

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, Virginia
Conference Rooms A and B
January 9, 2014
10:30 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Marilyn McLeod, M. D. - Chair	Nael Hasan, M.D.	Gary Brown	Chad Blosser
George Lindbeck, M.D.	Chief Eddie Ferguson	Michael Berg	Cathy Cockrell
Asher Brand, M.D.	Paul Philips, D.O.	Warren Short	Heidi Hooker
Charles Lane, M.D.	Forrest Calland, M.D.	Greg Neiman	Adam Alford
Theresa Guins, M.D.	Cheryl Lawson, M.D.	Debbie Akers	Jennifer Smith
E. Reed Smith, M.D.		George Lindbeck, M.D.	John Dugan
Allen Yee, M.D.		Scott Winston	
Christopher Turnbull, M.D.			
Scott Weir, M.D.			
Stewart Martin, M.D.			

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
1. Welcome	The meeting was called to order by Dr. McLeod at 10:35 AM	
2. Introductions	Committee remained the same. No introductions were necessary.	Meeting Sign-in Roster Attachment "D"
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved by consensus.	
4. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from the October 10, 2013 meeting.	Motion by Dr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Lane to approve. Passed.
5. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues	Nothing to report.	
6. New Business		

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A	HB1010 – Marilyn McLeod, MD	Discussion by committee concerning HB-1010 that was introduced on January 8, 2014 and the grave concern that such a bill would be introduced. Dr. Charles Lane has been in contact with the legislator that has introduced the bill and will be meeting with her. Dr. McLeod plans to do the same. Data was introduced that it takes 150 hours for an individual to apply polish to your nails in a nail salon and it takes 3000 for a barber to complete their training to cut hair. General discussion by committee on how best to express the concerns of the committee to the	Motion by Dr. Martin, second by Dr. Yee that the Medical Direction Committee is opposed to the reduction in EMS hours required for EMR and EMT courses and such reduction would be detrimental to the future of EMS. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Old Business			
A	HB1856 Work Assignment – BLS Template – George Lindbeck, MD	Dr. Lindbeck stated that the BLS Template had been made available at last meeting and approved as a work in progress. Comments are welcome but has really heard nothing back at this time.	
B	HB1856 Work Assignment – OMD Appeals Process – Marilyn McLeod, MD	Dr. McLeod reported that the OMD Appeals template had been submitted to satisfy HB1856 work assignment. Has heard nothing concerning the template.	
C	MIHP - Community Paramedicine – Marilyn McLeod, MD	Dr. McLeod informed the committee of the meeting held in November at Symposium. The Assistant Attorney General was present at the meeting as was Dr. Levine. The Assistant Attorney General requested time to review the regulations and the Code of Virginia concerning this matter. Scott Winston notified the committee that a briefing paper was prepared jointly by OEMS and licensure and certification outlining what OEMS is aware is proposed and what agencies are planning to do. Questions were posed on how does regulations address MIHP or does it need to address the provisions of these services. Anticipation is that we should be receiving something in writing from the Attorney General's office concerning the questions posed. Dr. Yee stated that the rest of the country is moving forward and is concerned that no action is occurring in Virginia.	Dr. McLeod will keep committee updated on any progress.
8. Research Notes			
		No Items presented.	
9. State OMD Issues – George Lindbeck, MD			

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A	State OMD Workshops	Dr. Lindbeck reported the state OMD workshops were scheduled as follows: February 10 – VACEP March 10 – CSEMS/TJEMS March 26 – LFEMS April – WVEMS June – Full course in Blacksburg at Rescue College	
B	Field Operations for OMDs	Dr. Lindbeck stated he is disappointed in the number of individuals signing up for the course and not showing. A lot of efforts is put into conducting this course and would like to see better participation from the Medical community.	
Office of EMS Reports			
A	BLS Training Specialist – Greg Neiman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EC Institute <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had 10 candidates take the Psychomotor exam in December. All passed. b. Only 3 candidates for full Institute, the rest are Fire Instructors and only need the two Admin portion. c. Will hold the two-day session January 27 & 28. d. Planning an off-cycle Psychomotor Exam and Full Institute in Jan-March to generate enough candidates. 2. Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The DED Division will stay on the road for 2014. b. Will be trying to visit the councils we missed in 2013 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. First Update scheduled for January 25, 2014. Tentatively planned for Fort Lee to hit the Southern portion of ODEMSA c. See the latest schedule on our Webpage: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/EMS_InstructorSchedule.htm 3. VEMSES testing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proceeding along. No real change in pass rates. Multiple-guess EMT questions continue to be the weakest area. b. Still planning to roll out new essay sets. 4. New Recertification Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Change in expiration dates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. December providers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moved all expiration dates for providers and instructors with December 31, 2013 expirations to March 31, 2014 and issued new certification cards. ii. January Providers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning to move the expiration dates for providers/instructors with January 31, 	

