

**Regulation and Policy Committee**  
**The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, Virginia**  
**February 9, 2006**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Jennie Collins – Chair, Jim Chandler, Gary Critzer, David Hoback, Mike Staples, Karen Wagner, Joseph Pozzo, Catherine Hudgins

**Staff:** Michael Berg, Tim Kimble, Scott Winston, Gary Brown

**Others:** Linda Hale, Matt Dix, Linda Johnson, Sam Dahl, Randy Abernathy, Byron Andrews, Rob Logan, John Bianco, Robin Davis, Ray Pettergill, Greg Woods, Pokey Harris

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<b>Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order @ 1502 hours. Introductions were made.	
<b>Approval of the November 17, 2005 minutes</b>	Minutes approved as distributed, one (1) abstention (absent for previous meeting).	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>		
NOIRA Update	<p>Staff provided a matrix for those regulations reviewed and approved for inclusion in the next regulatory update and those projects still awaiting completion. Significant discussion ensued regarding a review of 12 VAC 5-31-910.B. by a committee member. Revised/suggested wording for this section of the regulations to be brought forward at the next meeting for consideration by the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair appointed a workgroup to assist staff in drafting language to update 12 VAC 5-31-380 Agency Availability. Members include Ed Rhodes, Ed Brazle, Byron Andrews and David Hoback.</p>	<p><b>Staff to continue with NOIRA process for the regulations identified. Committee member Staples to bring revised/suggested wording changes for 12 VAC 5-31-910.B.</b></p> <p><b>Draft language for 12 VAC 5-31-380 to be presented at the next meeting.</b></p>
Final Exemptions	Staff reported that the Nurse Licensure Compact, The Wheelchair Interfacility Transportation Final Exempt actions have been completed and forwarded through the NOIRA process. As these two items are a result of legislative changes, no public hearing is required. Staff did share a challenge with the Early Defibrillation Final Exempt – the actual regulation still appears within the Registrar’s version of the EMS Regulations. Staff will submit another Final Exempt to have the section and any wording relating to “Early Defibrillation Services” Staff has also completed the required paperwork to move the “repeal of the EMS Plan” from Regulations forward through the NOIRA process.	<b>Staff to resubmit for “Final Exempt” action regarding Early Defibrillation Services.</b>
Civil Penalties	Staff without report. The Chair solicited participation for staff assistance in drafting language for regulations addressing the issuance for “civil penalties”. Gary Critzer and Karen Wagner to assist staff with this project.	<b>Draft language due for next meeting.</b>

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Transport of Infants	Staff noted awaiting the name of the vendor in order to purchase the infant carrier seats for placement at those facilities that recently closed their OB-GYN services.	No action required.
Pharmacy Board Meeting	The Chair updated the Committee on a meeting held shortly after our last meeting with Executive Director for the Board of Pharmacy and her staff. Issues surrounding the CSR permit challenges and additional BOP regulations were discussed. A representative group for OEMS has been invited to participate with the BOP in their Regulatory review process with focus on regulations as they relate to EMS.	<b>Awaiting notification from the BOP for a meeting date and time (delay by current GA session).</b>
Legislative Update	Mr. Rhodes attending to GA matters and unable to attend the meeting. Staff shared information on those matters either defeated or still in the Assembly process. Legislation regarding the carrying of oxygen by first responder will require regulatory language should it become law.	<b>Staff to monitor legislative process.</b>
Draft Medevac Regulations	Staff shared the proposed draft Medevac Regulations for this committee's approval to move forward to the full Advisory Board. Staff noted the need to put numbers on the supply listing, but saw no other obstacles in moving the process forward	<b>A motion passed to forward the draft Medevac Regulations to the EMS Advisory Board for their approval to continue the regulatory change process.</b>
Continuing Education Categories	The Training Division with the approval of the Medical Direction Committee and the Professional Development Committee, requested approval from the Committee to move forward to the EMS Advisory Board changes to the Continuing Education categories to allow for Web based CE hours as category 1 hours. Although the concept was agreed to, committee members questioned certain wording and recommended resubmission by the Training Division at the next Regulation and Policy Committee meeting. Staff noted that administratively, we would continue to work on the infrastructure necessary to implement this process and not delay the process while awaiting regulatory approval. This is consistent with the dynamic nature for EMS and the customer demand for such a process.	<b>Referred back to the Training Division for clarification on wording.</b>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
Regulation and Compliance Update	Staff reported the departure of Melissa Doak, EMS Program Representative Supervisor in January. Interviews are scheduled for February 23/24 with eleven (11) candidates.	<b>Ongoing.</b>
Bariatric Challenges	This was information from Staff. The Transportation Committee will be working to assist other organizations with developing criteria for agencies to utilize when addressing the emergent and non-emergent transportation and care for the Bariatric patients. One possible suggestion will be the development of another vehicle classification permit.	<b>No action.</b>
Establish End Date for Regulatory Revision	Staff suggested that this Committee establish an end date that any proposed regulatory changes be completed in order to submit a revised regulatory document to begin the NOIRA process. Much work had already been accomplished by the Committee and several other Committees have been given deadlines to submit any proposed changes to this committee by May 2006.	<b>Consensus was reached to have any proposed regulator language changes submitted to this Committee by our May meeting with the intent to have a package to the EMS Advisory Board at the November meeting for approval to move forward with the NOIRA process.</b>

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November meeting date	As the EMS Advisory Board is meeting this November in conjunction with the EMS Symposium in Norfolk, and this Committee's meeting are normally the day before the Advisory Board, the Chair solicited input as to the scheduling for the Committee's meeting in November.	<b>The consensus was to schedule the November meeting at the EMS Symposium the same date as the EMS Advisory Board meeting to begin at 11:00 a.m. Staff to coordinate meeting space for the Committee.</b>
Criminal Background Checks	Committee members expressed concerns that although we are conducting Virginia criminal background checks, we should be conducting NCIC checks for potential Virginia EMS providers as an additional security measure. Staff noted this would require not only regulatory language change, but potential <i>Code of Virginia</i> changes. 12 VAC 5-31-540 is the section of the regulations affected by this.	<b>Committee member Hoback to draft language for consideration at the next committee meeting.</b>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	May 11, 2006, The Place at Innsbrook, 3:00 P.M.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.	