

**Rules and Regulations Committee
 Virginia Office of EMS
 Short Pump Marriott
 4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen VA 23060-3391
 February 2nd, 2017
 3:00 pm**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Terrence McGregor (VAGEMSA)	Ed Rhodes – (Vice Chair, At-Large)	Warren Short	Louis Gonzales
Gary Critzer (At-Large)	Greg Woods –Reg, Council Directors	Michael D. Berg	
David Hoback – VA Fire Chiefs		Marybeth Mizell	
Linda Johnson (VPPFF-Career)		Gary Brown	
Jonathan Henschel (Chair, LFEMS)		Scott Winston	
Theresa Kingsly-Varble (Small Rural)		Heather Phillips	
Karen Wagner – VAVRS			
Anthony Wilson – VAA			
William Robertson (VACO-VML)			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	3:05pm	
Introductions	3:07pm	
Approval Agenda	Approved 3:10pm	
Approved Minutes	Approval of August 4, 2016 minutes 3:13pm	
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staffing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. OEMS staffing update – currently recruiting & interviewing for Training and Development Coordinator & Trauma/Critical Coordinator. ii. Introduction to special guest, Louis Gonzales – Hersa, Bureau of Maternal Child Health, EMS C program. iii. Town Hall Meetings beginning 2/2/17 7pm @ Short Pump Marriott iv. Full staff for several months, no retirements in the immediate future. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Ongoing Regulatory activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NOIRA – submitted. c. Database Migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lotus to Oracle – moving off Lotus database onto Oracle, Licensure & Compliance as well as OMD data. Licensure platform to be up and running July 1st, 2017 d. Background Update - Background unit has been caught up for about 1 month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. VSP/budget – between \$10,000 and \$20,000 are generated a month on background checks. VSP Unable to provide report to reconcile charges. Background & Billing are different departments. ii. Compliance Report - Audit of Non-Compliant agencies are in progress 		
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ambulance Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NFPA 1917 – currently in Public Comment period Version 3 revision. Anticipate version 3 out in January 2019. October meeting: discussed public comments regarding patient compartment. Went from about 150 comments submitted down to about 30 or so that were acceptable. Currently in the ballot phase, once comments are accepted we will meet again to review those that were accepted and open up for comments on those accepted. Make recommendations and intent is to have version 3 available by Jan. 2019. Also discussed at the meeting in Oct: Standards for Remounts and Refurbs. ii. CAAS GVS2015 –looking at Version 2 – working on Standards for Remounts and Refurbs. Transportation Committee recommends accepting either or both NFPA & CAAS b. 2017 Legislative Actions Notice of Legislative Grid is sent every Friday to OEMS, Advisory Board members and Regional Councils. 		

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We have been assigned lead on several Bills within the Health Dept. – based on a review at each of the Secretary levels, they will determine where the Bill will be assigned based on subject matter. Anything EMS or closely related to OEMS comes to us and we are assigned lead which means we have to do Legislative Action Summary, we have to get constituent positions, make Agency Recommendation to Health Dept. and do Fiscal Impact Statements.

HB 1728 – Health Dept. must convene a work group of stakeholders (Law Enforcement, EMS providers, Health Insurance Providers, Medivac committee of EMS Advisory Board, Emergency Physicians and other interested stakeholders) - to review Rules/Regulations, protocols governing Air transportation services or Medivac Services in Virginia. Look at Dispatch protocols, any governing air medivac, looking at Billing, looking at the provision of air transportation. We can make recommendations to support the Bill, to support the Bill with amendments, we have no position, or we do not support. Documenting to support our reasons, and why.

Recommendation to Support this Bill. - Rules and Regulations will assist.

Another Bill to look at Registry for advanced directives and also Identifying a Qualified Advance Directive facilitator. They also Identified a Ministerial Assistant.

Bill introduced regarding Critical Incident Stress which struck term CISM and inserted PEER SUPPORT TEAM and tried to identify what a Critical Incident is. Language Includes that CISM OR PEER SUPPORT TEAM shall meet accreditation standard and will include that a CISM OR PEER SUPPORT TEAM shall be headed by a Virginia Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Virginia Licensed Clinical Psychiatrist, Virginia Licensed Clinical social worker etc. Accepted the Recommendation to amend the Bill to put CISM back into code of VA, removed the requirement to have the team leader as Clinical Licensed Psychologist/Psychiatrist/Social Worker. They also included Definition of Critical Incident in Section 19.2-271.4 Code of Virginia.

Bills introduced on the House and Senate side requiring Dept. of Behavioral Health & Environmental services to establish and administer and Mental Health awareness program for Law/Fire/EMS, above and beyond the current standard curriculum for EMS certification levels. House Bill did not pass, Bill on Senate side passed unanimously. Bill will cross over to House side and if it passed OEMS would approach Dept. of Behavioral Health & Developmental services and ask that they recognize what training we already have.

Discussion of other bills that were introduced but not passed at this time.

Proposed budget for 2017-2018
Trauma center funds Revenue

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	<p>EMS funds Rescue Squad Assistance Funds</p> <p>Budget Bill Amendment – impact sources which effect</p> <p>Supreme Court ruling 1:24 - Driver License Suspension impact statement Child Support Services Trauma Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. REPLICA – 7 States have signed & possibly 9 more in the next few months No states around VA have enacted REPLICAii. Otherc. EMS Regulations revision – Dave Edwards – EMS for Children spoke regarding the recommendation of a Pediatric Care Coordinator. Someone that would oversee and make sure that there is some Pediatric training during the recertification process.d. Voluntary Surrender of Certification - This is an employment issue, and should be handled by the locality. Recommended to not include in the proposed regulations. <p>Revisions</p> <p>Line 1082 -1083 – 25 triage tags 1612 says 10 triage tags</p> <p>Line 1169 - 1177 appears as duplicate language 3344 - 3350 Language not binding</p> <p>DISCUSSION - HB1864 Mandated recourse OMD Conflict –current language in regulations addresses Conflict</p> <p>Line 1465 – 1475 Reads Ambulance must be in Blue Change to - must be in contrasting colors</p> <p>Reserve space for Mental Health Training</p> <p>Scope of Practice – is 970 line 2383 - same language as current regulations</p> <p>Discussion regarding the grid not being included in regulations</p>	<p>Staff to amend.</p>
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New Business	None		
Public Comment	Check website for information regarding upcoming Town Hall meetings		
Next Meeting:	May 4th 2017 3:00 pm Short Pump Marriott		
Motion to adjourn	4:40 pm		