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	<p>2014 to March 31, 2014 on or around January 15th</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. This is being done to ensure the supply of existing blank certification cards isn't depleted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> iii. February Providers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning to move the expiration dates for providers/instructors with February 28, 2014 to March 31, 2014 on or around February 15th 2. This is being done to ensure the supply of existing blank certification cards isn't depleted. iv. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. We are continuing to process blue forms as they come in ii. If a December, January or February (transitioned) or March provider is eligible to recertify <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Around the 1st of March the system will process and recertify all eligible providers and instructors. 2. Any provider/instructor with a March expiration completes recertification requirements during the month of March, they will be recertified 24 hours after their CE is processed. 3. After March 1, 2014, providers with expiration dates after March 31, 2014 who meet recertification requirements, will be able to recertify early by clicking a button in their EMS Portal and will be recertified within 24 hours. Doing so will forfeit all remaining time on their current certification, but will allow those with National Registry to keep their CE reports on-cycle. 	
<p>B ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reentry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. ALS Providers who go into reentry will be required to take and pass the National Registry ALS Assessment Exam at their level to regain Virginia certification <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enhanced providers will take the NR AEMT exam b. Current Virginia Enhanced providers will most likely need significant preparation to pass this written exam. 2. We now have certified AEMT's in the system identified by level 'C' 3. I-99 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If they did not complete certification testing by 31-DEC-2013, they cannot not gain NR certification ii. NR still offering Cognitive and Psychomotor Exam testing as in the past, but will not certify them <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will receive Virginia Certification upon passing both iii. I-99 can maintain their cert with NR until around 2018-19 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will need to transition to P by 2018/19 b. Must follow Virginia’s Bridge Policy c. Program must meet Virginia’s I-P Bridge Didactic, Lab and Clinical competencies. d. If they don’t transition by deadline, they will become NR-AEMT iv. Abbreviated I-99 – P Certification Process (Transition Application) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. After completing approved bridge program NR I-99 will only have to take the cognitive exam. b. If an Intermediate never gained NR or allowed it to expire, cannot do transition application and will have to take full psychomotor and cognitive exams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia EMT’s who gained NR must do 72 hours in 2 years to maintain 2. Agencies may want to consider changing their CE to allow providers to maintain their NR if they wish. 3. Maintaining NR at any level is not required by OEMS 4. Must maintain Virginia Certification to practice in the state. 5. Registry has proposed reducing EMT CE to 40 hours beginning in 2016. The Recertification Workgroup is looking at this issue. II. Registry Letter designations can be confusing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NR E is EMT b. NR P is NREMT-P Paramedic who has not transitioned c. NR M is NRP Paramedic who has transitioned i. Recertification for NR is moving to all online in 2 years. 4. Paramedic Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Once a Virginia Paramedic completes all 72 hours their NR Transition letter will post to their portal b. Print an keep after indicating to Registry that they have completed transition to NR-P in case of audit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A question MDC will be facing is, “Can an Intermediate Offer CE to a Paramedic?” 5. BLS NR Statistics (Attachment: A) 	See Attachment A
C	Funding and Accreditation – Debbie Akers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation/Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMSTF (Attachment: B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Due to low car registrations the fund is lower this year ii. Found additional \$500,000 to infuse into the fund iii. Warning! Finding instances of double and triple dipping during a review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALS & BLS students in the same CE Program 2. Found multiple Course Approvals for identical initial classes being taught at one time. 	See Attachment B

