

State EMS Advisory Board
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
March 11, 2022
1:00 p.m.

| Advisory Board Members Present: | Advisory Board Members Absent: | VDH and OEMS Staff: | Guests: |
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| Kevin L. Dillard, Chair | Gary Critzer | Robert Hicks | Krista Samuels - AAG |
| Beth Adams | Paula Ferrada | Gary Brown | Dallas Taylor |
| John C. Bolling | Thomas Schwalenberg | Scott Winston | Megan Middleton |
| Dreama Chandler | Victoria Smith | Adam Harrell | Kelsey Rideout |
| Angela P. Ferguson | Benjamin Nicholson | Samuel Burnette | L. Joseph Trigg |
| Dillard Eddie Ferguson | | Debbie Akers | Byron Andrews |
| R. Jason Ferguson | | Melinda Carter | RD Peppy Winchel |
| Kim Craig | | Karen Owens | Jeff Meyer |
| Rebecca Branch Griffin, PhD | | Cam Crittenden | Gavin Heume |
| Matthew Lawler | | Ron Passmore | Al Thompson |
| Patrick McLaughlin, MD, MS | | Chris Vernovai | Craig Bride |
| Daniel Norville | | Chad Blosser | Bubby Bish |
| Jeremiah O'Shea, MD | | David Edwards | Gina Barber |
| Valerie Quick, Vice Chair | | Marian Hunter | Cody Jackson |
| Marlon Matthew Rickman | | Wanda Street | Heidi Hooker |
| Gary Samuels | | Irene Hamilton | Ed Rhodes |
| Lisa Simba | | Mohammed Abbamin | Monty Dixon |
| Gary Wayne Tanner | | Luke Parker | Brandon Truman |
| Sadie Jo Thurman | | Hannah Lyons | Daniel Linkins |
| Joseph Williams | | | Wayne Perry |
| Bryan Rush | | | Charles Feiring |
| Bill Streett | | | Stephen Pincus |
| Allen Yee, MD, FAAEM | | | Barry McDonald |
| | | | Tracey McLaurin |

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| I. Call to order – Kevin Dillard, Chair: | <p>The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.</p> <p>Approval of the November 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes – The November minutes were approved as submitted.</p> <p>Approval of the March 11, 2022 Meeting Agenda – The agenda was approved as submitted.</p> | |
| II. Chairman’s Report – Kevin Dillard: | <p>Mr. Dillard thanked everyone for their attendance today. Everyone around the table introduced themselves. Mr. Dillard reminded everyone to state their name before speaking so that the Reporter knows who is addressing the committee. He also asked everyone to keep the Ukrainians in their thoughts as they fight to maintain their democracy during the Russian invasion. Mr. Dillard received a letter of resignation from Mr. Thomas Schwalenberg, effective March 7. He has accepted a job offer in North Carolina. He was the chair of the Emergency Management Committee. Following the meeting today an orientation will be held for new Board Members. This concludes the Chair report.</p> | |
| III. Vice Chair Report – Valerie Quick: | <p>Ms. Quick had no report at this time.</p> | |
| IV. Deputy Commissioner – Bob Hicks: | <p>Mr. Hicks was hoping to bring the Acting State Health Commissioner, Mr. Colin Greene, with him today, but he was unable to attend due to a schedule change. He thanked everyone for their service during this time and he appreciates being a part of this group.</p> | |
| V. Office of EMS Report: | <p>Gary Brown Mr. Brown stated that for the past couple of months he has been sending out the General Assembly Legislative Grid. He hopes that it has been helpful to you. The Quarterly Report was released on February 4 and has updates on all of the Office of EMS Divisions.</p> <p>The 2022 Virginia EMS Symposium Call for Presentations is being kept open a little longer. To submit courses, please email Debbie Akers at deborah.t.akers@vdh.virginia.gov as soon as possible and copy Gary if you like. Currently, there are over 700 presentations, but we normally have over 1,000 by now. Gary turned it over to Scott to give a brief legislative update.</p> <p>Scott Winston The 2022 General Assembly will recess on Saturday. He stated that thousands of bills go through the General Assembly each year. OEMS tracks the bills that pertain to EMS. There were a few bills related to telehealth. It was related to amend the statewide Telehealth services. The next bill is awaiting signature by the Governor. It is House Bill 81 and Senate Bill 436. These companion bills deal with Telehealth Plan and Telehealth Network. The next bill deals with Dr. Jack Perkins of the Compress and Shock Foundation HB 874 which was introduced by Delegate Kay Cory. The bill was referred to House Committee on Finance in a vote of 6 to 3 and was lightly laid on the table. No further action was made. A substitute bill was introduced the same day to increase the number of AEDs to the public. We will continue to endorse and communicate with Dr. Perkins about this bill. Finally, Senate Bill 663 which is a telemedicine service to facilitate synchronous telehealth visits. This bill is being</p> | |

