



Legislative and Planning (L&P) Committee Meeting
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
Friday, February 3, 2017
9:00 A.M.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Rob Logan, Vice-Chair		Gary Brown	David Hoback
Ed Rhodes		Scott Winston	Dreama Chandler
Rob Lawrence		Michael Berg	Jason Ferguson
Gary Samuels		Cam Crittenden	Michael LaSalle
Gary Dalton		Tim Perkins	Kim Craig
Byron Andrews		George Lindbeck, MD	Karen Wagner
Anita Perry		Adam Harrell	Eddie Ferguson
Michael Player		Warren Short	Luis Pedro Gonzales
Chris Parker, Chair			Bruce Edwards
			Robert Trimmer

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Chris Parker called the meeting to order at 9 AM. The minutes from Wednesday, November 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.	Motion made by Michael Player and seconded by Byron Andrews to approve the Nov. 9, 2016 meeting minutes. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
OEMS UPDATE	Mr. Scott Winston informed the committee members the OEMS quarterly report to the state EMS Advisory Board is posted on the OEMS website. The report may be viewed at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2016/05/ABQuarterlyReport022017.pdf Mr. Winston reported that an opportunity has presented itself to co-locate the two separate OEMS office suites at Technology Park in Glen Allen, VA. OEMS is working with the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and the Department of Real Estate Services (DRES) to trade existing office spaces occupied by OEMS and VDFP in order to allow both organizations to recombine their offices in adjoining office spaces. Office build out and modifications will begin in approximately 45 to 60 days.	

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	<p>The OEMS Web site has a new look and URL. The new web address is www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services. The new site is managed using Wordpress and will be easier to update and improve navigation using mobile devices.</p>	
STATE EMS PLAN	<p>The current version of the state EMS Plan (2013 – 2016) was approved by the Board of Health on June 5, 2014. The Virginia Office of EMS is mandated by <i>Code</i> to review and revise the state EMS Plan, as necessary, every three (3) years.</p> <p>The committee approved a final draft of the state EMS plan (2017 – 2019) prior to the Nov. 9 meeting (see attached). The state EMS Advisory Board approved the recommended updated state EMS Plan at the November 9 Board meeting.</p> <p>The approved plan will be presented to the Board of Health for their review and consideration at their March 16, 2017 meeting. In addition, the Office of EMS has also been requested to provide Board members with an overview of the state EMS and Trauma system during their “lunch and learn” session on March 16.</p>	 2016StatePlanFinalDraft.docx
REGULATORY UPDATE	<p><u>Chapter 31: Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations</u></p> <p>Mr. Berg announced that OEMS is required to conduct a periodic review of the EMS Regulations (12VAC5-31) every four (4) years and the Rules and Regulations committee has initiated a periodic review of the Virginia EMS Regulations (12VAC5-31).</p> <p>A Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) has been submitted to the Commissioner for approval on behalf of the Board of Health.</p> <p>Mr. Berg reported that the present thinking is to repeal Chapter 31 (12-VAC5-31) of the EMS Regulations and recommend adoption of a new Chapter 32 (12-VAC5-32). By writing a new chapter this action will allow an opportunity to clean up previously repealed sections of the EMS Regulations, make adjustments to the flow and sequencing of the EMS Regulations, and nullify all exemptions that were made under the old EMS Regulations (i.e. EMS vehicle staffing exemptions).</p>	

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2017 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY	<p>The 2017 session of the Virginia General Assembly began on Wednesday, January 11. The session is scheduled to adjourn on Saturday, February 25. A number of bills have been introduced related to EMS.</p> <p>The committee discussed a bill requesting a study to be conducted on medevac services in Virginia (HB1728), a bill to modify how inspections of all types (EMS vehicles and agencies, restaurants, nursing homes, campgrounds, swimming pools, etc.) are performed by the Virginia Department of Health (HB2300), and a bill requested by the Trial Lawyers Association of Virginia relating to liens against persons whose negligence causes injury (SB867). There are two mental health awareness training bills (HB1480 and SB1064) relating to mandatory mental health first aid training every two years for EMS personnel and career firefighters. SB1244 relating to the possession and administration of glucagon by EMS provides was introduced to address a local concern originating from Goochland and Hanover counties. SB 1300 was requested by the Virginia Fraternal Order of Police to expand privileged communication and establish criteria for peer support teams related to licensed clinicians and years of experience.</p> <p>A budget amendment has been introduced to remove the language in the budget bill requiring \$400,000 each year to be set aside to fund RSAF grants requesting 12-lead ECG devices. Annually, over \$1M is approved for funding to purchase 12-lead ECG devices and therefore the language is not necessary.</p> <p>Line of duty bill pertaining to cancer presumption related to colorectal cancer has been introduced. Potential exists for conflict between public safety personnel and agencies and health insurance companies.</p> <p>Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (VOLSAP). Original plan was to eliminate this Board. Annual meeting is now the only requirement to keep the Board active.</p> <p>Vehicle registration bill (SB805) to gradually increase fees to provide funding for Virginia State Police has been passed by indefinitely (PBI) this session.</p>	 <p>LIS Bill Tracking Reports Feb 2017 se</p>

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	<p>There are several bills related to Emergency Vehicle Operator Course training requirements (HB1481 and SB1198). HB1481 has been stricken from the docket. SB1198, if passes will require that any member of a fire department or a fire company who was an operator of an emergency vehicle prior to July 1, 2017, must successfully complete an EVOC or equivalent training course recognized by VDFP or OEMS no later than July 1, 2020.</p> <p>There are a number of bills pertaining to suspension and reinstatement of driver licenses leading to concern about the funding revenue stream for Trauma Centers. Through a budget amendment, the Virginia Department of Health has been directed to analyze the impact of policy changes implemented or under consideration in 2017 that impact the resources directed to the trauma fund and develop recommendations in collaboration with the Department of Medical Assistance Services on potential strategies available to match these state resources with federal funds and enhance, or at a minimum preserve to the maximum extent possible, the critical support to Virginia's trauma services provided by the current trauma fund. At the present time, the driver's license reinstatement fee payable to the Trauma Center Fund is \$100.</p>	
COMMITTEE COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP	The committee held discussion to change the composition of the membership. Historically, representatives from VACO and VML have not actively participated or attended meetings on a regular basis. It was noted that the representative from VAGEMSA on the committee can adequately represent the view of local governments. A recommendation was made to change the VACO/VML seat on the Legislative and Planning Committee to a seat representing the commercial ambulance services that perform a majority of the interfacility and critical care transports.	Motion to replace VACO/VML representation on the committee with a representative from the Virginia Ambulance Association (VAA). Mike Player initiated the motion and it was seconded by Ed Rhodes. The committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	There is no unfinished business to bring before the committee.	
NEW BUSINESS	There is no new business to bring before the committee.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	There is no public comment.	
NEXT MEETING DATE	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be held on Friday, May 5, at 9AM at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump, 4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are: August 4 and November 8 at Norfolk Marriott	

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ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.	

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