

**Workforce Development Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
November 16, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Cody Jackson , Commercial Ambulance Association, Vice-Chair	Dreama Chandler , VAVRS	Tim Perkins	Ryan Hite
David Tesh , VA Recruitment & Retention Network	Mike Watkins , VAGEMSA	Dave Edwards	Peppy Winchel
Derek Fuller , VA Recruitment & Retention Network	Valerie Quick , Chair	Wanda Street	Ali Akbar
Paul Hoyle , At-Large	Christina Smith , VACO	Chris Vernovai	Ryan Hite
John Bianco , At-Large		Cam Crittenden	
Byron Andrews , VA State Firefighters		Chad Blosser	
Gene Dalton , WVEMS			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	Cody Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
II. Review and Approval of May's Minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the August meeting minutes by Byron Andrews, seconded by Paul Hoyle.	
III. Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
IV. Chair's Report-Cody Jackson:	The August meeting was scheduled to be Valerie's last meeting as chair unless her board seat is not replaced by this meeting in November. Her seat on the board was filled, but no chair has been appointed to the committee at this time.	
V. OEMS Report:	Cam Crittenden: Cam provided an update to the committee about the recent activities at the OEMS. Dr. Shelton and Christopher Lindsay are to attend the Advisory Board meeting on Friday and will be able to provide additional information. Cam noted in preparing data report for the Board of Health, in a comparison of provider number in 2014 to today are holding at 36,000, however, call volumes, expenses continue to increase.	

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	<p>Chad Blosser: Chad discussed with the committee about the progress in the joint committee work for the improved integration of high school students into the workforce. OEMS has met with the “high school group” and the Department of Education to discuss the future of high school EMS programs. Chad advised the WDC committee that as the Training and Certification committee is preparing to move forward, the ask if the WDC committee is still interested in participating in the process. Cody Jackson, Paul Hoyle volunteered to be part of the joint committee group.</p>	
<p>VI. EMS Officer – Chris Vernovai</p>	<p>EMSO1 is scheduled for 12 classes across Virginia in 2023. The last class was held at the Tri-City Regional Fire and EMS School in Petersburg on September 16/17. With the additional offerings being planned for 2023, we planned to offer 12 classes in 2023. This would have equaled all the offerings we have had prior from 2016-2022. For EMSO1 classes to be held, the sponsoring agency or event will need to assume any and all expenses for the class.</p> <p>Chris discussed the need to migrate from Blackboard to another LMS for the pre-course assignments. Chad explained that prior to Jasper Williams leaving the OEMS, they copied the EMSO1 course content from Blackboard to Moodle LMS.</p>	
<p>VIII. Standards of Excellence: Tim Perkins</p>	<p>Dave Tesh and Tim Perkins went to Hampton for the site visit in October and was recognized as an Agency of Excellence.</p> <p>There are currently 3 agencies in line for site visits. (Winchester, Botetourt and Virginia Beach) We will be gathering a team of reviewers and scheduling visits after the new year.</p> <p>No new applications have been submitted. With the ramping up of SOE we have been working with agencies who have agency of excellence designation to help them go through the process again. The process is voluntary, and we receive inquiries every other week from agencies interested in the process.</p>	
<p>IX. Virginia Recruitment and Retention Network – Derek Fuller/Dave Tesh:</p>	<p>Derek Fuller: There was a meeting planned to be held in conjunction with the EMS Symposium but that was cancelled with the symposium. There will be an executive committee meeting in December to plan for the 2024 agenda.</p>	
<p>X. Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>A. Keeping the Best Tool Kit- Dave Tesh/John Bianco We are working on formalizing the program. There is a need to put together a workgroup with John Bianco and himself to review the outline of the KTB program and provide input and assist in getting the program into a completed format. The format would be video presentation and assignments on Blackboard or another LMS prior to class.</p>	

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	Additionally, the need to begin onboarding KTB Facilitators to begin offering the course throughout Virginia. Please attend one of the class sessions if you are interested in being a facilitator to help deliver the program.	
IX. New Business:	No new business	
XII. Public Comment:	<p>A question was asked regarding the Governor’s Workforce Development Board and Tim Perkins noted that the board was made aware that OEMS has a strong desire to be included on the board.</p> <p>Tim discussed the future meeting dates/location are currently to be determined and will be announced as soon as possible.</p>	
XIII. Adjournment:	Meeting was concluded @ 10:57am.	