

**Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Courtyard Marriott, 10077 Brook Road,
Glen Allen, VA 23059
February 6, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Gary Critzer (At Large)	Gary Samuels (Chair)	Michael Berg	Chad Blosser
Ed Rhodes (At Large)		Gary Brown	Ron Passmore
Anthony Wilson (VAA)		P. Scott Winston	Sam Dahl, NOVA EMS Council
Greg Woods (At Large, Small Rural)		Adam Harrell	Melinda Duncan
Karen Wagner (VAVRS)		S. Heather Phillips	Bruce Edwards
Jennie Collins, (VAGEMSA)		Warren Short	Dan Norville
Linda Johnson (VPPF- Career)		Dr. George Lindbeck	
Gerald Hyland (VACO-VML)		Wanda Street	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order:	Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The Chair, Gary Samuels, was unable to attend the meeting.	
Welcome & Introductions	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Nomination and Election of a Vice-Chair:	Ed Rhodes volunteered and was nominated as the vice-chair. All committee members agreed with this action. None opposed.	
Approval of current agenda & minutes dated August 8, 2013:	Today's agenda was approved as distributed. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Anthony Wilson and seconded by Ed Rhodes. The August 8, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.	The August 8, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
Staff Report:	a. Staffing Update: Michael Berg reported that the Program Representative position that was vacated by Nancy Burrow has been filled by Romney Smith. Also, Mr. Russ Stamm has retired and Christy Shires has resigned from the Office of EMS Trauma/Critical Care Division. Currently the Health Department has about 52 vacancies which will not be filled until they have direction from the Secretary's office due to the new administration. The Emergency Operations Assistant Manager position has been offered to a candidate and there is no word yet if he or she has accepted.	

	<p>b. Ongoing Regulatory Activities</p> <p>i. Medevac – The Medevac Committee is still working on developing relative regulation changes pertinent to the industry.</p> <p>ii. RSAF – Technical changes have been submitted to Michael and the process has started. It will be submitted to the Health Department within the next 30 days.</p> <p>iii. DDNR – Regulations need to be reviewed in 2015.</p> <p>iv. Waiver Removal – This has gone through the Fast Track process and has been published through the State Registrar. As of today, no public comments have been submitted. The public comment period concludes on 2/12/14 and it becomes effective 3/1/14. The amendment will be on the OEMS website and Michael will not have the regulations reprinted.</p> <p>v. BOP (Board of Pharmacy) – This for the practitioner’s signature. This is in the fast track process and is awaiting the Attorney General’s approval in the Town Hall Process.</p> <p>vi. Affiliation – In Section 910, the word “affiliation” was left out. This will be fast tracked within the next 30 days.</p> <p>c. Update regarding FBI Fingerprint checks</p> <p>i. General Information – Everything is in place for this to start. The only thing missing is the removal of the computer from the Commonwealth of Virginia domain so that it can be used by the State Police directly.</p> <p>ii. Equipment - All equipment and software has been received.</p>	
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>a. HB 1856 (OMD Appeal Process) Dr. Lindbeck stated that a template was created that could be adopted by agencies along with guidelines for the appeal process. It was sent up and OEMS has not received a response. Gary Brown will check with Joe about this. Michael asked if this should be removed from the agenda. Gary Critzer stated that no further action is needed unless the topic comes back up.</p> <p>Gary Brown emailed Joe during the meeting and was informed that HB1856 has been published on the Legislative and Services website. It is Report Document #35.</p>	<p>This item will be removed from the next agenda.</p>

	<p>b. NFPA 1917 Michael stated that this is an informational item only. A document will be submitted tomorrow to the Advisory Board and has already been submitted to the Transportation Committee. Michael is the chair of the Agency Vehicle Licensure Committee of NASEMSO and this is one of the items they are working on. The K specs will expire next year and there needs to be guidelines that States can use. Version 1 Edition 1 has been released and at a recent meeting, 25 recommendations for changes to the current version of NFPA 1917 were submitted. It is being proposed that the 2nd Edition of the NFPA 1917 specs will be ready in 2016.</p>  <p>Ongoing NASEMSO Projects - AVL Commi</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>i. <u>BOP (Board of Pharmacy) – Discussion</u> – Jennie reported that a couple of meetings ago Michael sent out the draft of the Board of Pharmacy regulations. She sent back some comments. The ability to do one-for-one drug exchanges was not included in their regulations, only box-for-box (Schedule 2-5 drugs) and she was concerned about this. Northern Virginia had been doing one-for-one drug exchanges for at least 10 years. Questions were asked about what could be done to get this included in the regs. The next BOP meeting is March 26. Several pharmacists are on board with this and a letter will be circulated for their signatures in support of this. A few of the pharmacists will also attend the meeting and one is Jill Abernathy. She previously served two terms on the Board. These regulations will not only be for Northern Virginia. They will be written so that any area in the State of Virginia may comply if they see fit.</p> <p>A motion was made to support the optional one-for-one drug exchange regulation that will be presented at the next Board of Pharmacy Meeting on March 26. All committee members were in favor. None opposed.</p> <p>ii. <u>Service Animals</u> – Ed Rhodes asked that this item be put on the agenda. Michael has received questions about service animals and whether or not they can be on ambulances. During his</p>  <p>Federal Regs Regarding Service An</p> <p>research, he found the following document, Per Michael, if the</p>	

	<p>issue arises; it is advised to comply with Federal Regulations. SB177 is a current bill that talks about the mobility impaired person and service dogs.</p> <p>iii. General Assembly activities –</p> <p>HB1010 – Gary Critzer and Gary Brown gave brief updates on the bill. The Advisory Board met with the Chief from Bedford County back in November at symposium about recruitment and retention and EMS training. OEMS had agreed to discuss his concerns through the committee structure to avoid legislature, but that did not happen. This bill may return next year in its current form or in a different form. The Advisory Board Executive Committee discussed the recruitment and retention issues again at its meeting on January 27, 2014. We have a year</p> <p>HB581 & SB355 – These bills deal with cohesive language concerning rescue squad, lifesaving crew, scene emergency, etc. He wants the <i>Code of Virginia</i> to say the same thing all the way through. This will be discussed tomorrow at the Legislative & Planning Committee Meeting tomorrow.</p> <p>Mobile Integrated Healthcare Community Paramedicine – Virginia is a little behind the times on this. Discussions have been held and some of the doctors say they don't need another license to do this. The home health care and hospice organization says that a license is required to perform home health services. Michael stated that regulatory language may need to be drafted depending on what the Attorney General says about this. He expects a response within the next few days.</p> <p>Line of Duty Death (LODD) – Per Ed Rhodes this is going to JLARC (three bills).</p> <p>iv. Other – None.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Next Meeting:	May 8, 2014 at the Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen, VA	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:24 p.m.	