

Executive Committee for the State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Virginia Office of EMS, Glen Allen, Virginia
December 18, 2015
9:30 AM

| Members Present: | Members Absent: | Staff: | Others: |
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| Gary P. Critzer, Chair <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i> Genemarie McGee, Vice Chair <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i> Bruce Edwards (via teleconference) <i>Board of Health – EMS Representative</i> David Hoback (via teleconference) <i>Virginia Fire Chiefs Association</i> Marilyn McLeod <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i> Christopher L. Parker <i>VA Emergency Nurses Assoc./VA Nurses Assoc.</i> Ronald Passmore <i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i> | | Gary R. Brown P. Scott Winston Michael D. Berg Warren Short Irene Hamilton | Ed Rhodes <i>VFCA/VAVRS</i> Chad Blosser <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i> |

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| Welcome and Introductions | Gary Critzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Since Bruce Edwards and David Hoback were participating via teleconference, Mr. Critzer asked everyone in the room to identify themselves. | |
| Approval of the Agenda | The agenda was approved as presented. | |
| Approval of the Minutes of the August 8, 2015 Meeting | The August 8, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented. | |
| OEMS Program Updates: | | |
| Regulatory – Michael Berg | Mr. Berg reported that the effective date of the Financial Assistance Review Committee regulations is January 4, 2016 and the OEMS website will be updated accordingly. The period review of the Durable Do Not Resuscitate (DDNR) regulations completed this past summer has been submitted as a fast track regulatory package. is currently in the Attorney General’s Office awaiting approval. | |

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| | <p>The “Affiliation” fast track regulatory package to add the word “affiliation” back into section 910 of the EMS regulations so that if certain crimes were committed, the individuals would not be able to be certified or affiliated with EMS agencies went through the entire process; however, the Governor’s office has decided not to sign the regulatory packet because they feel it is in conflict with the current administration’s support of prison reform.</p> <p>Mr. Berg asked the Executive Committee for feedback on how they would like to proceed. He said that they could either: a) Do nothing; b) Resubmit with additional clarification as to why it is important to have it in place; or c) Make it a part of the upcoming required four year review of the current EMS regulations, amending the process and by time it makes it through the regulatory track there will either be another administration in office or it will be part of the comprehensive review of the regulations.</p> <p>There was much discussion on this topic and on the best way to proceed. Bruce Edwards shared with the group that he understands that perhaps the language should be clearer as to why this is important to the EMS community.</p> | <p>The group decided that it would be better to rewrite the regulation, explaining the importance of and need for this change. They will reach out to the Administration to find out more detail as to what objections the Governor’s Office had to the language.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards will reach out to VDH Administration to find out more specifics on the Governor’s office objections to the language in the regulations.</p> |
| NEMSIS V3 – Gary Brown | <p>Mr. Brown reported that there are issues with the NEMSIS V3. He said in the latest compliance report, they have a large list of EMS agencies that haven’t done anything to transition to Version 3. Mr. Brown asked Gary Critzer the status of the User’s Group that he had established a while ago. Mr. Critzer said the group was meeting but that he has not heard anything from them lately. Mr. Brown said they may need to use the User’s Group in the future.</p> | |
| Education – Warren Short | <p>New CE Program – Mr. Short reported that they are still moving forward with this program. After the New Year, they will be meeting with IT to formulate how the process will occur.</p> <p>NREMT – Mr. Short said this program is working as well as expected and that student pass rates are increasing. There is a work group investigating whether EMTs should take the practical first before they take the written portion since EMS pays for the written. They are concerned because about 50 percent of the EMTs complete the practical but do not take the written NREMT examination.</p> | |

