

**Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)
Quarterly Meeting
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
Glen Allen, Virginia
August 2, 2018
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Administration Staff:	Staff/Other Guests:
Kevin Dillard	Donna Hurst	Amanda Davis	Robert Trimmer
JC Bolling		Linwood	Dan Norville
Curtis Sheets			Amy Ashe
Bruce Stratton			
Joe Trigg			

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I. No meeting minutes 5/3/2018 - No Quorum	No Quorum - No Minutes for 5/3/2018	No further action is required
II. RSAF	The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) awarded a NO COST grant opportunity on September 29, 2017 to licensed EMS agencies for nasal naloxone to be administered by EMS personnel. OEMS provided 1600 nasal naloxone kits to 47 EMS agencies based on two kits per OEMS permitted vehicle. This grant opportunity was extended until February 28, 2018 to licensed EMS agencies. OEMS then announced a NO COST grant opportunity to licensed EMS agencies for replenishing their stock of nasal naloxone already funded by the special initiative. This grant opportunity was available until June 1, 2018. Since then, we have received notice there is some nasal naloxone still available that expires at the end of October - 2018. Mrs. Davis has put a notice on the OEMS website that states that nasal naloxone is an eligible item under RSAF for licensed EMS agencies. She sent emails to those already awarded nasal naloxone, that we have a supply that is expiring and we will give these out to those needing it.	No further action is required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nasal Naloxone for EMS Agencies 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Member Orientation 	FARC members Karen Wagner (deceased) and Dan Norville rotated off the committee on June 30, 2018. John Clyde (JC) Bolling representing the Southwest Virginia EMS Council and L. Joseph (Joe) Trigg, representing Western Virginia EMS Council were appointed by the Governor's Advisory Board (GAB) to serve 3 years on FARC as the two newest members	No further action is required

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSAF 40th Anniversary • EMS Symposium 	<p>beginning July 1, 2018. They are then eligible to serve another 3 years on FARC for a total of 6 years after which time they will have to rotate off the committee for a minimum of 3 years. The new FARC members will be getting an electronic binder with information on what it means to be a part of FARC. This will include information on the importance of their roles as FARC members. Mrs. Davis explained that after the deadline for submitting the grants, the grants are electronically sent out to the Regional EMS Councils, OEMS Program Reps and technical graders around September 25th. They have approximately a month to grade, comment and get it back to OEMS. OEMS makes sure all grants are graded and has comments. OEMS then makes the grants available to FARC. FARC will then have about a month to grade, comment and get them back to OEMS.</p> <p>This year we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. OEMS has developed a special logo commemorating this milestone. This logo is also on our RSAF stickers that go to our grantees that were awarded items through RSAF this year. We are trying to gather items that have been funded under RSAF for the last 40 years. We'd like to set up a table at symposium to display these items. We think it will be interesting to see the differences in items from 40 years ago v/s the items funded by RSAF today! Everyone is encouraged to contact Amanda Davis, Grants Manager or Linwood Pulling, Grants Specialist if you have items that we can "borrow" or that you can loan us for this celebration of 40 years.</p> <p>The 39th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium - 2018 will be held in Norfolk, Virginia beginning on Wednesday, November 7, 2017 through Sunday, November 11, 2018. Our quarterly FARC meeting will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 1:00 PM. We pay for one night's lodging for FARC members attending and staying overnight.</p>	<p>Amanda and Linwood will log all items so we can get them back to the rightful owner after the 2018 Virginia EMS Symposium.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis asked FARC to let her know if they needed a room for Wednesday night or Thursday night.</p>
<p>III. Grant Unit A. Payments Processed May - July</p>	<p>The grants unit processed payments totaling \$1,500,000.00 between May - July 2018.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<p>IV. Grant Manager Report</p>	<p>Mrs. Davis has taken another position with the Department of Health. She was promoted to Grants and Accounting Manager for four different Offices. These include the Office of Drinking Water, the Office of Environmental Health Services, the Office of Radiological Health and the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS). Mrs. Davis is still serving as the Grants Manager for OEMS until that position is filled. Her position as Grants Manager for OEMS has been advertised, and the interviews for that position are in a couple of weeks. Mrs. Davis also oversees the Federal Grants for these Offices, which totals around \$54 million dollars.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Grant Report 	<p>The following information can be found in the OEMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board dated Friday, August 3, 2018. The Spring 2018 RSAF grant deadline was March 15, 2018. OEMS received 112 grant applications requesting \$9,045,968.00 in funding. Funding was awarded in the following agency categories: 72 EMS Agencies were awarded \$3,863,341.00 and 8 Non EMS Agencies were awarded \$106,076.00.</p> <p>The following EMS regional areas were awarded funding in the following amounts: Blue Ridge EMS Council - awarded funding of \$261,981.00; Central Shenandoah EMS Council - awarded funding of \$153,497.00; Lord Fairfax EMS Council - awarded funding of \$360,190.00; Northern Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of \$8,033.00; Old Dominion EMS Alliance - awarded funding of \$486,134.00; Peninsulas EMS Council - awarded funding of \$281,267.00; Rappahannock EMS Council - awarded funding of \$220,448.00; Southwestern Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of \$919,178.00; Thomas Jefferson EMS Council - awarded funding of \$332,753.00; Tidewater EMS Council - awarded funding of \$309,943.00 and Western Virginia EMS Council - awarded funding of \$635,993.00.</p> <p>RSAF grants awarded the following item categories: Audio Visual and Computers - \$80,508.79; Communications - \$31,358.03; Cot Retention Systems - \$236,751.03; Emergency Operations - \$6,151.25; BLS & ALS Equipment - \$1,167,555.88; Special Projects - \$107,023.12; Training - \$5,743.00 and Vehicles - \$2,334,325.60.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 06/18 Grants 	<p>There are 6 members of FARC that grade the RSAF grants. There is now a 7th grade from VDH/OEMS that also factors into the final grade. FARC received several comments and concerns about the 7th grade which seems to put some grants out of the funding range. This grade is calculated by 4 factors. 1) Health Professional Shortage Area; 2) Medically Underserved/Population Area; 3) Fiscal Stress Index and 4) Return To Localities. This information is on the OEMS website. FARC was trying to better understand this 7th grade and how it factors into the final grade. Mrs. Davis explained that this is only 1/7th of the final grade. Mrs. Davis also did a sample with these factors so that FARC could not only better understand this grade but was able to see how it worked.</p>	<p>No further action is required</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FARC Tour Briefing 	<p>FARC use to tour agencies twice a year to see what they had been awarded through RSAF and also to see what they were putting in for and what their current needs were. Due to budget constraints, the tours were discontinued. On June 7-8, 2018, we had our first FARC tour in about ten years. We visited the Rappahannock EMS Council area and went to several of the agencies there. FARC felt like this was beneficial to everyone. The agencies we visited were impressed that we would take the time to visit them and see what their needs were and how RSAF had made a difference. The feedback from the agencies we visited was phenomenal. The committee members felt it was an enlightening experience. In the two days we toured the Rappahannock area, we went from very rural agencies to agencies in the</p>	<p>FARC has determined that we will do two tours a year. One tour for the Spring cycle and one for the fall cycle. We were invited to visit the Southwest VA EMS Council area next. The FARC tours would be done on a rotating basis with the Regional EMS Councils.</p>

