

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Embassy Suites by Hilton
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Thursday, April 4, 2019
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D. – Chair
 Asher Brand, M.D.
 George Lindbeck, M.D.
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 John Morgan, M.D.
 Lisa Dodd, D.O
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 Tania White, M.D.

Members Absent:

Forrest Calland, M.D. - Excused
 Scott Weir, M.D. - Excused
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D. - Excused
 Marilyn McLeod, M.D. - Excused
 Paul Phillips, D.O. - Excused

Staff:

Scott Winston
 Debbie Akers
 Cam Crittenden
 Ron Passmore
 Chad Blosser
 Wanda Street

Others:

Damien Coy
 Kayla Long, M.D.
 Megan Middleton
 Randy Breton
 Wayne Perry
 Jason Sweet
 Daniel Linkins
 Jordan Rennie
 R. Jason Ferguson

Topic/Subject		Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome		Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.	
II. Introductions		Introductions of Committee Members and participants.	
III. Approval of Agenda		Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of Minutes		Approval of minutes from January 3, 2019	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues		Dr. Lindbeck –The Preserving Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017 was discussed at NAEMSP. Rule Writing was expected to be done last October, but is still being reviewed.	
VI. Old Business		1. None	
VII. New Business			
A	Training & Certification Committee Report – Dr. Lane	1. No report.	
B	Trauma Committee Report – Dr. Calland – (Absent)	1. Cam Crittenden – The first round of official meetings were held in February where the Trauma System Committee meetings integrated with Advisory Board meetings. It is a good opportunity for new members and subject matter experts to become familiar with our process. We are still filling empty seats, so you will continue to see new faces as we progress. 2. Cam Crittenden – The Trauma Fund may be impacted by the new driver’s license suspension legislation, but we are still unsure of the impact.	