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| | <p>EMT Intermediate – There is a workgroup that is looking at what Virginia has to do, what their roles should be and what Virginia should do when National Registry stops providing an Intermediate 99 certification exam. Registry is no longer certifying Intermediates, but they are recertifying them through 2019. By March 2019 there will be no more nationally registered Intermediate 99s.</p> <p>Mr. Short has done a survey through NASEMSO with other states. The workgroup will be provided the survey results and he will have someone address the group on how to create a valid, legally defensible and psychometrically sound written exam.</p> <p>EC Workgroup – An EC workgroup met at least twice to discuss how to address issues with deficient EMS educators. They could not come up with any regulatory process to address these issues. The workgroup will now be used to help with the regulatory review process.</p> <p>The group discussed the overall education program and ways to enhance the program and to insure that instructors and the CE process are more efficient. Mr. Short said he will look at doing a more broad overall survey of the EMT CE program.</p> <p>Committees – Mr. Short has given the TCC Chair, Ron Passmore, the slate for new TCC Committee and the desired committee makeup. TCC would like the Executive Committee to review the committee structure in the Bylaws that currently requires of the appointment of committee members on an annual basis.</p> <p>TCC would like the Executive Committee to change the rules regarding TCC Appointment/Reappointment from 1 year to staggered 3 year appointments with no limit on reappointment since the committee selects it's members.</p> <p>In order to implement this, TCC propose the following term expirations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="283 954 1764 1425"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Organization</th> <th>Sponsor</th> <th>Serves</th> <th>1st Term Expires</th> <th>Next Expiration</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>EMS Advisory Board Medical Direction</td> <td>EMS AB Appointment</td> <td>Annually</td> <td>Annual</td> <td>Annual</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Pediatric Representation nominated by the VA EMS for Children Program</td> <td>Nominated by Dave Edwards, EMS-C</td> <td>3 yr Term Starting in 2016</td> <td>12/31/2018</td> <td>Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators</td> <td>Nominated by VAGEMSA</td> <td>3 yr Term Starting in 2016</td> <td>12/31/2018</td> <td>Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</td> <td>Nominated by President of VAVRS</td> <td>3 yr Term Starting in 2016</td> <td>12/31/2018</td> <td>Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | | | | | Organization | Sponsor | Serves | 1 st Term Expires | Next Expiration | 1 | EMS Advisory Board Medical Direction | EMS AB Appointment | Annually | Annual | Annual | 2 | Pediatric Representation nominated by the VA EMS for Children Program | Nominated by Dave Edwards, EMS-C | 3 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2018 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021 | 3 | Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators | Nominated by VAGEMSA | 3 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2018 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021 | 4 | Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads | Nominated by President of VAVRS | 3 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2018 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2021 | <p>The Executive Committee will address the committee appointment guidelines in the Bylaws at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agrees to accept the TCC proposed committee appointments restructuring by unanimous consent.</p> |
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| | 5 | Regional EMS Council Executive Director's Group Representative | Nominated by Chair of Council ED Group | 2 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2017 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2020 | |
| 6 | VCCS Accredited Institution | Voted on by VCCS Program Directors | 2 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2017 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2020 | | |
| 7 | Non-VCCS Accredited Program | Voted on by Program Directors | 2 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2017 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2020 | | |
| 8 | Education Coordinator | Voted on by EC's | 1 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2016 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2019 | | |
| 9 | Statewide Fire-based Organization | Joint nomination by VPF/IAFF/VPFCA | 1 yr Term Starting in 2016 | 12/31/2016 | Begins 3 yr term that ends in 12/31/2019 | | |
| 10 | EMS Physician from MDC | re-appointed annually by Chair of MDC | Annually | Annual | Annual | | |
| 11 | Member-at-Large | Appointed by EMS AB as needed | Annually as needed | Annual | Annual | | |
| EMS Officers Program = Scott Winston | <p>Mr. Winston reported that they have had two workgroup meetings of the EMS Workforce Development Committee, which has been working on the EMS Officers training programs. Allison Bloom, Esq. who is on the board of the National EMS Management Association (NEMSMA) attended the meetings, and she has provided the committee with good advice on how they should proceed.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported that the pilots they had planned to do have been delayed because of the release of the NEMSMA Seven Pillars of National EMS Officer Competencies, which they want to review before proceeding.</p> <p>The group has a meeting scheduled on January 22.</p> <p>They want to launch the program near the time of the 2016 Symposium.</p> <p>They are also looking at having NEMSMA accredit their training programs in the Leadership and Management track and give individuals going through their program the option of going through the NEMSMA credentialing process.</p> | | | | | | |
| EMS Plan – Scott Winston | <p>Mr. Winston reported that Tim Perkins has begun meeting with OEMS Division Managers to look at the existing EMS Plan and get some suggestions and recommendations for revisions. They will then request each standing committee of the EMS Advisory Board to do the same and identify core strategies and key strategic initiatives that they should consider undertaking.</p> | | | | | | |

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| | <p>In preparation for this process, they encourage individuals to review two national documents, one of them being FICEMS (Federal Interagency Committee on EMS) Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Mr. Winston said it will be an 18 month process.</p> | |
| <p>NASEMSO Board of Directors Annual Strategic Planning Retreat – Gary Brown</p> | <p>Mr. Brown reported that Mike Berg and he attended this retreat in Alexandria, VA.</p> <p>Items of interest that came out of the retreat were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A bill that would amend the Drug Control Act to address drug administration by EMS pre-hospital providers is being supported by NASEMSO. Mr. Berg said that this may have a direct impact on how they do business with regional drug box program in Virginia. 2. There is a field EMS bill going before Congress to establish a federal lead agency for EMS. Mr. Brown said it has a lot of problems at the moment. There would be grants available to states but it appears that the state lead EMS agency would not be involved in the grants. The funding would come from a check off back on individuals’ tax return asking if they want \$1 to go this EMS. 3. HR2274 has been introduced which deals with the National EMS Memorial Service that authorizes establishment in District of Columbia a National Memorial Service. | |
| <p>Legislative Update – REPLICA – Scott Winston</p> | <p>Mr. Winston reported that they will be reintroducing the REPLICA legislation. There has been a lot of ground work done. They have patrons in both the House and the Senate, and they think they will have a great deal of support in the next legislative session.</p> <p>To date Colorado and Texas have adopted the language. Mr. Winston said that South Carolina has the bill approved by the legislature and waiting for the signature of the Governor; as is Utah. They anticipate that this coming year they will have the 10 states which is required for enactment of the compact and creation of the commission for governing of the compact.</p> <p>Mr. Brown reported that at the NASEMSO Retreat a proposal was made for the NASEMSO Board to accept that the National Registry of EMTs will fund the commission and expenses of REPLICA. The National Registry has committed to create and maintain the database needed so that states can link into the database and submit information.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes reiterated that there is a multitude of support in both the House and Senate for REPLICA. The group thanked Mr. Rhodes for all his efforts and hard work on REPLICA.</p> | |
| <p>EMS Training Funds – Warren Short</p> | <p>Mr. Short reported that it has been a rough two years because there have been people inappropriately obtaining funds. OEMS has had an audit and they have addressed the majority of the findings. The program, as it currently stands, is in jeopardy; and OEMS will have to make some changes to the program..</p> <p>The Division of Educational Development has had their first meeting to start redefining the program. They want to make sure that it is not a bureaucratic process. They want to make sure that the funds continue supporting training, certification, recertification, recruitment and retention, and all the things for which it was originally geared towards.</p> <p>Mr. Short said they will have to come up with a new system. Their goal is to aim for July 1, 2017.</p> | |

