

EMS Emergency Management Committee
Virginia Office of EMS
November 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests
Joe Williams, Chair	David Hoback	Karen Owens	Gregory Neiman, VCU
Matthew Marry, VHHA	Robert Gelormine	Sam Burnette	Wendy Clement, Naval Medical Center
Michael Player, Va-1 DMAT		Tatiana Pedroza, BREMS	William Burgess, Naval Medical Center
Ray Whatley, VAGEMSA		James Larrick, CSEMS	Donna Hurst, Sentara Rappahannok
Bubby Bish, VAVRS			Chrissy Snyder, Sentara RMH
James Moss, VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness			Bubby Bish, VAVRS
Adam Galton, VSP			David Long, TEMS
Stephanie Hackett, Hampton Roads MMRS			Greg Bride, Bon Secours
Tarry Pribble, VAVRS			Kyley Brinkley, Southside Medical Center
			Stewart Simon, WVEMS
			Byron Harrinton
			Matthew Allen, VHHA

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Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.	
Presentation(s)	No presentations for this meeting	
Information on Meeting Instructions and Introductions	Karen Owens provided a reminder to committee members that they need to state their name prior to speaking. Mr. Burnette also reminded attendees to spell out any acronyms or other items for the transcriptionists.	
Review and approval of last minutes & meeting agenda	Committee meeting minutes from August 4, 2023 were approved with a change requested by Mike Player to show his representation of the regional councils as well as the Va. 1 DMAT team.	
Committee Chair Report	No report from the Committee Chair	
Committee Member/Other Reports	<p>Michael Player provided an update from Va-1 DMAT including information on the deployments and trainings that have occurred.</p> <p>Ray Whatley provided an update from VAGEMSA including information on the outcome of their elections, held at their meeting in November 2022. He also took the opportunity to provide an update on activities in the Northern Virginia area, including information related to testing of Pulsara.</p> <p>Stephanie Hackett provided an update on the Hampton Roads on MMRS, specifically that they are still working with the Olsen group on the rewrite of the MCI plan.</p>	

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	<p>James Moss shared that VDH is still managing the disease outbreaks, specifically MPox and COVID through the incident management team and continue to review and update plans related to Ebola due to the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Uganda.</p> <p>Mr. Marry provided an update from VHHA, including the training and online webinars to support education of healthcare workers, including behavioral health. He also shared the Ebola webinar information that is being held the next day.</p> <p>Karen shared the VEMA report from Robert Gelormine. VEMA continues to work on the strategic plan. He also shared that the VEMA symposium is scheduled for March 20 to March 23 and will be held at JMU. There is a call for presentations currently going on.</p>	
Office of EMS Report	<p>Karen Owens shared that the Division of Emergency Operations welcomed Devin Chinault as the new Communications Technology Specialist. She also provided an update related to the Ebola planning steps taken by the Office of EMS staff, including review of resources capable of Ebola patient transport and guidance related to treatment of Ebola patients.</p>	
Unfinished Report	<p>MCIM Work Group Presentation – Mike Player provided an update from the Mass Casualty Workgroup. The document created to summarize their research and their recommendations. A workgroup was put together to review the current state of triage in Virginia. They were tasked with developing recommendations based on the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should Virginia teach SALT or START or both as its standard triage method? 2. Should Virginia provide a standardized triage tag or just require a minimum data set? 3. How should the current MCI awareness level training be modified to address the recommendations resulting from questions 1 and 2? <p>The following recommendations were put before and supported by the EMS Emergency Management Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SALT (Sort, Assess, Life-Saving Intervention, and Treatment/Transport) should become the only recognized triage method in Virginia 2. Virginia should still utilize a standardized triage tag. The current tag should be redesigned to allow for functionality with SALT. 3. The currently MCIM I and II program should be modified to teach only SALT triage <p>Significant discussion was held regarding concerns related to a transition to a single triage system, such as the conflict with other states that may use a different system. Adam Galton made a motion that the committee accept the three recommendations of the workgroup. James Moss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Williams stated that the recommendations will be shared with other, relevant committees, and their feedback will be shared with the committee at the February 2023 meeting. Based on the discussion at that meeting it will then either be modified or moved to present to the full advisory board for their support.</p>	
New Business	<p>No new business</p>	
Public Comment	<p>Bubby Bish shared that he is no longer representing VAVRS on the committee. As the new VAVRS Executive Director he has appointed Tarry Pribble to represent VAVRS on the committee.</p>	

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	<p>Greg Neiman asked Karen Owens to discuss the issue with PSAPs and Ebola Screening. Karen shared the concerns about PSAPs not activating the screening questions for their EMD protocols because vendors had not done so yet. The conversations with vendors was that they would do so with a next software update or if there is a case that presents in the U.S. This is something that transport agencies must keep in mind when transporting patients.</p> <p>Mr. Larrick shared that the call for presentations was upon for the Shenandoah Valley EMS Expo for anyone that is interested in submitting it.</p>	
Next Scheduled Meeting	Next scheduled meeting is February 2, 2023	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.	