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the EMS Education Coordinator Program policy as presented by the Professional Development Committee.</p> <p>MOTION: The state EMS Advisory Board moves to defer the vote on the EMS Education Coordinator Program policy draft until the policy can be reviewed by the Regulation and Policy Committee.</p>

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		VOTE: YEAS = 21; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion carried.
Regulation and Policy Committee – Gary Samuels	The committee has not met since the last Advisory Board meeting. They have scheduled a meeting on June 8 to review the public comments on the EMS Regulations.	
Transportation Committee – Dave Barrick	The Transportation Committee met on April 26 to review 32 grants for EMS vehicles. The information was forwarded to FARC. They also discussed the Best Practices for ambulance contract purchases document for the web. Jimmy Burch will consolidate all the submitted comments into the final document and send it out by email to be reviewed before posting the document on the OEMS web page.	
Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Ajai Malhotra, M.D.	The committee has not met since March. They do have work groups working on a lot of the committee’s initiatives.	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Dave Cullen	The Regional EMS Councils were recently designated by the Board of Health. The committee met yesterday. Work is continuing on the regional EMS council contracts.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	Mr. Bish asked Board members to view the Lifecare Medical Transport website and see the pink ambulance that Lifecare has unveiled to promote Breast Cancer awareness.	
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is scheduled on August 13, 2010 at the Perimeter Center.	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM	