**EMS Emergency Management Committee**

**Virginia Office of EMS**

**August 3, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

| **Members Present:** | **Members Absent:** | **OEMS Staff:** | **Guests** |
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| Joe Williams, Chair | Tarry Pribble | Karen Owens | Craig Bride (Bon Secours – Richmond |
| Matthew Allen (VHHA) | Jessica Robison | Tatiana Pedroza (REMS) | Kylee Brinkley (Bon Secours EM) |
| Michael Player (VA-1 DMAT, EMS Regional Councils) |  | Charles Feiring (CSEMS) | Donna Hurst (Sentara RMH)) |
| Ray Whatley, VAGEMSA |  | Amber Wells | Chrissy Snyder (Sentara RMH EM) |
| James Moss, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness |  |  | Bubby Bish (VAVRS) |
| Stephanie Hackett (Hampton Roads MMRS) |  |  | Melissa Meador (Greene County) |
| Adam Galton (VSP) |  |  | Andrew Baxter (UVA Trauma) |
| John Northon (VDEM) |  |  | Byron Andrews (Sterling Rescue) |
| Easton Peterson (Health and Medical Response) |  |  | Michael Fajohn (Henrico Doctors Hospital) |
| David Hoback (VA Fire Chief’s Association) |  |  | Matthew Marry (VHHA) |
|  |  |  | Kat Fivelstad (UVA EMS Fellow) |
|  |  |  | Peppy Winchel (TJEMS) |
|  |  |  | David Long (TEMS) |

| **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** | Committee Chair, Joseph Williams reminded committee members they need to state their name prior to speaking. |  |
| **Review and approval of last minutes & meeting agenda** | Committee meeting minutes from May 5, 2023, were approved with a wording change in the unfinished business section to clarify regions/agencies will select the triage system they will use, and adding made in paragraph 3 to clarify the motion was made and approved by the committee. |  |
| **Committee Chair Report** | No report from the Committee Chair |  |
| **Committee Member/Other Reports** | Ray Whatley, representing VAGEMSA, advised they would be meeting at 2:00 p.m. on August 3, 2023. From the Northern VA area, their Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) manual has gone through its final editing and would be presented to the EMS Operations Board for recommendation to go to the Fire Chief’s Committee.  James Moss, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness reported on the Virginia Hospital Preparedness Program and the healthcare coalitions have officially gone from six (6) regions down to four (4). The point of contact list will be attached to the minutes for distribution to the committee members.  Stephanie Hackett, representing the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Reserve System (HRMMRS), reported the final draft of the MCI plan should be finished on August 31, 2023. It will then be sent to the board committees and other workgroups for final approval and adoption. Pulsara has been obtained for the next two (2) years in Tidewater and Peninsula regions in Hampton Roads. The HRMMRS also just received two more of the off-road ambulances, called M-RATs, in the region with four (4) more on the way in the next year. They also have received two (2) new MCI busses. |  |
| **Office of EMS Report** | Karen Owens, on behalf of the Office of EMS, advised we are working to connect the local health district healthcare-acquired infectious disease groups with the regional councils to assist in building relationships between the two related specifically to healthcare-acquired diseases and making sure prevention and education is good. This is especially important as we are seeing an increase in COVID cases around the Commonwealth. It also helps with prevention and education on unique pathogens planning. The federal ambulance contract has been updated and is under review regarding potential deployment of resources within an impacted state that maybe weren’t part of a contract to begin with. |  |
| **Unfinished Report** | **MCIM Workgroup Presentation** –  At the last quarterly meeting, committee members reviewed the mandatory dataset and recommended features document to develop the final product to be submitted to the board. The final document created based on the discussion from the May meeting. A motion, second, and vote from the committee approved the minimum dataset and recommended features, which would be presented to the board on Friday, August 4, 2023. An update will be provided at the November 2023 meeting. |  |
| **New Business** | Easton Peterson discussed the need for a workgroup to look at best practices for electronic patient tracking systems. We need to look at what functionalities exist and what should be minimum functionalities of any large-scale patient movement. Kari will send out an email for interest in participation.  David Long reported on Tidewater EMS Council’s plan to conduct two (2) tabletop exercises on the Peninsula and two (2) tabletop exercises on the Southside. A full-scale exercise involving a complex coordinated attack (CCA) will follow. A plan is also in place to conduct a regional exercise to demonstrate the Pulsara capability. In the next 12-18 months, Tidewater plans to have assigned personnel trained in Highly Infectious Disease (HID) training and will participate in exercises of patient pickup and transport. |  |
| **Public Comment** | Tatiana Pedroza, representing Rappahannock Regional EMS Council, advised they are going through the same process as Tidewater, preparing to test their regional MCI plans within the next year. |  |
| **Next Scheduled Meeting** | Next scheduled meeting November 16, 2023 |  |
| **Adjourn** | The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. |  |
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