

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Thursday, January 6, 2022
10:30 AM

Members Present:

Allen Yee, M.D., Chair
 Stewart Martin, M.D.
 Charles Lane, M.D.
 Wendy Wilcoxson, D. O.
 Christopher Turnbull, M.D.
 George Lindbeck, M.D
 Paul Phillips, M.D.
 E. Reed Smith, M.D.
 Samuel Bartle, M.D.
 John Morgan, M. D.
 Scott Weir, M.D.

Members Absent:

Amir Louka M.D. (Excused)
 Asher Brand, M.D. (Excused)
 Tania White, M.D. (Excused)
 Chief Eddie Ferguson (Excused)

Staff:

Debbie Akers
 Chad Blosser
 Wanda Street
 Tim Perkins
 Marybeth Mizell
 Ron Passmore
 Amanda Loreti
 Wayne Perry

Others:

Brandon Truman
 Greg Neiman
 Chris Christensen
 RD Peppy Winchel

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	Dr. Yee called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.	
II. Introductions	All attendees introduced themselves.	
III. Approval of Agenda	Approval of agenda	Approved by consensus
IV. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from July and October 2021. The minutes were approved.	Approved by consensus
V. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues – Dr. Lindbeck	No update. The BOP Guidance Document has been released. It will be sent out to the committee.	
VI. Old Business	<p>a. Requirements for EMS Physician Endorsement – Duty Physician Definition – George Lindbeck/Ron Passmore</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck explained the requirements of an EMS Duty Physician and displayed the definition which is as follows:</p> <p>Definition – An EMS Duty Physician is a licensed physician who primarily participates in the response and patient care activities of an EMS agency, without the responsibilities and authority of an endorsed EMS physician and/or the EMS agency’s operational medical director.</p>	

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	<p>A motion was made by Dr. Martin to accept the EMS Duty Physician definition. The motion was seconded by Dr. Charles Lane. All committee members were in favor of the motion. No committee members opposed. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>b. Marcus Alert Law Update – Tim Perkins/Karen Owens The workgroup meets every other Monday. This law is still in the pilot phase and they are working on the application. There has been a lot of discussion about it, but no real action.</p>	
<p>VII. New Business</p>	<p>a. AED Legislative Proposal – Dr. Allen Yee Dr. Perkins presented a proposal to have AED’s in the trunks of cars, at the last Advisory Board meeting. Accepted by the board. Per Tim, Dr. Perkins does not have a patron. The committee agreed to endorse.</p> <p>b. AEMT Administration of Cardiac Drugs – Dr. Allen Yee The committee discussed AEMT’s administering cardiac medications such as epinephrine and anti-arrhythmic medications during a cardiac arrest.</p> <p>Dr. Yee mentioned that a Physician on the EMS Advisory Board feels that RSI should be regulated by the State and wants this in legislative language. His claim is that RSI is killing people. Dr. Yee asked, should we look at the data or create a white paper? Dr. Smith stated that this was studied a few years ago and will bring the white paper that was written previously.</p> <p>c. Proposed Regulations – Dr. Asher Brand (Ron Passmore to present) Dr. Brand was not present. Ron Passmore stated that a draft of new proposed regulations has been sent out as well as the previous/existing regulations to compare. Within the next 90 days, please carefully review and make any revisions.</p> <p>Mr. Passmore went through the existing regulations that pertain to this committee and Medevac and compared it to the most recent changes. Medevac members will be at the next meeting to hash out any changes.</p> <p>The committee extensively discussed the training portion of the regulations.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. E. Reed Smith to remove the word “diversion”. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips. All committee member were in favor of the motion. No committee members opposed. The motion carries.</p> <p>d. Training and Certification Proposal – BLS Psychomotor Testing – ACE Division A special call meeting was held in November and CTS Testing was eliminated as a requirement in Virginia. A motion was made and approved by the Training and Certification Committee (TCC). This proposal was tabled until the next meeting.</p>	

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	<p>The second motion from TCC was to 10 patient contacts: 5 live patients and 5 simulated patients. Debbie gave some history on this according to the Education Standards. Dr. Yee proposes twenty-five patients and five must be children. The Medical Direction Committee is concerned with 10 patient contacts. Debbie suggested to compare to the CoA competency list to see how many pediatric, geriatric, etc.</p>	
VIII. Research Requests	None.	
IX. State OMD Issues – Dr. George Lindbeck		
	<p>a. Scope of Practice Revisions The committee reviewed and discussed the Scope of Practice changes specified by “red dots” on the spreadsheet. Dr. Lindbeck made note of the changes requested by the committee.</p> <p>A motion was made to insert a comma after the word “training” and before the word “and”. Friendly amendment was made to add “as determined or approved by the agency operational medical director or EMS physician”. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the language in the last paragraph. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the entire document with the noted changes. All committee members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p>	
X. Office of EMS Reports		
	<p>a. Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education</p> <p>Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser Scholarship reports were provided and the numbers have not changed since October. Many applicants have applied to become Education Coordinators. An Education Institute is being held this month for 40 individuals.</p> <p>Division Manager – Debbie Akers Debbie will run the educator statistics for the last quarter and will post the new 16 percentile list next week. A printed copy of the Accreditation report was provided to MDC. JTCC has lost their program director, medical director and lead instructor for the EMS program in December. Students are being transferred to J. Sargent Reynolds and VCU.</p> <p>b. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston No update.</p> <p>c. Asst. Director – Scott Winston</p>	

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	<p>No update.</p> <p>d. Associate Director – Adam Harrell No update.</p> <p>e. Trauma Services – Mindy Carter No update.</p> <p>f. Other Office Staff Tim Perkins, Community Health and Technical Resources Division (CHaTR): OEMS is in agreement/partnership with HandTevy. One HandTevy Tape will be provided to every licensed agency and permitted vehicle in the state. There will be connectivity between ESO and HandTevy. In first quarter of 22, rolling out Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine. This will be a recognition program. CHaTR is working with VCU on EMS needs assessment survey. More information will be released on the survey.</p> <p>David Edwards, EMS for Children Division: Working on regulations for Child Restraint Devices. Looking for volunteers to work on workgroups for safe child transports and also for pediatric champions in hospitals.</p> <p>Tim stated that 400 COVID test kits will be shipped out to Regional Councils. This is the first of two shipments. Agencies and Regional Councils will have to find supply chains moving forward. This is from Karen Owens, Emergency Operations Division.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2022	April 7, 2022 July 7, 2022 October 6, 2022	
Adjournment	2:44 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Wanda L. Street
Executive Secretary, Sr.

Attachment A

Scope of Practice

Attachment B

Accreditation Report

Attachment C

EMSSP Report