

**Regulation and Policy Committee**  
**The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, Virginia**  
**November 17, 2005**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Jim Chandler, Gary Critzer, Jennie Collins – Chair, David Hoback, Ed Rhodes, Mike Staples, Karen Wagner, Don Taylor

**Staff:** Michael Berg, Melissa Doak, Scott Winston, Gary Brown

**Others:** Don Barklage

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Call to Order</b>	The new Chair called the meeting to order @ 1501 hours. Introductions were made.	
<b>Approval of the August 4, 2005 minutes</b>	Minutes approved as distributed	
<b>Committee Restructuring</b>	The Chair shared the challenge to review the previous membership of the committee and under the direction of the Chair of the Governor’s EMS Advisory Board, contacted current and prospective members of the committee to make adjustments to the membership. Organizations to be represented on this committee include, VAGEMSA, VAVRS, Regional Councils, VACO/VML, State Fire Chiefs, VFFF, the Chair and three (3) members-at-large. As of this meeting, we have not had confirmation for a representative for the VACO/VML position on the committee.	<b>Chair and staff will continue to communicate with the VACO/VML Advisory Board members for an appointment to the committee.</b>
<b>Unfinished Business</b>		
Quality Management Workgroup	Mr. Dahl was not in attendance.	<b>Placed on next agenda</b>
NOIRA Update	Staff reported that with the upcoming change in administration, any requested regulatory changes will be suspended until at least the April 2006 time frame. Staff will continue to work on those changes already approved by the Board of Health and the adjudication officer in order to have a ready product once changes can move forward.	<b>Staff to continue with NOIRA process for the regulations identified.</b>
Civil Penalties	Staff has shared their current efforts on collection of materials from various states and discussions with other state agencies regarding civil penalties. Staff also noted input from other sister agencies who have such penalties in-place. Committee members agreed the rule for enforcement should be based on system benefit and not a cost/benefit basis.	<b>Ongoing process – staff to continue collection and evaluation of such programs.</b>
Voluntary Inactivation of Certification 12 VAC 5-31-1630	After a brief discussion of the history of this regulation, committee members came to consensus that this regulation be removed as the issue is that of local concern, not a regulatory matter.	<b>Staff to include recommendation as part of overall regulatory review package.</b>
Medevac Regulations	Staff shared draft version 1.0 of recently compiled Medevac Regulations. Committee members will review and add comments at a later time.	No action required.
Proposed revision for 12 VAC 5-31-380	Proposed language change to current wording was presented for consideration. Committee members felt a license could be granted for an agency with conditions.	<b>Tabled in order for staff and committee to gather additional information.</b>

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Transportation of Infants	Staff reported the Office's willingness to purchase infant carriers for placement at those hospitals where OB services have been suspended for agencies to utilize during transport of the patients.	<b>Staff working with purchasing to identify a vendor on EVA.</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
EMS Oath	Staff shared an issue relating to wording within the <i>Code of Virginia</i> relating to an oath for emergency responders. An interpretation from the Attorney General's office was paraphrased for the committee.	<b>None.</b>
Board of Pharmacy and OEMS Meeting	Staff shared a forthcoming memo from OEMS to all EMS agencies regarding issues enforced by the Board of Pharmacy – specifically, CSR permits, and use of oxygen filling systems. The Committee felt a dialogue was needed to further understand Pharmacy Regulations as they apply to EMS.	<b>Staff to arrange a meeting between the Board of Pharmacy and OEMS with the Committee Chair to begin discussion regarding regulations affecting EMS delivery and Pharmacy Regulations.</b>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.	<b>The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2006, 3:00 p.m. Location to be confirmed.</b>