

Workforce Development Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
May 5, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guest Attendance:
Valerie Quick , Chair	Christopher Payne , Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	Chris Vernovai	Laurie Hill, VA Recruitment & Retention
Cody Jackson , Commercial Ambulance Association, Vice-Chair	Byron Andrews , VSFA	Wanda Street	R. Jason Ferguson
Paul Hoyle , Grayson County Emergency Service, At-Large	William “Gene” Dalton , WVEMS Council	Tim Perkins	John Bianco
Mike Watkins , VAGEMSA		David Edwards	Dan Norville
Dreama Chandler , VAVRS		Gary Brown	Peppy Winchel
Christina Smith , VACO		Chad Blosser	Joey Hundley
David Tesh , VA Recruitment & Retention Network		Daniel Linkins	Jeff Meyer

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I. Call to Order and Introductions:	Valerie Quick called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
II. Review and Approval of March 10, 2022 Minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the March meeting minutes with one correction. The “virtual attendance” should read guest attendance.	The minutes were approved with the one correction.
III. Introductions	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
IV. Chair’s Report – Valerie Quick:	No report at this time.	
V. OEMS Report:	<p>Gary Brown – The quarterly report is posted on our website for the EMS Advisory Board as we always refer people to that report. We have closed the Call for Presentations for symposium. We are in the final stages of making selections on Tuesday. The OEMS is working to improve the website navigation.</p> <p>Chad Blosser–ACE will be holding an Education Coordinator (EC) Institute in June in Blacksburg. Debbie and Chad will be traveling around the commonwealth nearly weekly between now and the end of the year to roll out the new 2021 National EMS Education Standards to educators. The new curriculum will begin for classes that start January 1, 2023.</p>	
VI. EMS Officer – Chris Vernovai:	As previously discussed, EMS Officer 2 development has been placed on a back burner to concentrate on recruitment and retention efforts. An EMS Officer class is scheduled to be held at VAVRS for Rescue College	

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	next month. We are working with another fire school program in September for the EMS Officer 1 class to be offered and working to schedule more classes throughout the year.	
VII. Standards of Excellence – Tim Perkins:	We ramping SOE back up. We will focus on revisiting agencies that have gone through the process previously. Once they have been completed we will work on new applicants. Tim is also looking for recruits to serve as site reviewers. Currently, Tim, Chris and Dave Tesh are the only reviewers.	
VIII. Virginia Recruitment and Retention Network – Dave Tesh and Laurie Hill:	Laurie Hill reported that the Network is working hard to get back up and running. Their next meeting is in-person with a virtual option on June 8 th in Spotsylvania County. Mr. Passmore will be attending to discuss topics relating to Regulation and Compliance. The network will have a 2 hour session during the symposium.	
IX. Unfinished Business:	<p>a. Keeping the Best Tool Kit – Dave Tesh There are Keeping the Best classes scheduled in Virginia Beach on May 18th and John Bianco and Dave Tesh will be working on the rewrite to become more formalized. Another offering on August 20th</p> <p>The last class was held in November at symposium with 16 people. Dave Tesh and John Bianco were the instructors. We are working with Tim Perkins to formulate a re-write of the course and to identify instructors to bring in. John has a couple of classes later this summer, early fall in Virginia Beach and another at this years’ symposium. We will also have a two-hour class geared toward leadership.</p> <p>b. State EMS Plan – Chris Vernovai The State EMS Plan is in its triannual revision period. All committees and divisions have sections which apply to their missions. The committee moved to hold a separate work session to work on the plan.</p> <p>c. Needs Assessment – Chris Vernovai/Tim Perkins OEMS staff continue to work on cleaning the data from PNG and connecting the dots between the 2012 and the current assessments.</p> <p>d. Diversity Workgroup Objectives – Valerie Quick We have met with Katherine Crosby, Chief Diversity Equity and Inclusion Officer. We are working to educate her on what EMS entails. Valerie asked if we can ask her to attend the next Advisory Board meeting. Tim will ask Gary about inviting her to the meeting.</p>	Date TBD
X. New Business:	No new business was brought before the committee	
XI. Public Comment:	A reminder was given to the committee that of the issues with the LifePak15 being unable to be ran as an AED of pediatric patients. Questions of how many LP15s are in service across the commonwealth and potentially how many have been funded by RSAF Grants.	
XII. Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.	2022 Meeting Dates: August 4, 2022 November TBD