

Regulation & Policy Committee Meeting
Richmond Marriott West, Richmond, VA
February 7, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Jason Campbell
 Jim Chandler
 David Hoback
 Jennie Collins, Chair
 Mike Staples
 Anthony Wilson
 Greg Woods

Members Absent:

Gary Critzer - excused
 Joseph Pozzo - excused
 Ed Rhodes - excused
 Karen Wagner - excused

Staff:

Michael D. Berg
 Marybeth Mizell
 Wayne Berry
 Beth Singer
 Steve McNeer
 Warren Short
 Jimmy Burch
 S. Heather Phillips
 Greg Neiman
 Chad Blosser

Others:

Heidi Hooker
 L.V. Pokey Harris
 Linda Johnson
 Rob Logan
 Tracey McLaurin
 Bruce Edwards
 Randy Abernathy

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Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.	
Approval of draft minutes dated August 16, 2007	Minutes were approved as distributed.	
Welcome & Introductions	Ms. Collins welcomed the members present and members of the audience. Michael Berg introduced Marybeth Mizell as staff the committee.	
Unfinished Business	<p>Update of Submitted Regulations:</p> <p>FARC/Regional Council Designation – regulations effective January 1, 2008.</p> <p>Redistribution of Regulations manual – The manual on the OEMS Regulations webpage has been updated and is current. Printed copy will soon be updated, re-published and distributed sparingly.</p> <p>NOIRA – (DDNR) – February 4, 2008 Public Comment session until March 7, 2008.</p> <p>Staff advised that the regulatory process now is a 24 month process (up from the previous 18 month process). Today’s session is to work on developing a “proposed” regulatory document for the Board of Health approval.</p>	<p>Jason Campbell will research and provide a definition for “local governing body.”</p> <p>Staff to verify definition of “invasive procedure.”</p> <p>The Chair will communicate with the Medevac Chair regarding a review of the proposed Medevac</p>

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	<p>Ongoing Revision Process:</p> <p>With the presence of the Compliance Staff, the Committee will review their concerns prior to reviewing the proposed training regulations.</p> <p>Definitions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of ALS and BLS – remains same 2. Definitions for EMT-IN, ALS-C, and EMS-C – avoid abbreviations and write our term, include in definitions. 3. Add term “local governing body” in definitions 4. Invasive Procedures – suggest remove the term “usually” – staff to verify definition 5. Local EMS Plan – remove wording for OEMS review and approval. 6. Medical Protocol – change wording to Operational Medical Director from physician. 7. Specialized air medical training – leave as written 8. Vehicle operating weight – place requirements within individual vehicle type <p>12VAC5-31-210 – leave as is</p> <p>Discussion regarding notification of Medicare if an agency has been suspended or revoked – to be added to Division checklist of those individuals/agencies to be notified.</p> <p>Term “commissioner or designee” – not consistent.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-230 - add wording “by a signed receipt in person or...”</p> <p>12VAC5-31-240 - same as 230 (anywhere registered letter is indicated).</p> <p>12VAC5-31-290 – no action</p> <p>12VAC5-31-310 – to be as part of new section of regulations. This will address concern raised by Compliance staff.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-330 – no change</p> <p>12VAC5-31-380 – add the term “as defined within the Local EMS Response Plan.” Subject to inspection by OEMS” as added wording is already addressed within the regulations.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-410 – leave as is.</p>	<p>Regulations noting OEMS Compliance Staff concerns with enforceability.</p> <p>Mike Staples will provide rewording for 12VAC5-31-910 (B) (2) for next meeting.</p> <p>Staff will prepare “OEMS Compliance Staff” recommendations for the next committee as well as updated Draft Proposed regulations.</p>

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	<p>12VAC 5-31-510 – what is the approval process? To be defined under internal administrative process. A suggestion was made to have all agencies to use the same triage tags – money issue.</p> <p>12 VAC5-31-520 – a discussion already underway with the Board of Pharmacy.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-530 –“1. At all times...”</p> <p>12VAC5-31-570 – no change.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-590 – no change.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-610 – okay as it is.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-630 – leave as is.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-650 – F. Remove “...be issued and...”, and add ‘...shall remain valid...’</p> <p>12VAC5-31-670 – no change.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-700 – remove 6A, leave as is.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-710 – (B) Maintain current language, (A) Add - <u>Stretcher patients shall be secured on the stretcher utilizing a minimum of three (3) straps unless contraindicated by patient condition.</u></p> <p>12VAC5-31-760 – (D) remove the word “fixed” for mutual aid communication and (E) remove “fixed” for ground vehicle communications with air.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-810 – remove (C) (2)</p> <p>12VAC5-31-860 – (compare with EMS-C equipment and ACS equipment listing) Ground Ambulance (9)(B) - <u>Traction splint with ankle hitch and stand in adult and pediatric size (1 each), or an equivalent traction splint device capable of adult and pediatric application.</u></p> <p>Non-Transport and ground ambulance - <u>Self-inflating bag-valve-mask resuscitation with oxygen reservoir in adult size with transparent mask in adult and child sizes (1).</u> <u>f. Self-inflating bag-valve-mask resuscitation with oxygen reservoir in infant size with transparent masks in infant size (1).</u></p> <p>Battery powered suction – remove current language. OEMS unable to enforce vacuum requirements (no</p>	

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	<p>means to measure vacuum).</p> <p>Warning/Hazard devices – 3 total</p> <p>12VAC5-31-880 – ask for AG review – wording is too general and OEMS staff notes challenges in enforcement. Committee has asked that Medevac Committee review again.</p> <p>12VAC5-31-900 – no change</p> <p>12VAC5-31-910 (B) – Move to an agency policy development requirement in agency licensure. Reword part (B) (2) for clarification.</p>	
New Business		
Next Meeting & Work Session	Wednesday March 5, 2008, 09:00 am, Charlottesville, Virginia Albemarle County Fire and Rescue facility, 460 Stagecoach Road, Suite F.	Staff to verify location.
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.	

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