

State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, Glen Allen, Virginia
May 13, 2011
1:00 PM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Edward B. Bish, Jr. VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads	J. David Barrick (Excused) Peninsulas EMS Council	George Lindbeck, M.D.	Marissa Levine, M.P.H. VDH, Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness
Jennie L. Collins Northern VA EMS Council	Asher Brand, M.D. (Excused) Central Shenandoah EMS Council	Gary R. Brown	Connie R. Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council
Michael Crockett Associated Public Safety Communication Officials	Jason D. Campbell (Excused) Blue Ridge EMS Council	Scott Winston	Tracey McLaurin Lord Fairfax EMS Council
Gary A. Dalton VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Steve Ennis (Excused) Virginia State Firefighters Association	Warren Short	Rob Logan Western VA EMS Council
Kevin L. Dillard Rappahannock EMS Council	James A. Gray, Jr. Virginia Fire Chief's Association	Bob Swander	Ed Rhodes VAVRS/VFCA/EMS COUNCILS/ VAGEMSA
Bruce Edwards Tidewater EMS Council	L. V. Pokey Harris (Excused) Southwest VA EMS Council	David Edwards	Jay Porter Tidewater EMS Council
Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler Consumer	Linda G. Johnson (Excused) Thomas Jefferson EMS Council	Chad Blosser	Kent Weber TEMS / VA Beach EMS
Robin L. Foster, M.D. American Academy of Pediatrics	Cheryl L. Lawson, M.D. (Excused) VA Hospital & Healthcare Association	Greg Neiman	Jim Junkins Virginia Communications Cache
Richard D. McClure Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Ajai Malhotra, M.D. American College of Surgeons	James A. Nogle, Jr.	Al Thompson Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Clarence Monday Virginia Municipal League	Anthony Wilson (Excused) Virginia Ambulance Association	Karen Owens	John R. Dugan, III American Heart Association
Larry Oliver Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Amanda Davis	Wayne Peer Rockingham County Fire & Rescue
William E. Quarles, Jr. Virginia Association of Counties		Marian Hunter	Billy Altman Roanoke Fire-EMS Karen Wagner VA Assoc. of Volunteer Rescue Squads
Gary Samuels VA Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters		Beth Singer	
Dee Dee Soyars VA Emergency Nurses Assoc. / VA Nurses Assoc.		Paul Sharpe	Stephen Rea Thomas Jefferson EMS Council
Matthew Tatum VA Assoc. of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)		Ken Crumpler	David E. Cullen, Jr. Central Shenandoah EMS Council, Regional Directors
John Dale Wagoner Western Virginia EMS Council		Michael D. Berg	Melinda Duncan Northern VA EMS Council
Scott Weir, M.D. VA College of Emergency Physicians		Wanda Street	Wayne Perry Rappahannock EMS Council

Members Present:
Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM
 Medical Society of Virginia

Members Absent:

Irene Hamilton

Staff:

Chip Decker
 Richmond Ambulance Authority
Bryan McRay
 Richmond Ambulance Authority
Brian Hrick
 Alexandria Fire Department / Northern VA EMS
 Council
Valeta Daniels
 Henrico Doctors Hospital – Forest Campus

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Call to Order – Jennie Collins, Chair	Ms. Collins called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM	
Approval of February 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes	The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2011 meeting.	A motion was made, properly seconded; and the February 11, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.
Approval of the May 13, 2011 Meeting Agenda	The Chair called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.	A motion was made; properly seconded; and the meeting agenda was approved
Chair Report – Jennie Collins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Collins recognized the EMS system members as EMS week is May 15 – 21. • Ms. Collins reported that the Executive Committee has met twice since the last Board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Executive Committee discussed concerns voiced by several board members regarding decentralized locations of their meetings. They have asked the Office of EMS and VDH Administration to consider going back to a central hotel location for their meetings. ○ The Executive Committee asked board members to consider moving their meetings to Wednesday and Thursday instead of having Thursday and Friday meetings. Any changes would not take place before the 2012 meeting schedule. This will be discussed fully at the August board meeting. • Ms. Collins also asked Board members to keep abreast of the issues in regards to creating a National EMS Office. 	
Deputy Commissioner of Public Health & Preparedness – Marissa Levine, M.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Levine also recognized and thanked EMS system members for their service in conjunction with the upcoming EMS week. • Dr. Levine said they are seeing a lot of work among federal agencies in an attempt to integrate in the arenas of health and public health. • Dr. Levine thanked system members who received and responded to a survey she sent out that related to Office of EMS customer service. She said that a report will be produced from the survey. 	
Office of EMS Report – Gary	Personnel Changes- Gary Brown	