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| | <p>reviewed for its fiscal impact. No final decision has been made. Gary stated that in the Quarterly Report there are budgetary bills as of February. He also spoke about the trauma center fund and how the funds have been dwindling down due to less DMV fees being paid.</p> <p>Adam Harrell Mr. Harrell state that there has been some new personnel updates. Adam introduced Mohammed Abbamin. He is the new Senior Policy Analyst. Keith Roberts is also in a Policy Analyst position. Keith was our former Human Resource Analyst. David Thomas is our new Fleet and Logistics Coordinator. He holds the position formerly held by Frank Cheatham who recently retired. Two of the Regional Councils announced their personnel updates as well.</p> <p>Mr. Harrell introduced an Electronic Meeting Participation Policy, which was distributed to the Board members via hardcopy. This outlines the legal options that we have for meetings in order to be compliant with FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). This will need to be reviewed and renewed annually by the Board. Mr. Dillard entertained a motion to accept this policy.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Allen Yee to accept the Electronic Meeting Participation Policy. The motion was seconded by Gary Samuels.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the motion: Dr. Jake O’Shea asked if this has been presented to anyone else before today. Adam stated that it had not. Dr. O’Shea commented that could not vote on it without a chance to review it. Ms. Beth Adams Roemmelt agreed and could not vote without reading it.</p> <p>A substitute motion was made to refer this document to the Executive Committee for review and bring back to the Board. All board members were in favor. The motion carried.</p> <p>Adam turned this portion of the OEMS report over to Hannah Lyons, of the Community Health and Technical Resources Division. Hannah stated that the EMS Needs Assessment Survey had not been conducted in 10 years, so last year the survey was updated and sent out to 578 EMS agencies. The results of the EMS Needs Assessment Survey by VCU Performance Management Group was presented to the Advisory Board. The final report and the presentation will be posted on the OEMS website.</p> | |
| VI. Assistant Attorney General – Krista Samuels: | Ms. Samuels had nothing to report at this time. | |
| VII. State Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Gary Critzer: | Mr. Gary Critzer was not present. Gary Brown spoke with Gary Critzer and an email was sent for his report. “The last State Board of Health meeting was December 10 and a detailed report was received on Virginia’s response to COVID. The State Board also received an annual report on Virginia’s Plan for Well-Being. Additionally, we considered a number of regulatory actions to include homecare organizations, sewage handling, disease reporting and control, and newborn screening services. The Board also received an update on behavioral health from the Chief Medical Officer at the Department of | |

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| | Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Finally, we received a legislative update and proposals from the 2022 General Assembly Session. The next meeting is March 31, 2022.” | |
| VIII. Nominating Committee Report – R. Jason Ferguson: | <p>The Nominating Committee recommendations are as follows: Chair – Kevin Dillard Vice Chair – Valerie Quick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulations Committee – Daniel Norville • Legislative & Planning Committee – Gary Samuels b) Infrastructure Coordinator – Eddie Ferguson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Committee – Eddie Ferguson • Communications Committee – Sonny Saxton • Emergency Management Committee – Joseph Williams c) Professional Development Coordinator – R. Jason Ferguson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & Certification Committee – R. Jason Ferguson • Workforce Development Committee – Valerie Quick • Provider Health & Safety Committee – Lisa Simba d) Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Direction Committee – Allen Yee, MD • Medevac Committee – Victoria Smith • EMS for Children Committee – Patrick McLaughlin, MD e) Trauma System Coordinator – Paula Ferrada, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Administrative and Governance – Paula Ferrada, MD • System Improvement • Injury and Violence Prevention • Prehospital Care • Acute Care • Post-Acute Care • Emergency Preparedness and Response <p><u>The Executive Committee:</u> Chair – Kevin Dillard Vice Chair – Valerie Quick Five Coordinators: Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels Infrastructure Coordinator – Eddie Ferguson Professional Development Coordinator – R. Jason Ferguson Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD Trauma System Coordinator – Paula Ferrada, MD</p> | |

