

State EMS Advisory Board
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
February 3, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Advisory Board Members Present:	Advisory Board Members Absent:	VDH EMS Staff:	Guests:
Kevin L. Dillard, Chair	Benjamin Nicholson, MD	Gary Brown	Ed Rhodes
Beth Adams Roemmelt	Matt Lawler (EXCUSED)	Scott Winston	Michelle Ludeman
John C. Bolling		Adam Harrell	Ray Whatley
Dreama Chandler		George Lindbeck, MD	Heidi Hooker
Kim Craig		Marian Hunter	David Long
Gary Critzer		Sam Burnette	Jessica Goodman
Angela P. Ferguson		David Edwards	Bubby Bish
Dillard Eddie Ferguson		Melinda Carter	Jenny Wilson (ESO)
R. Jason Ferguson		Mohammed Abbamin	Kim Jones (ESO)
Paula Ferrada, MD		Michael Berg	Tanya Trevilian
Brian J. Frankel		Ron Passmore	Britney Ewers
Rebecca Branch Griffin		Daisy Banta	Greg Neiman
Patrick McLaughlin, MD, MS		Chris Vernovai	Kathryn Funk
Daniel Norville		Karen Owens	Allison Sedon
Jeremiah O'Shea, MD		Wanda Street	Patrick Wiggins
Valerie Quick, Vice Chair		Cam Crittenden	Steve Powell
Marlon Matthew Rickman		Debbie Akers	Kate Davenport
Bryan Rush		Jessica Rosner	Whitney Pierce
Gary Samuels		Chad Blosser	Heather Campbell
Sonny Saxton		Devin Chinault	Beth Broering
Victoria Smith		Kari Magner	Gary Dalton
Bill Streett		Daniel Linkins	Sarah Dalton
Gary W. Tanner		Wayne Perry	Lara Traylor
Sadie Jo Thurman		Kelsey Rideout	Michael Player
Joseph Williams		Charles Feiring	Jeff Meyer
Allen Yee, MD, FAAEM		Ashley Camper	Matthew Marry
		Mary Kathryn Allen	Mike Valdez
		Jasper Williams	Donna Nayduch
		Amanda Loreti	Dallas Taylor
			Stan Kurek
			Peppy Winchel
			Mike Riddle
			Lori Sturt
			Kim Jarrelle
			Kelley Rumsey
			Jenn Kersey
			Brandon Rivenbark

Heather Anderson
 William Ferguson
 Chris Christensen
 Heidi Hooker
 Ryan Scarbrough
 Megan Middleton

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Call to order – Kevin Dillard, Chair:	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Approval of the November 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Gary Tanner to approve the November minutes. Beth Adams Roemmelt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>Approval of the February 3, 2023 Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Gary Samuels to approve today’s agenda. Dan Norville seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as submitted.</p>	<p>The November minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>The agenda was approved as submitted.</p>
II. Chairman’s Report – Kevin Dillard:	<p>Mr. Dillard welcomed everyone to the first Advisory Board meeting of 2023. He asked everyone to keep Bryan Hricik in their thoughts as he faces some serious health challenges. Mr. Dillard just returned from Ukraine to deliver ten ambulances and one fire truck. All were filled with supplies. See Mr. Dillard for supply donations and other ways to assist in this effort.</p>	
III. Vice Chair Report – Valerie Quick:	<p>Ms. Quick had no report at this time.</p>	
IV. Deputy Commissioner for Public Health and Preparedness – Bob Hicks:	<p>Mr. Hicks was not present.</p>	

