

**Virginia Department of Health Advisory Board
 Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
 Injury and Violence Prevention Committee Meeting
 Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Pkwy, Henrico, VA 23294
 August 3, 2023
 3:00 p.m.**

Members Present:	Position	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Corri Miller-Hobbs	Chair	Ashley Camper	Peppy Winchel
Linda Watkins	Co Chair	Jessica Rosner	Linzi Bereitschaft
Valeria Mitchell	Member		Afton Jamerson
Cassie Herman	Member-		Amy Stewart
Mike Garnett	Member - PHC (EMS)		Chad Smith
Tim McKay	Member - PHC (Fire)		Justin Nelson
Dr. Lynn Lunze	State Police		Britney Ewers
Jill Lucas Drakeford	Safe Kids		Tatiana Pedroza
			Kathryn Bass
			Connie Clark
			Sarah Bradley

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I. Call to order, Welcome & Introductions:	Chair Hobbs calls the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Introductions are made. Minutes and agenda circulated, and Chair Hobbs requests a motion to approve both. Valeria Mitchell motions and Ms. Lunze seconds. <i>*It is noted at this time the committee did not meet quorum, however Dr. Ferrada allowed for a vote in committee structure later in the meeting which established it*</i>	Minutes and agenda approved.
II. Legislative Updates	Chair Hobbs introduces Mr. Gammon who gives a legislative update. He gives an overview of how a bill is legislated into law and the lengthy process. The 2023 session recap involved passing 1,678 pieces of legislation. Various legislative outcomes represent strong VHHA priorities, to include Behavioral Health, Health Care Workforce, Hospital Financial Sustainability, Workplace Safety, and Population Health. He goes into specific programs geared towards increasing incentives for nurses to remain at the bedside and increases in mental health funding. The Earn While You Learn program compensates nursing students for clinical hours. There was an inquiry about gun legislation centered around securing firearms in households with children. Mr. Gammon expressed it has not been passed but should come up again in the next voting	None. Informational.

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	<p>period. Currently, it remains a difficult task to pass legislation on gun safety and encourages the ongoing support of the community and hospitals.</p> <p>There is also a need identified to address sexual and domestic violence. There is nothing included in the budget as of now, but it is identified and will be an upcoming issue on the platform.</p>	
III. Discussion of Committee Structure	<p>There has been an ongoing issue obtaining quorum within the committee due to various positions not being filled. Chair Hobbs introduces Dr. Ferrada who has appeared before the committee to allow for approval to remove the following positions: The judicial system, the Attorney General community advocate, and the citizen position. Ms. Lynn addresses the topic to the workgroup and makes a motion to remove the positions, with the option to reinstate them if it benefits the committee in the future. Ms. Herman seconds and Dr. Ferrada approves the finalization of the motion. This act establishes quorum for the committee.</p>	<p>Via an approval by Dr. Ferrada, the following seats were removed from the committee with the option to reinstate if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Judicial system member -Attorney General community advocate -Citizen position <p>After this vote the committee obtained quorum</p>
IV. New Business/Old Business	None.	
V. Public Comment:	None.	
VI. Adjournment	Ms. Hobbs thanks everyone for their time. Meeting adjourned at 1600.	
		Respectfully submitted by Ashley Camper and Mindy Carter