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<p>Brown, Scott Winston, George Lindbeck, M.D. & Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Harrell has been hired as the Northern Virginia Program Representative. Adam is filling the position vacated by Ken Pullen who recently retired. • Robert Swander has transferred from Family Health Services to the Office of EMS. Bob will be handling all of OEMS hearings; and also will still work with the Office of Licensure and Certification. <p>Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual service is scheduled for Saturday June 4 at the Richmond International Raceway. Mr. Brown encouraged everyone to attend. They will also be honoring Virginia Fire Service K-9's for the first time. <p>National EMS Scene – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown reported that he recently attended the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) Mid-Year meeting in Annapolis, Maryland. NASEMSO is recognized by the federal government as the lead voice for EMS across the nation. • There is an effort at the federal level to create a federal EMS Office. Mr. Brown said that this initiative is gaining momentum and can impact state and local EMS operations in the future. There is currently a lot of discussion as to what the role would be for a federal EMS agency. <p>Virginia EMS Certification Testing – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown referred the Board to Appendix C of the Quarterly Report. The Office of EMS is considering moving toward a certification process that is congruent with the EMS Agenda for the Future and the EMS Education Agenda for the Future. Mr. Brown explained that the Office of EMS has been using tests generated by the Atlantic EMS Council; however, the Atlantic EMS Council will discontinue test generation in 2013. This is due in part because of states moving towards National Registry. • Mr. Brown pointed out some of the benefits of having one recognized testing organization. Mr. Brown said that only 5 states are not using National Registry testing. Mr. Brown said that they have presented this information to the Training and Certification and the Medical Direction committees. They have not taken any actions at the moment. Training and Certification has requested additional information. This information was also presented to the Executive Committee on March 23, 2011. <p>EMS Statistics – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown reported that they have been gathering national EMS statistics over the past year. Each state is providing the information and through a grant from NHTSA the University of North Carolina is compiling the statistics. Mr. Brown said for the first time there will be a good profile on EMS across the country. <p>KKK vs. NFPA Ambulance Standards – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown reported that the General Services Administration at the federal level is getting out of setting ambulance standards. The federal government recognizes the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a body of expertise that has been setting vehicle standards for years. The new NFPA standards will probably be announced by June 2012. 	

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	<p>MIECE – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown gave history on prior events that led to the creation of MIECE (Model Inventory of Emergency Care Elements). • Mr. Brown explained that the goal of MIECE is to quantify EMS hospital and patient transportation resources available by segments of highway across the country. • Once the resources are determined for a geographical area a numerical value will be assigned for each category of resource and a color code will be assigned. In the end, this will create a road map of the country that will depict the risk level regarding EMS, hospital and transportation resources by color coding. <p>Office of EMS Assistant Director – Scott Winston Mr. Winston did not have a report.</p> <p>State EMS Medical Director – George Lindbeck, M.D. Dr. Lindbeck did not have a report.</p>	
<p>Office of Attorney General Report – Allyson K. Tysinger</p>	<p>Ms. Tysinger was unable to attend the meeting due to other work duties. There should be a replacement OAG representative assigned by August.</p>	
<p>Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards</p>	<p>EMS State Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State EMS Plan was distributed to the Board of Health members. The members did not have any concerns, and the Commissioner approved the State EMS Plan. <p>Abortion Clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bill was passed and signed by the Governor that directs the Board of Health to promulgate emergency regulations of abortion clinics. The initial regulations will expire and the Board of Health has to put permanent regulations in place. <p>Office of EMS Presentation to the Board of Health – Gary Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board of Health has requested an overview of the EMS system. Mr. Brown will provide the overview at the June 9 meeting of the Board of Health. 	
<p>Financial Assistance and Review Committee Appointments</p>	<p>Ms. Collins reported that board members received the nominations for the Financial Assistance and Review Committee two positions that are rotating off the Board. The two regions who will have representation are Northern Virginia EMS Council and Old Dominion EMS Alliance.</p> <p>Northern Virginia Nominations – Melinda Duncan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOVA EMS Council Board brought forth three names: Byron Andrews; Barbara “BJ” Brown; and Richard Rubino • Ms. Duncan gave a brief bio on each candidate. <p>Old Dominion EMS Alliance – Heidi Hooker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Dominion EMS Alliance Board brought forth three names: Robert Trimmer; Ed Snyder; and Allen Bober. 	

