

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
 Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA
 May 6, 2016
 1:00 p.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Michel B. Aboutanos, MD American College of Surgeons	Byron F. Andrews, III Virginia State Firefighters Association (Excused)	Gary R. Brown	Amanda Lavin Office of the Attorney General
Sherrin C. Alsop Virginia Association of Counties	Lisa M. Dodd, DO Virginia College of Emergency Physicians (Excused)	Scott Winston	Hughes Melton, MD, MBA, FAAFP VDH, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness
Samuel T. Bartle, MD American Academy of Pediatrics	S. Denene Hannon Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Warren Short	Larry A. Oliver Frederick County Fire and Rescue
Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council	John Korman Associated Public Safety Communications Officials (Excused)	Greg Neiman	Randolph Breton Physicians Transport
Valeta C. Daniels Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads		Deborah T. Akers	Linda Harris Rappahannock EMS Council
Richard H. Decker, III Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Anita Perry Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (Excused)	Dennis Molnar	Heidi M. Hooker Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		Wayne Berry	Kevin Dillard Lifecare
Jason D. Ferguson Western Virginia EMS Council		George Lindbeck	Tracey McLaurin Lord Fairfax EMS Council
William B. Ferguson Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators		Stephen McNeer	Mary Kathryn Allen Blue Ridge EMS Council
Jonathan D. Henschel Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Scotty Williams	Robert Bragg Virginia Professional Fire Fighters
Jason R. Jenkins Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Fire		Michael Berg	Ed Rhodes VFCA/VAVRS/RDG/VAGEMSA

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Fighters			
Sudha Jayaraman, MD Medical Society of Virginia		Tim Perkins	Dan Norville Norfolk Fire-Rescue
Cheryl Lawson, MD Peninsulas EMS Council		Marian Hunter	Marcia Pescitani Northern Virginia EMS Council
Julia Marsden Consumer		Amanda Davis	Karen Wagner VAVRS / VAA
Genemarie W. McGee Tidewater EMS Council		Doug Layton	Gary Dalton VAVRS / VAA
Marilyn K. McLeod, MD Blue Ridge EMS Council		Ken Crumpler	Lisa Baber New Kent Fire-Rescue
Christopher L. Parker Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association		Karen Owens	Rob Lawrence Richmond Ambulance Association / VAGEMSA
Ronald Passmore Southwest Virginia EMS Council		Kim Barton	Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council
Jose V. Salazar Northern Virginia EMS Council		Wanda Street	Tom Joyce Lynchburg Fire
Daniel C. Wildman Virginia Ambulance Association		Irene Hamilton	Timothy McKay Chesterfield Fire & EMS
		David P. Edwards	Heather Childress Lynchburg Fire
			Donna Galganski-Pabst James City County Fire Department
			Brad Taylor HCA – Chippenham-Johnston- Willis Hospital
			Gary Samuels HCA – Henrico Doctors Hospitals
			Allen Yee Chesterfield Fire & EMS
			Eddie Ferguson Goochland / VAGEMSA
			Christopher Lindsay HCA – Henrico Doctors Hospitals
			Jenna Jacobs Peninsulas EMS Council

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			Jeff Michael Rockingham County
			Jim Chandler Tidewater EMS Council
			Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council
			Al Thompson Bon Secours

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer, Chair	<p>Mr. Critzer, State EMS Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance – At the Chair’s request, the group stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag. • Moment of Silence – The group had a moment of silence for any fallen comrades in service. • Approvals of February 5, 2016 meeting minutes – The minutes from the February 5, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous consent. • The draft meeting agenda was approved as presented. 	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	<p>Mr. Edwards gave an overview of the discussion and actions at the March 17 Board of Health meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had a brief overview of the Zika virus. Discussion items included drinking water safety, and prescription drugs and heroin overdoses. • The Board of Health Annual Report – Northern Virginia’s Plan for Well Being was presented. Mr. Edwards said it is a very interesting report that can probably be found on the VDH website. • Lunch speakers discussed monitoring coal ash storage areas throughout Virginia so that Virginia doesn’t have a spill like the ones that have occurred in other places. • There were six regulatory actions; one was in regards to the Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order, 12VAC5-66, fast track amendments to add “POST” to it. After the motion was made, an amendment was made to clarify the form must be “signed by a licensed practitioner” to make sure it was perfectly clear on how the action would be executed. Mr. Edwards said that the amendment passed and the main motion was passed. • Mr. Edwards talked about the Virginia Trauma System Report and what EMS was doing in regards to the report. He will keep the Board of Health informed of the work and progress on this report. • The next meeting is June 2 at 9 a.m. at the Perimeter Center. 	
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma System Plan - Mr. Critzer reported that there has been a lot of activity taking place since the February State EMS Advisory Board meeting related to the American College of Surgeons site visit and recommendations. Mr. Critzer said this will be a lengthy process. He said that it will be an open and inclusive process and meeting dates and minutes can be found 	

