**EMS Emergency Management Committee**

**Virginia Office of EMS**

**May 4, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

| **Members Present:** | **Members Absent:** | **OEMS Staff:** | **Guests** |
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| Joe Williams, Chair | David Hoback | Karen Owens | Matthew Allen |
| Matthew Marry, VHHA | Jessica Robison | Kari Magner | Byron Andrew |
| Michael Player, VA-1 DMAT, EMS Regional Councils | Adam Galton | Charles Feiring (CSEMS) | Kellie Rumsey |
| Ray Whatley, VAGEMSA | Easton Peterson | Amber Wells | Dan Norville |
| James Moss, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness |  |  | Forrest Winslow (Pulsara) |
| Stephanie Hackett, Hampton Roads MMRS |  |  | Tatiana Pedroza (REMS) |
| Tarry Pribble (VAVRS) |  |  | Melissa Meador |
|  |  |  | Shannon Russell |
|  |  |  | Craig Bride |
|  |  |  | Andrew Slater |
|  |  |  | Peppy Winchel (TJEMS) |

| **Topic/Subject** | **Discussion** | **Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person** |
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| **Call to Order** | Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. |  |
| **Presentation(s)** | No presentations for this meeting |  |
| **Information on Meeting Instructions and Introductions** | Karen Owens provided a reminder to committee members that they need to state their name prior to speaking. Mr. Burnette also reminded attendees to spell out any acronyms or other items for the transcriptionists. |  |
| **Review and approval of last minutes & meeting agenda** | Committee meeting minutes from November 17, 2022, were approved with a change to the date of the meeting minutes as noted by Committee Chair in opening. February 2, 2023, minutes were also approved. |  |
| **Committee Chair Report** | No report from the Committee Chair |  |
| **Committee Member/Other Reports** | Matthew Marry presented on behalf of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA). VHHA had a successful Inaugural 2023 Virginia Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Summit on April 19, 2023. There were over 260 attendees and speakers from across the country. Tentative schedule for next Summit will be April of 2024. VHHA, VDH, and the healthcare coalitions will be hosting the statewide webinar May 24, 2023, at noon. This event is to prepare for the communications test on May 30, 2023, at 09:00 a.m. Formal communication coming from VHHA and VDH is forthcoming reference the transition to four (4) healthcare coalition regions instead of six (6).    James Moss, on behalf of VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness, reported the federal COVID-19 public health emergency declaration will be ending next week on May 11, 2023. There will be no impacts to vaccines, therapeutics, etc., all going through the standard process as established over the last three (3) years. The federal government will not be purchasing additional courses of the vaccines and therapeutics, but reports there are plenty in reserve. VDH is working with partners to shift from Ebola virus disease annex and making it special and unique pathogen disease annex based on what is occurring worldwide.  Michael Player, representing VA- 1 DMAT, advised VA-1 DMAT is on call next month (June) at the beginning of hurricane season.  Stephanie Hackett with Hampton Roads MMRS advised they are still working on their MCI plan and are on the final draft of the plan. The completion of the final draft will lead into the beginning phases of the tabletop series and the regional full-scale exercise.  Ray Whatley advised VAGEMSA would be having their meeting at 2:00 p.m. on May 4, 2023. He also reported the Northern Virginia region’s Mass Casualty Incident Manual will soon go to technical writers, with the plan for the final product to be ready in 60 days and 90 days for publishing. Once this process is complete, the manual will be shared with the committee. |  |
| **Office of EMS Report** | Kari Magner introduced the committee and attendees to Amber Wells, who will work with Public Safety Answering Point (PSAPs) Specialist and Emergency Medical Dispatch accreditation coordinator. |  |
| **Unfinished Report** | **MCIM Work Group Presentation** –  On behalf of the MCI workgroup, Kari presented the proposal of continuing to teach both START and SALT triage systems across the Commonwealth in our MCI classes. It will then be up to the regions or agencies which triage system they will use. The workgroup also proposed a required dataset and recommended features checklist for any tag used by agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The use of a dataset will allow the agencies/regions to purchase tags from their preferred supplier as long as all required points are available on the tag. The tag will then be presented to the Office of EMS for approval.  A question was asked if printed tags were required, or if electronic versions only are acceptable. Currently, regulation requires printed tags to be present on all licensed EMS vehicles.  A motion was made and approved by the committee to continue to teach both triage systems (SALT and START) across the Commonwealth. A second motion was made and approved by the committee to allow the regions and/or agencies to select whether they will use the SALT or START triage system. A final motion was presented and approved by the committee to have a minimum dataset and recommended features document for the development of state approved triage tags. As long at the tag in use meets the required dataset, the tag will be approved. The presence of any additional items on the tag will be determined by the region/agency/organization.  Attached to this document will be the draft dataset discussed by the committee members. |  |
| **New Business** | Matthew Marry informed the committee that he would be transferring his seat to Matthew Allen, Program Manager of Emergency Preparedness at VHHA. |  |
| **Public Comment** | Mr. Forest Winslow briefly discussed his interest in speaking to the committee regarding the product, Pulsera. |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Next scheduled meeting is August 3, 2023 |  |
| **Adjourn** | The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. |  |
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