

Finance, Legislation and Planning (FL&P) Committee
February 8, 2008
Richmond Marriott West
9:00 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Gary Dalton	Pokey Harris	Scott Winston	Jason Campbell
Art Lipscomb	Theresa Guins, MD	Greg Neiman	Kevin Dillard
Morris Reece		Paul Sharpe	Julia Glover
Rob Logan		David Edwards	Jeff Meyer
Bruce Edwards		Jodi Kuhn	Lloyd Runnett
Byron Andrews		Chad Blosser	Jim Chandler
Ed Rhodes			Tracey McLaurin
Kent Weber			Bill Downs
Michael Player			
Jennie Collins			

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Opening	Gary Dalton, Chair opened the meeting and noted the FL&P Committee has met three times since the last meeting. The minutes from the September 28 meeting were reviewed and approved. The meeting minutes from the January 23 and January 28 conference call were reviewed. The conference call minutes were not approved because a quorum did not exist for either meeting.	
OEMS Update	Scott Winston, Asst. Director, OEMS briefed the committee on new developments within the office. Dr. Karen Remley, MD, MBA, FAAP is the new Health Commissioner. Dr. Remley formerly worked as Vice President for Medical Affairs for Sentara Leigh Hospital. It was reported on Monday, Feb. 11 a new HR Analyst, Ms. Shea Jones will begin work at the Office. The Division of Educational Development and Emergency Operations are scheduled to move out of the Madison Building sometime in March to new office space at One Technology Park located in Glen Allen, VA. The remote OEMS office will be adjacent to the Virginia Dept. of Fire Programs. OEMS received six (6) applications for the State Medical Director position. All six applicants will be	

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	<p>interviewed for the position.</p> <p>As a reminder, the dates for the 2008 OEMS Town Forums were shared with the committee. Town Forums are scheduled to be held on March 20, 2008 in the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council area, July 15 in the Western Virginia EMS Council area and October 23 in the Lord Fairfax EMS Council area.</p> <p>Mr. Winston briefed the committee on the status of Office of Attorney General (OAG) requests for advice. The Committee was advised due to attorney client privileges, OEMS could not distribute the advisory documents received from the OAG. Jennie Collins requested OEMS to post a summary of these documents on the OEMS Web page.</p> <p>The following issue currently being reviewed by the OAG was discussed in some detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ability of EMS students to complete hospital clinical requirements for EMS certification programs. A hospital in Southside, VA interprets the Code (§54.1-3408: Professional Use by Practitioners) to mean EMS students are not allowed to start IV's, administer medications, and perform other skills. It is speculated the change in position of the hospital is due to a new level of student (EMT-Intermediate) going through the accredited EMS Training site in South Hill, VA, increased competition for clinical time, and the expanding scope of practice of EMS personnel. <p>The committee identified Medical Direction as the foundation of EMS and the importance of providing flexibility to medical directors to determine the skills and procedures EMS personnel are authorized to perform.</p>	<p>OEMS will post summaries of advisory documents from the OAG on the Web site.</p> <p>OEMS will check on the status of changes to the Board of Pharmacy Regulations related to EMS.</p>
<p>State EMS Strategic Plan Update and 2008 Priorities</p>	<p>Mr. Tim Perkins provided an updated on the strategic and operational EMS plan. OEMS staff has recently completed work to identify priorities for 2008. These priorities will be aligned with the identified core strategies and strategic initiatives, objections and action steps of the EMS plan.</p>	<p>OEMS will post the state strategic and operational EMS plan on the VDH, OEMS Web site.</p>

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	Mr. Perkins stated the state EMS Plan will be posted on the VDH, Office of EMS Web site in the near future.	
2008 Legislation	<p>The committee reviewed and discussed relevant legislation under consideration by the legislature.</p> <p>SB 228 – Child abuse and neglect; EMS personnel added to list of mandatory reporters. A compromise (Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute) was discussed. It was noted, if the bill passes, the reporting mechanism for child abuse will now differ from the requirements to report suspected cases of elder abuse and neglect. It was reported VPPF will lobby the General Assembly next year to change the reporting mechanism for elder abuse and neglect to conform to the requirements that EMS personnel must follow to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>The committee discussed what plans the Office of EMS has to educate the provider about the new reporting requirements related to child abuse and neglect. OEMS is planning to work with the Dept. of Social Services to identify existing educational information as well as develop new materials that will be disseminated to EMS Instructors and personnel through mailings, EMSAT broadcasts, list serves, updates, EMS Symposium, etc.</p> <p>SB 503 – Elevate OEMS to a Department and move to the Secretary of Public Safety. It was reported the patron pulled the bill at the request of the Governor. It was reported the Governor is not opposed to moving OEMS; however, due to budget cuts, not this year.</p> <p>HB 922 - \$4.25 for Life. Senator Rust offered this bill in response to recommendations from HJ 743 (2007) looking at incentives for recruitment and retention of volunteer Fire and EMS personnel. The additional 25 cent would be added to the motor vehicle registration fees and be used for the certification and recertification of EMS personnel.</p>	
Old Business	No Old Business.	

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New Business	<p>Art Lipscomb reported that preparations for the 2009 legislative session will begin earlier this year.</p> <p>It was also reported VDEM/VDFP Stakeholder meeting will be held at Sweetbriar College the third week of April 2008. Dr. Remley, State Health Commissioner and Marilyn Tavenner, Secretary of Health and Human Resources have been invited to attend.</p>	
2008 Meeting Dates	<p>The FL&P Committee will meet on the following dates in 2008: Friday, May 16; Friday, August 15 and a date to be determined.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting is adjourned at 10:35 AM.</p>	