

EMS Emergency Management Committee
Virginia Office of EMS
May 5, 2022
INFORMATIONAL ONLY
9:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests
Joe Williams, Chair	James Moss	Karen Owens	Joseph Hundley
Edward Bish, VAVRS	Stephanie Hackett		Ray Whatley
Michael Player, PEMS	David Hoback		Robert Logan
Matthew Marry, VHHA	Adam Galton		Daniel Norville
Easton Peterson, HMERT	Robert Gelormine		Peppy Winchel
			Jeffrey Meyer
			Hezedean Smith
			Charles Feiring
			Jenny Willson
			David Long
			John Bianco
			Dallas Taylor

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.	
Presentations(s)	No presentations	
Information on Meeting Instructions and Introductions	Karen Owens provided instructions on how the committee members and anyone speaking must begin their statements. She also informed the committee that this was an informational only meeting, given the lack of a quorum. Members of the committee and the audience introduced themselves	
Review and approval of last minutes & meeting agenda	With no quorum the meeting minutes from the previous meeting were unable to be approved	Meeting minutes will be provided at the next meeting for review/approval
Committee Chair Report	There was no committee chair report as he is still learning the position as the new committee chair.	
Committee Member/Other Reports	Karen Owens shared comments from Robert Gelormine who is the VEMA representative. His comments provided information on the work that VEMA has done with VDEM on the legislative. VEMA is working on developing a healthcare caucus. Mike Player provided an update on DMAT Va-1 Team included the number of deployments and the awards program they will be doing in conjunction with the Tidewater EMS Expo.	
Office of EMS Report	Matthew Marry provided a report on VHHA, including the quarterly webinar on hurricane preparedness on June 1. Additionally VHHA is working with the EMS regions regarding diversion status issues with hospitals and will be working to release updates in the coming months. Karen Owens shared that an offer for the position of Emergency Planner was accepted, and the new individual will start soon. She also shared information on the hiring status of the two other positions within the division.	
Unfinished Report	No unfinished business	

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Karen Owens stated that the review of Mass Casualty Incident Management I and II normally occurs every five years, and 2023 is the five-year mark for that review. She discussed the issues with modifications of the systems when used in the field, including replacing "black" for deceased/non-salvageable with gray. This is problematic because grey is an actual category used in SALT triage. She also mentioned the issues that OEMS has faced with the awarding of a contract to update the triage tag and print new copies for agencies. Ray Whately asked whether the agencies that were adjusting the colors for START were aware that gray was a color in other systems. Easton Peterson also asked whether there was financial support for agencies/regions that buy their own tags. Karen stated that there is not at this time but is something that can be discussed.</p> <p>Additional conversations were held regarding triage systems, triage tags, and the changes happening regionally and nationally. Karen Owens did clarify that OEMS has no expectation of supporting the selection a single triage system to mandate across the Commonwealth. Matthew Marry and David Long shared concerns about the impact any change may have on the healthcare system as a whole (EMS, Hospitals, etc.). Matthew Marry also brought up a past issue related to the use of electronic reporting in lieu of paper reporting in a mass casualty incident. Additional discuss was held regarding the use of paper and pen versus electronic tracking in the mass casualty environment.</p> <p>My Long gave a presentation on the steps the Tidewater EMS Council and the Hampton Roads MMRS have taken to reimagine their MCI plan. They are looking at developing a base MCI plan with playbooks for specific incidents.</p> <p>Karen Owens let the committee know that it was time to review the State EMS plan and provide feedback to Chris Vernovai and Tim Perkins on specific changes.</p>	<p>Karen will send relevant parts of the plan to the committee</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>		
<p>Next Scheduled Meeting</p>	<p>Next scheduled meeting is August in conjunction with the quarterly advisory board meeting</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.</p>	