<p>V. Office of EMS Report:</p>	<p>Gary Brown Mr. Brown spoke of the passing of Susan McHenry, who was the second Director of the Office of EMS. She started in 1976 and left in 1996. She was Gary’s former boss. In the 80’s she was named as one of the movers and shakers in EMS. A moment of silence was held in her honor. The OEMS Quarterly Report went out, but some recipients did not receive the attachments. Adam explained what happened and moving forward links will be used instead of attachments. The OEMS Legislative Grid will continue to be sent out weekly. House Bill 1472 and Senate Bill 1246 requires each locality that ensure that essential EMS Services are maintained throughout the locality. This bill defines EMS as an Essential Service. Gary also mentioned House Bill 1447 and Senate Bill 1426 as well as House Bill 1904 and Senate Bill 926 and House Bill 1449 and gave updates on those. Gary also discussed the Proposed \$4 for Life budget that is under the Executive Management section of the Quarterly report. Mr. Brown asked Mindy to introduce the newest OEMS employee, Ashley Camper. The position she filled became vacant May 2020 when Tim Erskine left, and we are just filling it. Ms. Camper is the new Trauma & Critical Care Manager.</p> <p>Scott Winston Scott agreed with Gary that the legislative process is very important and is a busy time of the year. The legislative committee meetings are livestreamed, so you can get involved in that way. He encourages committee and audience members to come to the General Assembly as often as possible.</p> <p>Adam Harrell Mr. Harrell reported on the two locality meetings from the Southwest: Grayson and Tazewell counties. The discussions centered around volunteer recruitment and retention, educational requirements, and CE. They want to continue these discussions and this level of engagement with the Office. Adam announced that the RSAF Grants Manager position has been filled by Michael Berg.</p> <p>George Lindbeck, MD, State EMS Medical Director No report.</p>	
<p>VI. Assistant Attorney General:</p>	<p>No report.</p>	
<p>VII. State Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Gary Critzer:</p>	<p>Gary Critzer reported that the State Board of Health last met on December 15, 2022. There were several items on the agenda and had a lively, extended public comment period on pediatric immunization schedules. There was also a presentation on substance abuse and drug overdose. They also had a few fast-track amendments to consider. The next meeting will be on March 23, 2023, at the Perimeter Center at 9:00 a.m. He has asked the Commissioner and his staff to include the Office of EMS and the EMS system on a future Lunch and Learn agenda to update the Board of Health on current activities and issues facing the EMS system. He will follow up with the Commissioner on this.</p>	
<p>VIII. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Heidi Hooker:</p>	<p>Ms. Hooker reported that the Council Executive Directors continue to hold monthly virtual meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings held at the Office of EMS. At the meeting on Wednesday, they met with two members of FARC and a motion was passed to support the modified schedule for members. They also met with various OEMS staff members on current issues and concerns to provide feedback. The Central Shenandoah Regional Office, along with Thomas Jefferson and Lord Fairfax EMS Regional Councils, will host an EMS Expo March 9 through 11. The Central Virginia EMS Expo is March 4 and 5 in Henrico County and March 11 & 12 in Chesterfield County. The Tidewater</p>	

	<p>Healthcare Expo is May 16-21. The Council Directors were also invited to attend the Executive Committee Meeting for the discussion topic “Status of Hospital Diversion, EMS Parking, Delayed Unloading of patients in Virginia”.</p>	
<p>IX. Special Presentation – 2022 Virginia EMS Stroke Inventory Survey Summary Report – Kathryn Funk and Allie Sedon</p>	<p>Several objectives today are to discuss the survey background, share key results and recommendations, and to obtain feedback from the Advisory Board. The survey was done to evaluate stroke care in Virginia. The results of the survey will be used to inform further quality improvement initiatives and to identify interventions that are needed in geographical areas of the State and then to look for appropriate allocation of resources throughout the State.</p> <p>Please see the report at the link below for more information: 2022-EMS-Stroke-Inventory-Survey-Presentation-to-State-EMS-Advisory-Board-02-03-23.pdf (virginia.gov)</p> <p>A motion was made by Jake O’Shea to endorse the adoption of the recommendation of less than 24 hours of Last Known Well, a pre-alert for stroke should be sent to the receiving hospital. The motion was seconded by Bryan Rush. All Board members were in favor of the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.</p>	
<p>X. Standing Committee Reports and Action Items:</p>	<p>a) Executive Committee – Kevin Dillard The Executive Committee met last night, and the main topic was the discussion on the Hospital Diversion, EMS Parking and Delayed Unloading of Patients in Virginia. Representatives from the Office of Licensure & Certification, EMS Council Executive Directors, VHHA and others were present for the discussion. There were many examples of the challenges that the EMS crews were experiencing with patients. Our goal was to look at ways to work with the hospitals and seek opportunities for improvement. Dr. Yee was asked to give his position paper/statement for the Advisory Board, and he read the statement to the Board.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Yee to accept the position paper as read to the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Kim Craig. All Board members were in favor of the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Gary Brown suggested that the position paper be forwarded to the representative on the State Board of Health, Mr. Gary Critzer. Dr. Ferrada motioned that the paper is forwarded to the Mr. Gary Critzer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Tanner. All Board members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>The Executive Committee also received a report from the AB Composition Workgroup. Ms. Valerie Quick gave an update of what the Workgroup reviewed and compared when deciding on the composition of the Advisory Board. They also looked at the difference in a Policy Board and an Advisory Board and made a recommendation at the last meeting. A Policy Board would be a more effective means of delivery; however, this would require the Office of EMS moving to a department level. They discovered that the current Board does reflect our Commonwealth in all the geographic aspects as well as the general provider and workforce members. There were no major changes to the Board, just a few tweaks. The next objective is to look at the committees and how we structure the committees to ensure they are working in correlation with each other. Within the next two weeks, Ms.</p>	

