

**Regulation and Policy Committee**  
**The Place at Innsbrook, Glen Allen, Virginia**  
**August 3, 2006**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Jennie Collins – Chair, Jim Chandler, David Hoback, Karen Wagner, Joseph Pozzo, Greg Woods, Ed Rhodes

**Staff:** Michael Berg, Gary Brown, Elizabeth Singer, Rohn Brown

**Others:** Sam Dahl, Matt Dix, Rob Logan, David P. Edwards, Virginia Powell, Theresa Guins, MD., Bruce Edwards, Randy P. Abernathy, Betty Wade Coyle, Linda Johnson, Holly Oehrlein, Hope Hodgson

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Call to Order</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order @ 1506 hours.	
<b>Approval of the May 11, 2006 minutes</b>	Minutes approved as distributed.	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>		
Pharmacy Regulations	A workgroup has been established to work on drafting regulations to meet the intent of current EMS practice as approved by the Board of Pharmacy subcommittee.	<b>Workgroup to present draft product for this and oxygen in POV's for next work session of Regulation and Policy Committee</b>
Medevac Regulations	Still with the AG's Office being reviewed – confirmed by staff this week.	<b>No action</b>
Financial Assistance/EMS Council Designation	Staff reported this proposed regulation has received Executive Government approval to move forward with process. Next Step – 60 day public comment period.	<b>Staff to complete steps required to move forward to Registrar for Public Comment Period.</b>
Repeal Of EMS Plan	Staff reported this proposed regulation has received Executive Government approval to move forward with process. Next Step – 60 day public comment period.	<b>Staff to complete steps required to move forward to Registrar for Public Comment Period.</b>
Training Regulations	Staff received draft regulations from Division of Educational Development. The packet has been forwarded to the AG's Office for her review and comments (as per AG's direction)	<b>Staff to await report from AG's Office</b>
OMD Regulations	Staff worked with OMD's during conference call earlier this week, Very Few changes (mostly grammatical and formatting). Changes to be included in draft Regulations document.	<b>No action</b>
Communications Regulations	Staff presented the proposed changes to the committee. Discussion from committee members regarding interoperability and the "push-to-talk (Nextel) technology. Staff to visit with the Communications Committee for additional recommendations to proposed regulations. Staff also noted a "Hi-Band" initiative where OEMS would furnish a hi-band radio to all permitted vehicles without the portables. Committee members expressed concerns regarding ownership, maintenance, upkeep and portable versus mobile allocation.	<b>Staff to report to Communications Committee concerns and request feedback prior to next scheduled meeting.</b> <b>Staff to gather clarification on such initiative and report back to the committee.</b>

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Mandatory Reporting – Suspected Child Abuse	Dr. Guins, at the request of the EMS Advisory Board, presented issues and challenges with Suspected Child abuse and the need for EMS providers to become mandated reporters in order to further strengthen the safety net for children. She related to the activities and justification for HB 598 which has been carried over until the 2006/07 General Assembly. Challenges include lack of adequate training for EMS providers and liability protection for providers who report. Issues presented by committee members included concerns about financial burden presented for not reporting, lack of statistics to show that EMS providers are not reporting (an invisible data collection field on current reporting), challenges with “those who fell through the cracks”. Questions were raised about the state’s ability to provide training for EMS providers without the mandate in-place. One recommendation from the audience was for the State to develop a training program regarding abuse for all age groups and involve all special interest groups in its development. Significant discussion ended with an understanding that a collaborative effort is the best approach in addressing the challenge. Questions still abound regarding who is will be mandated – affiliated EMS providers or all EMS providers (non-affiliated as well), will there be a sunset clause for this legislation, will there be a grace period for training and notification to be made before the bill actually goes into affect (if passed0, and others.	<b>Staff and Committee members to monitor and assist as possible in crafting language amenable for all parties involved.</b>
<b>New Business</b>		
Regulation and Compliance Update	Mr. Wayne Berry and Mr. Chris Corbin have been hired to fulfill those vacancies created by the departure of Ms. Melissa Doak and Mr. Tim Kimble, respectively. The Division is at full staffing.	<b>No action.</b>
Work Sessions	There will be a work session to finalize the proposed draft of the regulations in an effort to have the product ready for the GAB to review at their November 8 meeting. IT is hopeful the Medevac Regulations and the Training Regulations will have been reviewed by the AG’s office by this time as well.	<b>Since the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Reg and Policy is concurrent with the GAB and their next meeting is at Symposium, the work session for September 21, 2006 will also be the next regular meeting of the Reg and Policy Committee beginning @ 10:00 a.m., at the VAVRS facility in Oilville, Virginia.</b>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		<b>None</b>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	September 21, 2006, 10:00 a.m. in Oilville, Virginia (VAVRS Headquarters)	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 1703 hours.	