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	<p>Ms. Collins asked Board members to vote on a representative from each region and the results will be announced later.</p>	
<p>Presentations to the Board</p>	<p>State Radio Cache – Jim Junkins, Harrisonburg-Rockingham ECC Director and Radio Cache Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Junkins’ presentation gave an overview on the Virginia Communications Cache. Mr. Junkins explained that the State Interoperability Executive Committee produced an initiative to come up with a cache of extra communications material. The end result is that Virginia Communications Cache is able to provide additional communications equipment to EMS responders when needed for emergency incidents or scheduled events. <p>SAFE – Wayne Frith, Executive Director, Chesterfield SAFE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Frith gave the Board an overview of the SAFE Program. He explained that the SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environments, Inc.) is a coalition in Chesterfield County. He said that they work to save lives, reduce injuries, protect family, and strengthen the economy by preventing and reducing substance abuse. • Mr. Frith gave a lot of information regarding their work to reduce the use and abuse of inhalants. He also explained what inhalant abuse is and shared information on the kind of items that are inhaled. • Mr. Frith explained that they are available to train EMS providers on the signs of inhalant abuse. <p>Motorcycle Rider Alert Program – Rob Lawrence, COO, Richmond Ambulance Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawrence gave an overview of the Rider Alert Program in Virginia as well as throughout the United States. • Mr. Lawrence gave stats about motorcycle fatalities within Virginia and the United States. • The Rider Alert Program involves a card that is put inside of the rider’s helmet that contains information about the rider. There is a decal on the outside of the helmet that alerts EMS responders to the presence of the card. 	
<p>Executive Committee – Jennie Collins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on March 23 and on April 20. On March 23 they did not have a quorum. • The committee worked on the Guidance Document for the EMS Advisory Board to help the Executive Committee by giving information on the committees’ organizational makeup, mission statement, and any term limits. • At the April meeting, the Committee was able to approve any committee membership changes. • The committee also discussed the pending upcoming Advisory Board appointments and discussed the individuals who will be rotating off the Board. If appointments are made timely by the Governor, this will be the last meeting for several Board members. • The Committee also reviewed the General Assembly activities. Ms. Collins referred the Board to the Quarterly Report, as Gary Brown has recapped the activities in that report. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee also agreed on recognition for Dr. Gaylord Ray. If the Board supports this Letter of Appreciation, it will be presented to Dr. Ray at the November meeting. <p>The Chair called for a motion from the Board regarding this action.</p> <p>Dr. Scott Weir made a motion, and it was seconded by Bruce Edwards. Hearing no discussion the Chair called for a vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to present Gaylord W. Ray, M.D. with a Letter of Appreciation from the State EMS Advisory Board for his many years of personal and professional contributions and leadership within the Emergency Medical Services Systems of the Commonwealth of Virginia.</p> <p>YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Financial Assistance Review Committee – Wayne Peer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Outcome – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Virginia EMS Council – B.J. Brown Old Dominion EMS Alliance – Robert Trimmer Wayne Peer thanked Brad Ferguson (Blue Ridge EMS Council) and Stewart Smith (Thomas Jefferson EMS Council) for their service on FARC The committee will be meeting on June 2-3 and the Awards announcements will be made on June 3. Mr. Peer informed them that there will only be five graders this cycle as Pokey Harris has been excused from grading because of the emergency storm situations she is dealing with in her home district due to the tornadoes that struck Washington County. 	
<p>Administrative Coordinator – Gary Dalton</p>	<p>Legislative and Planning Committee – Gary Dalton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee did not meet today. There will be a Legislative Summit held at VAVRS office in Oilville on June 10 at 10 AM. Everyone is welcomed to attend. <p>Rules and Regulations Committee – Gary Samuels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	
<p>Infrastructure Coordinator – Larry Oliver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the Executive Committee to make sure that the membership for each of the committees is correct. He plans to make each of the committees meeting in the future to introduce himself as the Coordinator. <p>Transportation Committee – Larry Oliver (for David Barrick)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee met on April 25. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices for Ambulances has been posted on the web. • Michael Berg has been working with several other state committees to work on the new EVOC Training Program that was brought forth by the Department of Fire Programs and the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads. Mike Berg has requested that the other programs that are approved by the Office of EMS be reviewed to see if they are still viable options for EVOC within the Commonwealth. The Transportation committee will be doing this. • The committee also reviewed the applications for ambulances through the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. <p>Communications Committee – Ken Crumpler (for Pokey Harris)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee did not meet today. The meeting will be rescheduled hopefully within the next month. • Mr. Crumpler attended the Wireless E-911 Board meeting. The VITA Public Safety group has been tasked with working with Virginia Chapters of AAPCO and NENA to put together a primer of effective management of 911 Centers. VITA locally has been tasked with that project; and the Office of EMS and the Communications Committee will be involved in the process. <p>Emergency Management Committee - Bubby Bish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on March 17. The committee discussed the Mass Casualty I & II reviews and that went very well. • Their next task will be to review the triage tags. • Since this is probably his last meeting, Bubby Bish wanted to say what a wonderful committee this has been to work with. 	
<p>Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, M.D.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are working between committees to streamline their operations and make sure their goals are in line. <p>Medical Direction Committee – Allen Yee, M.D. (for Asher Brand, M.D.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has two action items. • The Medical Direction Committee created Hemorrhage Control White Paper which is already posted in the Office of EMS; and it is being brought forth as an action item. • Dr. Yee said that the committee has decided to retire the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Patient Care Guidelines because they are already built in to all of their regional guidelines and they would be redundant. This is also being brought forth as an action item. • The Chair opened the floor for discussion on both of these motions, and hearing no discussion called for a vote. 	<p>MOTION: The EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the Hemorrhage Control White Paper created by the Medical Direction Committee. YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION:</p>