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Accreditation (Attachment: C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No real changes ii. 1 Paramedic Program has dropped accreditation iii. 1 new Paramedic Program on the horizon iv. 1 New Intermediate Program has verbally indicated they will be applying. v. BLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stagnant 2. 2 Self-studies have come in. vi. No AEMT Accreditation Self-studies have been received. 	See Attachment C
D	Division of Educational Development – Warren Short	No report given	
E	Regulation and Compliance – Scott Winston	<p>Scott Winston reported that the fingerprint background check was moving forward. The last piece of equipment had been received this past week and now testing being conducted. The State Police will come over and conduct training, policies and procedures for conducting the background checks are being established. Anticipated effective live date is March 1, 2014. The regional EMS councils will be distributing the cards. Cost of obtaining the fingerprint may have an associated fee that is not covered by OEMS but conducting the background check will be at the expense of OEMS. Scott reported that the drug box signature removal is still in the works.</p>	
PUBLIC COMMENT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Dugan brought to the Medical Direction Committee information on the EMS award recognition for EMS agencies for STEMI care. Application deadline is February 28th. Criteria is listed on the AHA Mission Lifeline website. 2. John Dugan stated that AHA has conducted a 12-lead survey and hopes to present the data at the next MDC meeting. 	
For The Good Of The Order		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Reed Smith stated that his agency had recently ran a house fire where pets were in need of oxygen. Wanted clarification that there is nothing regulatory to prevent EMS from providing oxygen to the pets. 2. Dr. Guins reported that the EMSC committee would be reviewing the possible designation of two hospitals for Level 2 Pediatric Trauma. They are looking at modifying the requirements for Level 1 to allow other centers to meet that criteria. 3. Scott Weir stated that his agency had recently encountered a patient wearing the Zoll Life Vest. Wanted to make the committee aware that multiple cardiologist are now prescribing the vest for 	

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	patients upon discharge.	
Meeting Dates for 2014	April 10, 2014, July 10, 2014, October 9, 2014	
Adjournment	11:59	

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Attachment A

BLS NR Statistics

(as of 12-31-2013)

State Statistics:

Results sent to National Registry = 4,100

Successful within 3 attempts: 2359/3327 = 71%

No test attempt to date = 773 of which 86% (667) have completed applications and 14% (106) have not completed their National Registry application. I have sent another reminder email this week to those without applications providing them with instructions on how to complete the examination application.

Those who have tested:

	Attempted	Passed	%	Failed	%
First	3,327	2,066	62%	1,261	38%
Second	583	246	42%	337	58%
Third	133	47	35%	86	65%
Fourth	20	8	40%	12	60%
Fifth	6	2	33%	4	67%
Sixth	1	0	0%	1	100%

The above is reflective of the 'Under 18' test candidates that is not reflected when you pull our State report from National Registry. The statistics for the 'Under 18 group are as follows:

Results sent to National Registry = 316

No test attempt to date = 81 which is 25% of those eligible to test and should have pending applications with National Registry.

	Attempted	Passed	%	Failed	%
First	235	87	37%	148	63%
Second	52	21	40%	31	60%
Third	8	2	25%	6	75%
Fourth	1	0	0%	1	100%
Fifth	0				
Sixth	0				

The National statistics for this same period are as follows:

EMT

Report Date: 1/5/2014 2:31:10 PM
Report Type: State Report (VA)
Registration Level: EMT-Basic / EMT
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2012 to 4th Quarter 2013
Training Program: All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
3010	64% (1939 / 3010)	73% (2211 / 3010)	74% (2222 / 3010)	0% (1 / 3010)	26% (787 / 3010)	0% (0 / 3010)

EMR

Report Date: 1/5/2014 2:36:20 PM
Report Type: State Report (VA)
Registration Level: First Responder / EMR
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2012 to 4th Quarter 2013
Training Program: All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
109	70% (76 / 109)	73% (80 / 109)	73% (80 / 109)	0% (0 / 109)	27% (29 / 109)	0% (0 / 109)

Attachment B

Emergency Medical Services Training Funds Summary

As of January 7, 2014





EMS Training Funds Summary of Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2012	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$784,836.00	\$416,408.42
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$122,640.00	\$43,898.75
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$273,840.00	\$85,776.25
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$94,000.00	\$15,200.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$332,000.00	\$182,910.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	734,067.66	701,102.45
Total	\$2,341,383.66	\$1,445,295.87

Fiscal Year 2013	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
19 Emergency Ops	1,460.00	\$755.00
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$729,348.00	\$350,569.89
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$125,160.00	\$47,486.21
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$297,360.00	\$73,447.50
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$80,000.00	\$17,320.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$350,000.00	\$151,685.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	\$1,102,668.00	\$495,269.48
Total	\$2,685,996.00	\$1,136,533.08

