

Training and Certification Committee Minutes
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 – 11:00 am

Members Present

R. Jason Ferguson, Chair
 Christopher Kroboth
 Larry Oliver
 William Akers
 Matthew Lawler
 Brian McIntosh
 Mike Watkins
 Bobby Lester
 Peppy Winchel
 Charles Lane, MD

Members Absent

Marlon Rickman
 Steven Moring

Staff

Chad Blosser
 Debbie Akers
 Gary Brown
 Scott Winston
 Ron Passmore
 Chris Vernovai
 Wanda Street
 George Lindbeck, MD
 Jasper Williams
 Wayne Perry
 Kelsey Rideout
 Charles Feiring

Guests

Donna Galganski-Pabst
 Damien Coy
 Greg Neiman
 Jeffrey Bonavita
 Michelle Ludeman
 Michael McDonald
 Chris Christiansen
 Kathy Cockell
 Al Thompson
 Joann King

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| I. Welcome | R. Jason Ferguson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. | |
| II. Introductions | Everyone around the room introduced themselves. | |
| III. Approval of Agenda | The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting. (Attached) | Approved by consensus |
| IV. Approval of the March 20, 2022 Minutes: | The committee approved the minutes as submitted. (Attached) | Approved by consensus |
| V. Reports of Committee Members | <p>A. Reports of Committee Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson - No report. 2. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Charles Lane <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scope of Practice “Red dots” – AEMT and epinephrine. Discussed a lot and a great deal of concern. Additional training is needed. This skill needs to be thought out very carefully. b. Dr. Lindbeck provided more information about why the “red dots” were added to the SOP. National Scope of Practice does have a footnote about the issue of AEMT and epinephrine and after research | |

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| | <p>it was determined that no one who authored the NHTSA document remember why it was added. Dr. Lane indicated “buyer beware” of national documents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Committee Members: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Steven Moring – No report. b. VCCS – Bill Akers – VCCS program Directors has a Zoom meeting yesterday to see how the curriculum needs to be changed based on the new 2021 NEMSES document and Virginia’s rollout. c. VAVRS – Bobby Lester – No report. d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Regional Councils are collaborating really well. TEMS is rolling out blood products. No other report. e. EMSC – Mike Watkins – EMSC agencies needed variances for the red dot process/implementation. Trauma triage guidelines. f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report. g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – No report. h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report. i. EMS Advisory Board – Matt Lawler – No report. <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education (ACE) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education Program Manager – Chad Blosser, OEMS b. The scholarship program is in its 5th full year. The report provided shows the distribution of funds through the 1st quarter of the year for FY23 of the scholarship program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Of note are: ii. We are ahead of years past with just shy of \$1 million dollars in funds distributed in the 1st quarter. iii. Main certification levels using the program continue to be EMT and Paramedic students. c. Education Coordinators <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. We have 690 certified Education Coordinators in Virginia. d. Education Coordinator Certification Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. As of October 5, 2022, there are 210 candidates in the pipeline to become Education Coordinators in Virginia. Of these 210 candidates, there are <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 9 candidates are fully eligible to attend the next EC Institute. b. 65 candidates have not completed any of the requirements of the program c. 175 candidates who have not completed their required NREMT testing. e. EC Institutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The ACE Division just completed an institute in Fredericksburg in late September. 26 new educators added to the system. Candidate preparation was excellent and it appears as though the EC Mentorship process is beginning to meet its original intention. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. The next institute is scheduled for late January in SWVA at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. iii. We are currently in the planning stages for Institutes for the remainder of the 2023. f. EC Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Due to the COVID extension of EC certification expirations in June 2022, 98% of EC's all recertified at the same time and in the same year. We will only hold 4 EC Updates in 2023 due to this—these will be spread across the state: one is SWVA, one in the Shenandoah Valley, one is Western and one in either Southside or the Hampton area. g. 2021 NEMSES Rollout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Conducted 5 rollouts to date: Hampton, Virginia Beach, Fredericksburg, Weyers Cave, and Roanoke. h. ACE Division Director – Debbie Akers, OEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accreditation report highlights include: AEMT in Northern Neck Paramedic program in Newport News seeking LoR. ii. Debbie provided an update on the current status of the EMS Symposium and attendance. iii. Debbie discussed under 16 & 18 olds being permitted to enroll in BLS and ALS courses which is an OEMS policy change due to a legislative inquiry. The student will be required to apply for a variance under the normal methods to start this process. iv. EMT student clinical rotations continue to be a problem—there is an expectation that students be placed on a clinical environment for at least 5 live patient contacts. v. NASEMSO AEMT Student Minimum Competencies were discussed. More will be released in the near future as NASEMSO finishes up its work on this process. 2. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck – No report. 3. EMS for Children – Chris Vernovai provided an update for EMS for Children. 35 seats remaining for EMS Symposium. Child restraint systems for agencies, contact Dave Edwards. Final year of funding for HRSA grant. New grant application is being finalized. Any ideas for new programs, contact Dave Edwards. 4. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore – Last stages of having the Chapter 32 draft ready for public comment. 5. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gary Brown indicated that OEMS has met with acting Chief of Police in Norfolk regarding symposium safety. They will target the true problem spots while Symposium is being conducted and step up security in the area. b. GAB Bylaws have been reviewed and approved. c. GAB workgroup looking at the composition of the advisory board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should it be a policy board? b. Elevate EMS to a Department? c. Health and Human Resources? Public Safety? | |

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| | <p>d. Meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Council in Ojilville, VA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meeting took place last week of September. b. Create an annual legislative packet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Requesting that EMS be designated as an essential service. ii. Seeking a budgetary increase. Have not had one in 20 years. Crosswalk table being developed. iii. All participants agreed that these two items should move forward to the GA. iv. Elevate EMS to a Department status will be mentioned in the legislative packet. v. Next meeting November 17th and 18th at the Embassy Suites in Richmond. <p>6. Other Office Division Directors. No report.</p> | |
| <p>VI. Committee Discussion Items</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Virginia Psychomotor Competency Verification Work Product – Chris Kroboth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Process for legal recognition, reentry, challenge candidates was developed based on the processes being put in place for the new education based on the 2021 NEMSES rollout. b. Chris laid out the new process and draft policy guidance. c. Matt Lawler had two minor grammar corrections to the document. d. Scoring will go back to the state and the state will initiate the testing attempts. e. Motion – Brian f. Second Larry. g. Motion carries. 2) Jason Ferguson had a clarification about the Terminal Competency Psychomotor Verification process. Debbie provided clarification. | <p>Motion to approve process was made by Brian McIntosh and was seconded by Larry Oliver.</p> <p>Passed by unanimous consent.</p> |
| <p>VII. Previous Business</p> | <p>None.</p> | |
| <p>VIII. New Business</p> | <p>None.</p> | |
| <p>XI. Public Comment</p> | <p>None.</p> | |

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| X. Dates for 2023 Meetings | A. Scheduled dates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. January 4, 2023 2. April 5, 2023 3. July 5, 2023 4. October 4, 2023 | |
| XI. Adjourn | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:12 p.m. | Motion by Brian McIntosh, seconded by Bill Akers. |

Respectfully submitted by: Chad Blosser
Education Program Manager

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