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| <p>ACS Report, review, discussion, next steps – Gary Brown/ Michel Aboutanos</p> | <p>Mr. Brown said that the ACS Report comes with a lot of recommendations and implications for our Trauma system. Mr. Brown said he felt that it was important to have Dr. Aboutanos, the Chair of the Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee meet with the Executive Committee to discuss the report.</p> <p>Dr. Aboutanos said that the report has a lot of implications. He said he feels that the report needs to be vetted through the committee and thoroughly discussed before starting to plan how to proceed.</p> <p>Dr Aboutanos wants to hold a one day, all day retreat in January or February.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said he felt that the report should be vetted through several groups, probably initially through TSO&MC; but also in MDC, Regulation and Policy; and at some point the full EMS Advisory Board so that EMS Advisory Board can send it forth to the Board of Health for approval.</p> <p>Mr. Brown said OEMS is looking at the report and especially question 2. Based on this question, OEMS recognizes the authority to promulgate regulations is needed. A recommended revision to Section 32.1-111 in the <i>Code of Virginia</i> that authorizes the Board of Health to promulgate regulations governing EMS has been developed to add “Trauma Centers”. The regulations would then be developed by the system.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer feels that they should go through each recommendation one at a time and vet each piece. Mr. Critzer suggested putting together a Task Force under TSO&MC that may have people on it from other disciplines or within the State EMS Advisory Board. That group would then bring their recommendations back to TSO&MC.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer suggested having a strategy session to work on how to address the report findings. It was decided that the Executive Committee will meet on January 7 at 1 p.m. to strategize how to approach the report.</p> | |
| <p>Committee Work/Actions – Coordinators</p> | <p>Ron Passmore said he would be participating with the Workgroup this afternoon for the EMS Provider Health and Safety Committee in reference to the issue of provider fatigue. He said the survey given out at EMS Symposium was not large enough to use. He asked the group if they had anything they wanted voiced at the meeting. Mr. Berg said that he is meeting with Connie Green on Tuesday, and he has already put together a 10 question survey that could possibly be used for her survey.</p> <p>Gary Critzer asked that the workgroup address the issues of driver and provider fatigue.</p> | |
| <p>Open Discussion</p> | <p>Chad Blosser said that in listening to the conversation he feels that a key component that is missing is transparency and open communication. Mr. Blosser suggests having a webpage off of the OEMS webpage that deals specifically with the ACS Report. It would keep a timeline of things that is happening. He suggests that to begin the process, a letter should be written explaining the entire process and the timeframe for completing the process.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod addressed the group regarding some comments made by Mr. Randy Breton at the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting, She gave some background on the comments, which began from a request made at a recent Medical Direction Committee meeting to allow two paramedics to ride with a patient on an intra-aortic balloon pumps. MDC agreed to work quickly on making that decision and had a workgroup meet within a few weeks. The workgroup decided that this would not be a good course of action. There are no studies</p> | |

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| | <p>that support using two paramedics to transport patients on intra-aortic balloon pumps , and they elected not to do it.</p> <p>Mr. Breton pointed out that the EMS regulations don't say that a perfusionist cannot ride with a patient instead of a nurse. MDC said they did not have a problem with allowing a perfusionist to accompany a patient in the back of an ambulance on an intra-aortic balloon pump. However, from the MDC it has to go to Rules and Regulations Committee.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod said therefore she did not understand his statements at the State EMS Advisory Board meeting. Dr. McLeod said she did like his idea that a Critical Care Transport doctor be added to the MDC, and she likes that idea and will bring that suggestion to the MDC.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards reported that he did speak with VDH Administration and they suggest that Gary could give them a call and get some help with strategy language for rewriting the Affiliation fast track regulatory package.</p> <p>Gary Brown welcomed Chris Parker as the newest member of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Gary Brown reported that Kevin Dillard, as President of Rappahannock EMS Council is working to fill the seat vacated by the death of Kelly Southard.</p> | |
| OLD BUSINESS | None | |
| NEW BUSINESS | None | |
| Next Meeting | The next meeting is scheduled on January 7, 2016 at 1 PM at the Office of EMS. | |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM. | |