Quick will provide a written summary of the workgroup to include the recommendations to the Advisory Board and will officially vote on it in May. Dr. Ferrada congratulated Ms. Quick and the workgroup on the inclusion of diversity and how important it is that we all work together; EMS, nurses, physicians, etc., to serve our patients better.

We also received a recommendation from the Medevac Committee to expand the committee size by adding four seats. The Executive Committee approved the request. Ms. Victoria Smith explained the reason for the additional seats which include services that have either left or joined the Commonwealth. The four new additions are UVA Pegasus, CentraOne (Lynchburg), HCA AirCare Eagle (Richmond), and Wake Forest Baptist (Martinsville). An open invitation for membership was sent out to all stakeholders by Tim Perkins and a letter was submitted by these four programs.

The final item was from the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) on member rotations. The change was vetted by the Regional Council Directors and is supported by the Directors and the Executive Committee. Mr. J. C. Bolling was asked to explain the rotational change. Mr. Bolling explained that this change is due to an unfortunate death of a member and others who have completed their terms. They extended the reappointment of a couple of the members so that they are staggered, and they are not rotating off at the same time. They also extended the terms to 3-year terms. **A motion was made to support the rotational changes and the 3-year terms. All Board members were in favor of the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.**

The concludes the report of the Executive Committee.

b) Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Kevin Dillard

The Spring 2023 Grant Cycle opened this week. The deadline to apply is March 15. The next meeting is May 4th at 10 a.m.

c) Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels

- **Rules and Regulations Committee – Dan Norville**

The Rules and Regulations Committee met in January and the Chapter 32 final draft of the Regulations are complete. To see a copy of the final draft, please see Ron Passmore. It will be presented at the next meeting. The step-by-step legislative process will also be shown.

- **Legislative and Planning Committee – Gary Samuels**

The Legislative and Planning Committee met this morning, and we reviewed the proposed legislation to track their progress. There were no actions to bring forth to the Board.

d) Infrastructure Coordinator – Eddie Ferguson

- **Transportation – Eddie Ferguson**

The Transportation Committee did not meet in January but will meet on April 10, 2023.

- **Communications Committee – Sonny Saxton**

The Communications Committee met this morning. The committee continues to discuss statewide interoperability issues, emergency dispatch communications and training. There were no action items.

- **Emergency Management Committee – Joseph Williams**
The Emergency Management Committee met yesterday and there was a quorum. There were no actions items. The MCI Workgroup is still meeting to work on the MCI training. The next meeting is May 4, 2023.

e) Professional Development Coordinator – R. Jason Ferguson

- **Training & Certification Committee – R. Jason Ferguson**
The Training and Certification Committee met on January 4. Mr. Ferguson thanked Bill Akers for chairing that meeting in his absence. There are no action items to bring forth. VCCS is in the process of EMS curriculum review in accordance with the NEMSES changes. There was discussion to focus more on pediatric education. Karen Owens and Kari Magner presented on SALT vs. START Triage and the committee voted to take no position on the adoption or endorsement of either. The next meeting is April 5, 2023.
- **Workforce Development Committee – Valerie Quick**
The Workforce Development Committee met yesterday and had no action items. They discussed having safety officers and discussed cross pollination of the committees. They will discuss establishing an EMS Safety Officer Workgroup at the next meeting. The committee also discussed the challenges of the youth workforce. EMS Officer program has been progressing since last year.
- **Provider Health & Safety Committee – Brian Frankel**
The Provider Health and Safety Committee had a very lively discussion this morning on the makeup of the committee and the rules of participation. The committee discussed revamping some of the ongoing processes such as decedent blood testing. They also discussed the Infection Control Workgroup; where we are and where we are going. Had a good discussion about data collection related to injuries and fatalities and how to improve the health and safety of EMS providers. They also discussed safety officers throughout the State. He is honored to serve as the Chair and is excited about the opportunity.

f) Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD

- **Medical Direction Committee – Allen Yee, MD**
The Medical Direction Committee met on January 5th. The committee had a robust meeting with a lot of discussion points. The main topic was hospital diversions. We also discussed trauma triage and provided feedback. Two workgroups were created, one involves the term “EMS Physicians” which in the EMS regs refers to OMD, in the physician’s world it means Board Certified EMS Physician; a nomenclature workgroup was created to sort this out. The second workgroup was created to look at advanced practice providers in EMS. The committee also discussed SALT vs. START and did not make any decision on either.
- **Medevac Committee – Victoria Smith**
The Medevac Committee met yesterday and there are no action items to bring forward. OEMS staff gave brief updates on various items including the Medevac portion of the regulations. The WeatherSafe turndown reporting update is in the OEMS quarterly report. Work is being done on the Virginia Medevac Resource Guide. We had just completed an evaluation of the committee composition and recommended adding four seats which were approved by the Executive Committee.

- **EMS for Children Committee – Patrick McLaughlin, MD**
The EMSC met yesterday and had no action items. We are in the middle of our annual EMSC Survey which runs through the end of March. We have just under a 40% response rate. There was robust discussion about pediatric restraints in ambulances and mother’s wanting to hold their babies/children. We will take an educational approach for the use of the restraints.

g) Trauma System Coordinator – Paula Ferrada, MD

- **Trauma Administrative and Governance Committee – Paula Ferrada, MD**
The TAG met this morning had a very productive meeting. The theme for all the committees is inclusion, integration, and cross pollination to work more effectively. There are two vacant seats on the TAG that we are seeking to fill. All the committees now have vice chairs.
- **System Improvement Committee – Stan Kurek, MD**
The SIC met yesterday and had a quorum. He thanked Ashley Camper for the minutes which helped them stay on track. The committee discussed modifying the structure of the committee by adding a Level III representative and removing the Ad Hoc position. Dr. Rahil Dharia will fill the Level II seat. Kim Klein was elected to fill the vacant PI position. Mike Watkins will fill the vice-chair seat. They also discussed the goals that were established in 2019 and modified those goals. They also went over a little of the Quarter 3 triage report with Daisy Banta.
- **Injury and Violence Prevention Committee – Lori Sturt for Corrie Miller-Hobbs**
IVP met yesterday and didn’t have a quorum. They reviewed their goals also made some small changes. Their goal is to expand their scope. They have four additional positions to fill. Invitation are being sent to fill the roles. They are ensuring that the goals match up what those roles are responsible for.
- **Prehospital Care Committee – Mike Watkins**
The PCC met yesterday and had a quorum with large participation. The primary objective for yesterday was to review the trauma triage guidelines. They also reviewed trauma triage data and had a few discrepancies. The committee had no action items.
- **Acute Care Committee – Tracy Taylor for Dr. Terral Goode**
The ACC met yesterday and had a quorum. The committee also reviewed their goals and have completed the first two goals. Goal number three is to review interfacility triage guidelines for non-designated facilities. A workgroup was established to vet a document that was brought forward several years ago. We will set new goals at the next meeting.
- **Post-Acute Care Committee –Beth Broering**
The PAC committee met yesterday and have filled all our vacant positions. Beth thanked Jessica Rosner of OEMS for providing an initial look at data related to discharge dispositions from acute care facilities for injured patients. Next, they want to look at discharge dispositions from some of the skilled nursing facilities if possible. The committee is also looking at patients with traumatic brain injuries.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee –Kelley Rumsey for Michael Feldman, MD**
The EP&R met yesterday and had a quorum. The committee received an excellent presentation from VCU Health on the development of their MCI process and we hope to go forward

	inviting other hospitals and health systems to share their best practices with one another. They are looking at creating special population workgroups for peds and burns, etc.	
X. Public Comment:	None.	
XI. Unfinished Business:	None.	
XII. New Business:	None.	
XIII. Adjournment:	The Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m. All 2023 meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel.	The next Advisory Board meeting dates for 2023 are: May 4 & 5 August 3 & 4 November 16 & 17 (Tentative – Subject to Change)

Transcribed by Wanda L. Street, Executive Secretary, Sr.