Fiscal Year 2014	<i>Obligated \$</i>	<i>Disbursed \$</i>
19 Emergency Ops	\$720.00	\$0.00
40 BLS Initial Course Funding	\$648,105.00	\$169,600.50
43 BLS CE Course Funding	\$70,560.00	\$11,497.50
44 ALS CE Course Funding	\$197,725.00	\$13,265.00
45 BLS Auxiliary Program	\$102,000.00	\$24,600.00
46 ALS Auxiliary Program	\$238,000.00	\$41,640.00
49 ALS Initial Course Funding	\$1,130,364.00	\$284,554.50
Total	\$2,387,474.00	\$545,157.50

Attachment C

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of January 7, 2014



Accredited Paramedic¹ Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Associates in Emergency Care</i>	15319	No	4	National – Probation	CoAEMSP
<i>Center for EMS Training¹</i>	74015		1	Rejected by CAAHEP	Expired
<i>Central Virginia Community College</i>	68006	Yes	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Historic Triangle EMS Institute</i>	83009	No	1	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College</i>	08709	No	5	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Jefferson College of Health Sciences</i>	77007	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Lord Fairfax Community College</i>	06903	No	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Loudoun County Fire & Rescue</i>	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>American National University</i>	77512	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>	05906	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Patrick Henry Community College</i>	08908	No	1	CoAEMSP – LOR	
<i>Piedmont Virginia Community College</i>	54006	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue</i>	15312	Yes	-	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Rappahannock EMS Council Program</i>	63007	No	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
<i>Southwest Virginia Community College</i>	11709	Yes	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>Southside Virginia Community College</i>	18507	No	1	National – initial	CoAEMSP
<i>Tidewater Community College</i>	81016	Yes	3	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
<i>VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program</i>	76011	Yes	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at EMT- I, AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- ¹The Center for EMS site visit was conducted in December, 2012. CAAHEP has rejected their accreditation packet and their letter of review is no longer in effect and they are no longer accredited as an ALS training center
- Lord Fairfax Community College, Rappahannock EMS Council, Patrick Henry Community College and Prince William County have received their CoAEMSP Letter of Reviews and will have their accreditation visits scheduled within the next two years.
- Central Shenandoah EMS Council is in the process of accreditation at the paramedic level in Virginia which is described on the OEMS web page at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Training/Paramedic.htm>

Accredited Intermediate¹ Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	79001	No	--	State – Full	May 31, 2015
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2014
<i>Dabney S. Lancaster Community College</i>	00502	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2017
<i>Hampton Fire & EMS</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	February 28, 2017
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	No	--	State – Full	February 28, 2014
<i>John Tyler Community College</i>	04115	No	--	State – Full	April 30, 2017
<i>Nicholas Klimenko and Associates</i>	83008	Yes	1	State – Full	July 31, 2015
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2016
<i>Rappahannock Community College</i>	11903	Yes	2	State – Full	July 31, 2016
<i>Roanoke Regional Fire-EMS Training Center</i>	77505	No	--	State – Full	January 31, 2015
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2014
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2017

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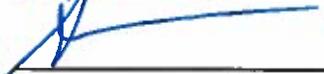
Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS		--	State – Provisional	March 13, 2014
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS		--	State – Provisional	July 31, 2014

Attachment D

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING ROSTER

January 9, 2014

Please sign in next to your name.

Region	Representative	Signature
SWVEMS	PAUL PHILLIPS, D.O.	
WVEMS	CHARLES LANE, M.D.	
BREMS(CHAIR)	MARILYN MCLEOD, M. D.	
TJEMS (OEMS)	GEORGE LINDBECK, M. D.	
CSEMS	ASHER BRAND, M. D.	
LFEMS	CHRISTOPHER TURNBULL, M.D.	
REMS	NAEL HASAN, M. D.	
NVEMS	E. REED SMITH, M.D.	
ODEMSA	ALLEN YEE, M. D.	
PEMS	CHERYL LAWSON, M. D.	
TEMS	STEWART MARTIN, M. D.	
MAL	FORREST CALLAND, M.D.	
MAL	SCOTT WEIR, M.D.	
EMS CHILDREN	THERESA GUINS, M.D.	
VAGEMSA	CHIEF EDDIE FERGUSON	
OEMS STAFF:		
GARY BROWN		WARREN SHORT _____
SCOTT WINSTON		DEBBIE AKERS 
MIKE BERG	_____	GREG NEIMAN 
TIM PERKINS	_____	_____

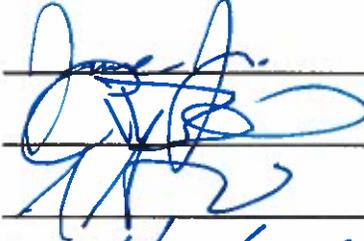
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