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	<p>Medevac Committee – Allen Yee, M.D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yee announced the loss of Lt. Bobby King, a Lt. with Colonial Heights Fire & EMS and a part time flight medic with Med Flight 1 who was killed in a motorcycle accident. Dr. Yee said he was a great provider and will be missed. • The committee has developed an education program for the Commissioner of Health, the “Remley Project” that is directed towards physicians on when and how to access Medevac assets. This will be brought to the Board at their next meeting. <p>Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Paul Sharpe (for Ajai Malhotra, M.D.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee has two groups working on a revision of the Trauma Center Designation Manual. The Trauma Nurse Coordinators have worked on Nursing Education and that was approved at their last committee meeting. The other group is finalizing language to enhance the Burn Designation criteria. They believe that will be ready in August. • Both items will be brought to the Board for approval at the August meeting. <p>EMS For Children Committee – Robin Foster, M.D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Foster referred the Board to review an extensive synopsis on the Performance Measurements for EMSC in the Quarterly Report. • The committee met on April 7, and their next meeting is scheduled on July 7. 	<p>The EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the decision by the Medical Direction Committee to retire the WMD Patient Care Guidelines. YEAS = 18; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0 The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Professional Development Coordinator – Jason Campbell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report from the Professional Development Coordinator. <p>Training and Certification Committee - Larry Oliver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee’s focus was on the VEMSES (Virginia EMS Education Standards) process since there are some timeframes that are coming up in the near future. • The committee worked on the considerations for the National Registry Testing; and this will be the primary topic for the July 6 meeting. <p>Workforce Development Committee – William Quarles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on April 20. They are scheduled to meet again on July 20. • The Virginia EMS Office Standard is currently for operational officers. The committee will be working on the Administrative Officers program. <p>Provider Health & Safety Committee - Jennie Collins (for Jason Campbell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Collins reported that in the draft Guidance Document, the Executive Committee gave Mr. Campbell some guidance on potential memberships that should be considered for the committee. Ms. Collins said that Mr. Campbell is in the process of contacting groups to see if they would like to have a representative on the committee. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Collins said that Mr. Campbell is going to try to have a meeting in late May. • Mr. Campbell will be rotating off the Board, and therefore, this committee will need a new Chair. 	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – David Cullen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cullen introduced Wayne Perry the new Director for the Rappahannock EMS Council. • Greg Woods and his wife gave birth to a new baby. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Valeta Daniels – Henrico Doctors Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered tickets for a Squires baseball game as recognition of EMS Week. • As part of EMS Week, Henrico Doctors hospital will celebrate with lunch at the Forest and Parham campuses. At the Parham campus they will have a Dunking Booth. Scott Winston, Heidi Hooker and Rob Lawrence will be in the dunking booth. The event will take place on May 18. 	
OLD BUSINESS	None.	
NEW BUSINESS	None	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled on August 12. The location will be at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM	

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