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C	National Scope of Practice – Dr. Yee	1. This has changed on the national level, so what are we going to do in Virginia? Debbie stated that she has been selected to sit on the National committee for the education standards revision. The first meeting is in Pittsburgh, May 1 through 3. She is asking for input from everyone.	
VIII. Research Requests		1. Dr. Lindbeck – He wants to have the group from UVA come and talk about the PHAST program which is a neuroprotective drill that will be trialed in central Virginia. It is designed as a prehospital study. The IRB is complete, so rollout and training will follow.	Dr. Lindbeck requested PHAST presentation at the next meeting.
IX. State OMD Issues – George Lindbeck, MD			
A	Scope of Practice	1. We met in January and the revised scope of practice was approved by the EMS Advisory Board in February. One question that came up was approved color-coded epinephrine administration systems at the EMT level for anaphylaxis. There are several systems available.	
B	Termination of Resuscitation	1. We have had an ongoing question about termination of resuscitation. Amanda Lavin was contacted about this and a pronouncer needs to be contacted to terminate resuscitation. If you don't start resuscitation, that means they are dead/DOA, but if you start resuscitation, you have reason to believe they are still alive. Should we go to legislature to enable paramedics to pronounce? Dr. Yee suggested that this should go to the Legislative and Planning Committee.	This issue should go to the Legislative and Planning Committee.
C	Exposed Provider	1. When a provider has been exposed to blood from a deceased patient out in the field, clinical laboratories are not required to certify the results on blood taken from a deceased patient. Very few labs in the country do. If we do an exposure panel on an expired patient, UVA will send this to the Mayo Clinic. The CME's Office uses the State Lab. We are trying to address this. Dr. Yee stated that this should also go to the Legislative and Planning Committee.	This issue should go to the Legislative and Planning Committee.
X. MDC Committee Issues			
A.	EMS as a Profession – Dr. Yee	1. Degree requirement for paramedic – There is no consensus on this. 2. EMS Nomenclature – When we are out performing our duties, what is it called? Is it the practice of medicine, is it EMS, is it paramedicine? Paramedicine is the term that many countries are adopting. It is not all prehospital care; it is inter-facility, transports home, etc. Also what do we call the providers? The recommendation from NEMSAC (National EMS Advisory Council) is that everyone is a paramedic and there are levels of paramedic certification. More information will be forthcoming on this.	
XI. Office of EMS Reports			
A	Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education	1. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had an Education Coordinator Institute in March in Augusta County. Had 10 successful candidates, so we added 10 new educators that are evenly spaced across the state. b. One minor change to the Education Coordinator Update in June; it will be held at Blacksburg Rescue Squad instead of in conjunction with VAVRS Rescue College. c. EMS Scholarship program – as of last night there were 670 applications submitted. There are 82 applicants who need to submit W-9 forms. d. There were complaints in the field about the 10-day time frame for the approval of the scholarship. Debbie and Chad discussed this and contacted OIM. There will soon be a minimum of 10 days and a maximum of 30 days for the program depending on how long the program is. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. There will be a major security update to the EMS portal. Passwords will need to be 10 characters instead of eight. Providers will also need to choose four security questions and answer them. Chad displayed the new OMD dashboard. 2. Accreditation & Certification Manager – Debbie Akers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Accreditation list was handed out. Changes were made to the paramedic list based on the number of affiliated locations that CoAEMSP has listed. There has been a significant increase in accreditation requests and they are being reviewed by the office. b. Virginia is one percentage point ahead of National Registry for First Attempt. We are 92.3% first attempt pass rate for the students that are making it to their written exam. It may be higher than this. c. We have identified some programs that are at risk and working with Chad in his new role, he will start working with the educators to make teaching modifications. There may be some instructors who should not continue to teach. We need to have tools to ensure that the educators are successful. d. Debbie thanked everyone who submitted courses for symposium. She will be finalizing the schedule and sending schedules out soon. There were over 1,020 submissions and there will be 425 classes this year. This is the 40th Annual EMS Symposium and we will have three general sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. All three hotels will be on board this year. There will be classes held at The Main this year as well as a second vendor hall. Hotel registrations are not open yet. 	<p>Attachment 'A'</p> <p>Attachment 'B'</p>
B	Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fingerprint card process will be outsourced by the end of the summer 2019. 2. Chapter 32 is complete and is on the Virginia Town Hall. 3. There has been some stretching of the regulation in reference to Course End Dates. Some students have been practicing as paramedic students in the field years after the course end date. If at the end of the course, and they have not completed their clinical component, they will need to apply for a variance to Section 1170 providing care by a student. 	
C	Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gary is on vacation, so Scott gave the update. The Office of EMS is in the midst of a major remodel/relocation of our offices. We are actually ahead of schedule. Some staff members are working from home. 2. We are currently in review of the State EMS Plan. The goal is to submit the plan for approval to the State Board of Health in March 2020. Each Advisory Board Committee has been asked to review the plan and submit amendments and new items that should be incorporated into the plan. 3. As for legislation, there was a light legislative session. The Governor's Reconvene session of the 2019 General Assembly met yesterday. One item that continues to resurface is air medical balanced billing. A workgroup was established to work on this. 4. This week begins the re-designation visits for the 11 EMS Regional Councils. All visits will be completed by the first of May. 	