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	city and everything in between. To see the diversity in these areas and how the EMS system worked from one area to the next, was very helpful to all. The see the impact the RSAF grant program has made on so many agencies put it all into perspective.	
V. Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Committee • EMS Scholarship • Special Priority • 12-2018 Grant Cycle 	<p>FARC discussed attending the next Transportation Committee meeting to get a better understanding of the process that the Transportation Committee goes through when grading vehicle requests. Sometimes, FARC may see a difference in grades from the various graders. The Regional EMS Council may give one grade for an ambulance while the OEMS Program Rep may give it another grade because they may have more information available. The Transportation Committee may have a different grade than the other graders. We want to see how they determine and justify their grade. What criteria is used to determine who gets recommended for funding v/s those that don't.</p> <p>FARC had questions about the EMS Scholarship Program. They requested a short synopsis of the status of the Scholarship Program. Is it currently available and what are the requirements for applying.</p> <p>There are 6 Special Priorities that are eligible for funding: 1) Migration to VPHIB Version 3; 2) Emergency Medical Dispatch; 3) Emergency Operations; 4) Innovative (Special) Projects; 5) Multi-Jurisdictional or Agency Projects; 6) Recruitment and Retention. Mrs. Davis said these haven't changed in a long time and need to be looked at. The migration to VPHIB Version is a done deal and needs to be removed. FARC was asked to look at these and see if there may be something they feel needs to be added.</p> <p>The December - 2018 RSAF grant cycle opened on August 1, 2018 and will close on September 17, 2017 (if the 15th falls on a weekend, the deadline for submitting the grant is the next business day).</p>	<p>Mrs. Davis will talk with Jimmy Burch from the Transportation Committee and see if FARC can attend their next meeting in October.</p> <p>Mrs. Davis told FARC that she would contact the Education and Development Division (Training) and see what she could find out about it.</p> <p>We will have further discussion on this.</p> <p>No further action is required</p>
VI. Adjournment	Kevin Dillard, FARC Chair, made a motion to adjourn.	Meeting adjourned