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| | <p>A motion was made to accept the nominating committee recommendations as submitted. The motion was seconded. All board members were in favor. The motion passed.</p> | |
| <p>IX. Standing Committee Reports and Action Items:</p> | <p>a) Executive Committee – Kevin Dillard The Executive Committee met yesterday. The two workgroups, Bylaw Workgroup and Composition Workgroup, will work with OEMS staff and bring recommendations back to the EMS Advisory Board. They also discussed financial reimbursements. Some board members expressed concern about travel reimbursements. They will speak with Mr. Hicks about looking into the possibility to return to pre SBS (Shared Business Services). Mr. Dan Norville stated that they don't understand the accounting processes of SBS. When it was in-house there was good oversight, direction and accountability. Mr. J.C. Bolling stated that there seems to be a disconnect with Shared Business Services. OEMS has been able to manage the travel reimbursement in a timely fashion previously.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Bolling to petition the return of the accounting reimbursement services to OEMS. The motion was seconded by Dan Norville. All board members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried.</p> <p>The following CISM or Peer Support Teams were approved at the Executive Committee meeting yesterday upon meeting all the accreditation requirements: Radford Police Department Peer Support York–Poquoson Sherriff CISM Team Poquoson Peer Support Team Newport News Police/Fire CISM Team Prince William County Sheriff's Office Peer Support Team</p> <p>b) Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Kevin Dillard FARC met yesterday and reviewed application design and special initiatives. They also discussed the State EMS Plan update. Mr. Dillard reminded everyone that the Spring 2022 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant Cycle is open until March 15, 2022. The next meeting is May 5 here at Embassy Suites.</p> <p>c) Administrative Coordinator – Gary Samuels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulations Committee – Dan Norville The Rules and Regulations Committee are working on the proposed state regulations and are waiting to receive updates from air medical and mobile integrated health. • Legislative and Planning Committee – Gary Samuels The Legislative and Planning Committee met this morning and discussed legislation on EMS as an “Essential” service. They also formed a workgroup to be chaired by Beth Adams Roemmelt to look at model language and talking points to change language for EMS as an Essential service. They reviewed all the current legislation that was being followed by the Office in which Scott Winston mentioned earlier. | |

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| | <p>d) Infrastructure Coordinator – Eddie Ferguson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation – Eddie Ferguson This committee has not met since the last Advisory Board meeting, but will be meeting on April 4 to review grants. Mr. Ferguson has been contacted by stakeholders to revisit the Ambulance Standards. He welcomed the two new committee members, Sonny Saxton and Joseph Williams. • Communications Committee – Sonny Saxton The Communications Committee has not met since the last Advisory Board meeting. • Emergency Management Committee – Joseph Williams The Emergency Management Committee has not met since the last Advisory Board. Mr. Williams is looking forward to bringing a report at the next meeting. <p>e) Professional Development Coordinator – R. Jason Ferguson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & Certification Committee – R. Jason Ferguson The TCC had a Special Call meeting in November to look at the new Education standards specifically for EMT programs. The committee voted to maintain 10-person contacts with five live patients and up to five simulations. The committee also voted to remove CTS testing. The TR999 will be used. Two workgroups were established. The January meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held on March 30. • Workforce Development Committee – Valerie Quick The WDC met yesterday and had no action items. The committee continues to support the Standards of Excellence and EMS Officer I programs. There was a very robust conversation about target marketing for recruitment and retention and we will explore that through a workgroup. • Provider Health & Safety Committee – Lisa Simba This committee has not met since the last Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Ferguson welcomed Lisa Simba to the committee. <p>f) Patient Care Coordinator – Allen Yee, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Direction Committee – Allen Yee, MD The MDC met on January 6 and had one action item, which is appendix listed as Appendix E – Scope of Practice changes as indicated by the red dots. A motion was made to accept the changes to the Scope of Practice. All Board members were in favor of the motion. The motion carried. They will be working with TCC on education competencies and will also be working with the Medevac committee at the next meeting of MDC on April 7. • Medevac Committee – Victoria Smith Mr. Gary Brown received an email from Torie and she is out sick today. The Medevac Committee met yesterday but he has no update. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS for Children Committee – Patrick McLaughlin, MD The EMSC had a Special Call meeting in January to work on regulatory language for safe child transport. They also met yesterday with no action items. We are in our last push to get the EMSC survey completed by March 31. Mike Watkins was appointed as the EMSC representative on TCC. <p>g) Trauma System Coordinator – Paula Ferrada, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Administrative and Governance Committee – Paula Ferrada, MD/Melinda Carter Mrs. Carter reported that the TAG Committee met in February. They are starting to get the committees back up and running. The Prehospital Care Committee met yesterday, but none of the other committees met. • System Improvement Committee • Injury and Violence Prevention Committee • Prehospital Care Committee • Acute Care Committee • Post-Acute Care Committee • Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee | |
| X. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors Report – Tracey McLaurin: | Tracey McLaurin was elected as the Chair in January. Michael Player is the Vice Chair, Heidi Hooker is the Treasurer and Steve Simon is the Secretary. The councils are gearing up for a busy year moving past the pandemic. The directors are meeting online every two weeks. They collaborate on upcoming events and discuss current issues involving projects. A site visit is coming up from the OEMS, which is held every three years as part of the Council designation process. A retreat was held to discuss upcoming changes to the MOUs in each of the councils. | |
| XI. Public Comment: | None. | |
| XII. Unfinished Business: | None. | |
| XIII. New Business: | <p>Mr. Eddie Ferguson recognized the Accreditation, Certification and Education Division for their work at the Virginia Fire Rescue Conference in Virginia Beach. Over 4,025 CE was awarded at the conference.</p> <p>The Southwest Regional Council has joined Office of EMS as a hybrid office. Mr. J.C. Bolling is very excited about this collaboration.</p> | |
| XIV. Adjournment: | The Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. | The next meeting is May 6 at 10 a.m. at the Embassy Suites. |

Transcribed by Wanda L. Street, Executive Secretary, Sr.