

Regulation & Policy Committee Meeting
Waynesboro, VA
April 22, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Jim Chandler Gary Critzer Jennie Collins, Chair Ed Rhodes Anthony Wilson Greg Woods	David Hoback Jason Campbell Joseph Pozzo Mike Staples Karen Wagner	Michael Berg Jimmy Burch Heather Phillips Warren Short Greg Neiman Tom Nevetral Chad Blosser Marybeth Mizell	

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Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 am	
Welcome & Introductions	Resignation of Joe Pozzo – Fire Chiefs Association will advise David Hoback notified - unable to attend. Mike Staples notified - unable to attend Jason Campbell notified - unable to attend	
Approval of draft minutes dated March 5, 2008	Minutes were approved as distributed.	
Unfinished Business	Medical Direction Committed discussion regarding Scope of Practice Issue – Agreed that it was in the best interest of the State of Virginia to move forward with the National Model of EMS and set a deadline of 2014 Agreed with the model of the EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT Levels and Paramedic.	

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	<p>Created a committee to address the Scope of Practice for Virginia – hopefully to be developed by the end of 2008 and also to develop a State wide Protocol.</p> <p>Discussion regarding possible changes –financial, accreditation, class time etc.</p> <p>Medical Direction Committee must determine Scope of Practice before settling questions and concerns.</p> <p>Definition Changes Basic Life Support : First Responder = Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Advanced Life Support: EMT Intermediate = Advanced EMT</p> <p>ALS means the “<u>Provision of care</u>” by EMS</p> <p>Chair meeting with Medevac Committee regarding concerns raised by Regulation & Policy Committee with regards to how the current Medevac Regulations are written. Field staff feel that based on the wording, they are difficult to enforce and what are we trying to enforce?</p> <p>Culpeper went to Circuit court March 25th, Culpeper and the State presented its case (Matt Cobb represented VDH and the State) and the Circuit Court ruled in favor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Stated that the actions we had undertaken were in fact correct. The claim by Culpeper Rescue Squad that the Revocation/Suspension in fact, was a defacto Revocation was not correct and therefore they were not afforded a formal hearing. So the actions we had taken as painful as they may have been has stood the test of time. Culpeper Rescue Squad still remains a suspended agency because they refuse to sign the correction order that Dr Stroube offered.</p> <p><u>Training Definitions</u> Invasive Procedure – Webster Definition - relates to when you require a Physician’s signature on a call sheet.</p> <p>Governing Body – Local Governing Body – Discussion – relating to the decision made at a previous meeting to use “<u>or designee</u>” Use the original and let Matt determine whether or not the use of “<u>or Designee</u>” is appropriate.</p>	
<p>Ongoing Revision Process</p>	<p>12-VAC-31-290 - Pg 37 - (E) Any Vehicle owned by <u>or leased by</u> an EMS</p> <p>Medical Direction Committee - 4 Doctors from committee are to Define what exact authority a Medical Director had.</p> <p>EMS Education Coordinator – discussion re: inserting requirement for Regional Council Endorsement. Once the New Revised Regulations are approved it should cover this problem and if not the OMD is ultimately responsible. Course announcement/contract has added language to include statement that</p>	

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	<p>they “will adhere to the training administrative manual. Reps can handle some problems and also Local Community Monitoring is an Option.</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1551 EMS Education Coordinator certification process (B) A Certification Application shall be (typo)</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1552 EMS Education Coordinator recertification process - UNDECIDED (add # 5) Submit an EMS Coordinator Application include endorsement form an EMS Physician</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1561 EMS Training fund - REVIEWED - No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1563 Contracting through the EMS training fund - REVIEWED – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1565 Individual tuition reimbursement - REVIEWED – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1567 Organizational tuition reimbursement – D, 1 Submit for Providers who are actively involved with a Virginia EMS agency</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1601 Accreditation of EMS training programs - Typo on original Change F to D and G to E</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1603 Sentinel Events – No Change Discussion regarding Current Process</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1605 Initial accreditation – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1607 Renewal of accreditation – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1609 Accreditation of alternative locations/learning sites – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1611 Appeal of site accreditation application results – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1613 Accreditation of EMT-Paramedic programs – No Change</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1615 Equivalent accreditation of EMS programs– No Change</p> <p>Discussion re EMS Physician Regulations, OMD Workshop and who regulates and has authority. Future plans to provide Online training course. Doctors to review and any recommendations will be shared with this committee</p>	

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	<p>12-VAC-31-2740 – Accountability for public funds</p> <p>C) A designated regional EMS council shall have an independent annual audit of financial records with management letters <u>conducted by a certified Public Accountant.</u></p> <p>D) A designated regional EMS council may shall have an independent <u>review audit</u> of financial records conducted by a Certified Professional Accountant (CPA) upon change of an executive director.</p> <p>12-VAC-31-2330 Designation of a regional EMS council - # 2 – Hospital Catchment areas for A listing of all hospitals within the applicant’s proposed geographic service area. Hospital catchment areas are the geographic area from which a hospital draws the majority of its patients.</p> <p>Part VIII - The Financial Assistance and Review Committee – No Changes</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1552 EMS Education Coordinator recertification process - A # 5 (EMS Physician)</p> <p>Ok until or unless streamlined</p> <p>12-VAC-31-1521 – ALS course student requirements – discussion re: National background check.</p> <p>Directed to 12-VAC-31-540 Personnel records – B, - An EMS agency shall have a record for each individual affiliated with the EMS agency documenting the results of a criminal history background check conducted through the Central Criminal Records Exchange and the National Crime information center via operated by the Virginia State Police, a driving record transcript from the individuals state <u>Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office, and any documents required by the Code of Virginia, no more than 60 days prior to the individual’s affiliation with the EMS agency.</u></p> <p>Discussion - Mike/Jimmy to check authority & ability to conduct FBI checks on Non-affiliated.</p>	

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	<p>12-VAC-31-910 Criminal of enforcement history C) #3 - Personnel who are convicted of sentenced as the proximate result of having operated an EMS permitted vehicle of any of the following : driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, assigned to any alcohol safety action program, or driver alcohol rehabilitation program pursuant to 18.2-271.1 of the Code of Virginia shall be prohibited from operating any permitted have their ability to act as an operator of any OEMS permitted vehicle revoked.</p> <p>Pg 120 – c Re-enter c, 1 thru 5 as # 4</p> <p>ARTICLE 4</p> <p>Medevac Committee to review by 6/1/08 Discussion - difference between Regulation & Policy</p> <p>12VAC5-31-880 Staffing</p> <p>Remove Paragraph # 1, All definitions should be put Definition Section of Regulations.</p> <p>Review all Definitions (must be consistent with Regs definitions)</p> <p>Policy or reference (how is it enforced)</p> <p>Pg 103 Policy or Regulation?</p> <p>B, 1 Air Medical Crew (Rotary) - a, (4) What is the intent? What is normal Staffing, vs supplemental staffing? Develop consistent staffing process for all helicopter programs.</p> <p>2 fixed wing -</p> <p>3 Specialty Care Mission Providers</p> <p>4 Staffing for Specific Mission Types</p> <p>12VAC5-31-885 – Training – Policy of Regulation?</p> <p>12VAC5-31-890 – Equipment - No Change</p>	
Next Meeting & Work Session	August 14, 2008 or as needed *DNR regulations to be reviewed – Draft by 6/1/08	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.	