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		5. The Mobile Integrated Healthcare-Community Paramedicine Workgroup will meet on April 24, 2019 here at the Embassy Suites at 1 p.m. The focus will be the interface between home-health and community paramedicine. They will also discuss payments by insurers and DMAS.	
D	Other Office Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Division of Community Health and Technical Resources – Tim Perkins – Absent. No report. 2. Division of Consolidated Testing and Video Production – Warren Short – Absent. No report. 3. Division of Emergency Operations – Karen Owens – Absent. No report. 4. Division of Trauma and Critical Care – Cam Crittenden <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. ImageTrend – We are going into our 2nd year one-renewal period and have one more to go. After that we will need to go out for bid. Cam is asking everyone to talk to their agencies and forward any comments, questions or concerns about ImageTrend. If using third-party send comments, kudos, questions and concerns about them as well. b. Discussion on lowering levels of trauma centers in the Tennessee hospitals, so there are concerns in the southwestern part of the State. We have done some preliminary analysis on transport times and have been working with them. They are going to start submitting data to the trauma registry so we can track the patients. Data will be forthcoming. c. VDH has allowed OEMS to create two traditional epidemiology positions. Cam is excited about this due to the data and reports that will be extrapolated. 5. Other Staff Reports – None. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT		<p>Dr. Brand discussed the Ambulance Equipment List and how the list should be similar to the formulary in order to develop a more nimble and easy to change list. There may be equipment on the EMS vehicles that is not needed on transport vehicles to keep costs down. The Regulation and Compliance team is working on this per Ron. The intent is to make the list less restrictive.</p> <p>Dr. Lane asked about workgroup/subcommittee meeting status update. Whether workgroups or subcommittees, they must be open and publicized meetings. The meetings must be face to face scheduled meetings in the Richmond area, if possible, and listed on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.</p> <p>Dan Linkins discussed the scope of practice checklist and skills list. The committee discussed decoupling the lists. We are looking for entry level-core competencies, so we should decouple it or add another column.</p> <p>The Office of EMS will come back with a proposal at the next meeting.</p> <p>Wayne Perry mentioned EMS on the Hills is next week. Wayne forwarded the discussion items to Dr. Yee. Wayne will send to Debbie and Debbie will forward to the committee.</p>	
For The Good Of The Order		None.	
Meeting Dates for 2019		<p>July 11, 2019</p> <p>October 3, 2019</p> <p>January 2, 2010 (?) Debbie asked if the committee wants to meeting on Jan. 16. They will revisit in July.</p>	

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	Meetings for the remainder of 2019 will be held here at the Embassy Suites by Hilton.	
Adjournment	12:27 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:

Wanda L. Street
Secretary Sr.
April 4, 2019

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Attachment A

Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of April 2, 2019



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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>ECPI University</i>	70017	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	2	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</i>	77007	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	Yes*	--	National - Initial	
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes*	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	Yes*	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Thomas Nelson Community College</i>	83012	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	76011	Yes	1	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.

- ECPI University accreditation site visit has been scheduled for May, 2019.
- Thomas Nelson Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in August, 2018. Awaiting report.
- Lord Fairfax Community College site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in September 2018. Awaiting report.
- Patrick Henry Community College site visit for continued accreditation was conducted in November 2018. Awaiting report.
- Blue Ridge Community College has submitted their LSSR for consideration to offer their initial cohort class.

*** Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

Accredited Intermediate 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	4	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Hampton Fire & EMS</i>	83002	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Henrico County Fire Training</i>	08718	Yes*	--	State – Full	August 31, 2020
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>	52003	Yes*	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2022

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

- All accredited programs whose expiration date was less than December 31, 2019 has been extended until that time based on the end date established by National Registry for I-99 testing. If these programs desire to remain accredited, they will be required to submit an AEMT reaccreditation self-study.

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Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Fauquier County Fire & Rescue – Warrenton	06125	Yes	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2019
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020
Newport News Fire Training	70007	No	--	State – LOR	June 30, 2019

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Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2019
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

- Arlington County Fire Training has completed their first cohort and site visit is being scheduled.

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Attachment B

National Registry Statistics

EMT Statistics

As of 04/02/2019

Virginia:

Report Date: 4/2/2019 8:44:55 AM
Report Type: State Report (VA)
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2019
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
8100	70% (5652)	80% (6487)	81% (6526)	0% (6)	12% (1007)	7% (566)

National Registry Statistics:

Report Date: 4/2/2019 8:42:37 AM
Report Type: National Report
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 2nd Quarter 2016 to 2nd Quarter 2019
Training Program: All

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226617	69% (157021)	80% (182421)	81% (183833)	0% (193)	12% (27956)	7% (14755)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2018/07/07-10-2018-EMT-Pass-Rates-Publish.pdf>