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	<p>on the OEMS website and the Town Hall. Mr. Critzer said that the next meeting will be held on June 2, 2016 in Richmond, VA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia Fire-EMS Memorial Service – This service will be held on June 4 at the Richmond International Raceway. Individuals are encouraged to attend this service. • Bruce Edwards Retirement – Mr. Critzer and the State EMS Advisory Board recognized Bruce Edwards on retirement from Virginia Beach EMS. Mr. Critzer presented a resolution for the State EMS Advisory Board’s consideration. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Bruce Edwards ResolutionFINAL.pdf</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Health EMS Representative – Bruce Edwards will be rotating off the Board of Health as the EMS Representative. The State EMS Advisory Board will have to make a recommendation to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the EMS Representative to the Board of Health. More information will be forthcoming. 	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moved to adopt the resolution recognizing Bruce Edwards and his accomplishments upon his retirement from Virginia Beach EMS.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Vice-Chair Report – Genemarie McGee	No report.	
Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public health and Preparedness – Hughes Melton, MD, MBA, FAAFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Melton shared his background with the group. • Dr. Melton talked about collaborative care. He said that in order for Virginia to improve the health of all Virginians all the different segments of the healthcare team have to work together. • Dr. Melton said that the public can do a lot to keep the Zika virus from being transmitted. Since Zika mosquitos only reproduce in pools of water, i.e. containers, tires, etc., EMS providers are encouraged to be aware of places where they see water collecting and make someone aware. • Dr. Melton encouraged the group to review The Plan for Well Being and identify where they can “plug into” the Plan. 	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown and Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Issues –Mr. Brown gave the group updates on OEMS staffing issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trauma and Critical Care Manager – Camela Crittenden has been hired and will begin work on May 10. ○ Trauma and Critical Care Coordinator – This position is still open and the applicants are being screened. ○ Medical Records Specialist – They have approximately 100 applicants and they will begin screening for that position. ○ Performance Improvement/Informatics Coordinator – OEMS has made an offer for this position and hopefully they will have a person on board in the next two-three weeks. ○ HR Specialist – This position is vacant and OEMS hopes to advertise for a replacement in the new few weeks. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technical Assistance to Localities – Scott Winston is working on a rewrite of that position and hopes to advertise for this position in the near future. ○ Business Manager – Dennis Molnar, our Business Manager, is retiring. They have advertised for this position and hopefully will have the position filled shortly. ○ Senior Accountant – Kim Barton is the new Senior Accountant at OEMS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) – This legislation passed the Virginia General Assembly this session. Including Virginia, seven states have passed the legislation. Ten states need to pass this legislation before REPLICA can go into effect. ● HB311 – Delegate Orrock introduced this bill, which is a bridge bill that asks that Virginia establish cooperative agreements for interstate recognition of certifications of EMS providers in Virginia’s border states. As soon as REPLICA goes into effect this action will go away. OEMS is beginning this process. They will be doing a survey of their surrounding states. Their report is due to the Commissioner on September 15 and due to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources on October 1. ● Public Comment on the EMS Agenda for the Future – Mr. Brown said that this document was originally published 20 years ago. NHTSA on behalf of Federal Interagency Committee on EMS (FICEMS) has released a request for information, and the 90 day Public Comment period is going on at the moment and will end on June 30. Dr. Lindbeck is representing Medical Direction for NASEMSO. The quarterly report contains information on how to make public comments. ● START to SALT Triage – Karen Owens, from OEMS, reported that OEMS will not be moving from START to SALT at the moment in Virginia. She explained that the federal government is still reviewing the educational material for SALT triage. OEMS is prepared to review the document once it is released and probably move to SALT at that time. Ms. Owens asked that the group share this information with their EMS instructors and constituents to make sure they are in compliance with the EMS regulations. ● E.V.E.N.T. – OEMS Assistant Director, Scott Winston, gave the group an update on the EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (E.V.E.N.T.). Mr. Winston said the information collected in the program is used to develop policies and procedures to improve the delivery of EMS and the safety of EMS providers. ● Virginia Heart Attack Coalition Mission Lifeline Annual Meeting – Mr. Winston reported that the meeting would be held on Friday, May 13, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Williamsburg. ● Fatigue Project – Dr. Lindbeck gave the group information on the Fatigue Project. The fatigue project was established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and awarded by contract to NASEMSO to look at fatigue issues focused on EMS. NASEMSO has 	

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	<p>established a workgroup that is working on this project. The goal is to generate evidence-based guidelines that will inform EMS agencies and providers how to better manage fatigue. The group also plans to develop tools to help agencies manage scheduling and fatigue issues. The proceedings can be found in the Federal Register at www.emsfatigue.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation for Helicopter Air Ambulance Regulation – Dr. Lindbeck told the group that this has become a hot topic especially as it relates to pricing. Dr. Lindbeck said that states and jurisdictions can have some input into helicopter air ambulance operations as long as the input is focused on patient care. • DEA Legislation – This legislation is still working through the committee. The bill will allow EMS agencies to be registrants with the DEA instead of requiring the physician/medical director to be the registrant. There can only be a single registration per agency. Dr. Lindbeck said that Virginia’s pharmacy based drug kits guidelines model does not fit the DEA guidelines. Dr. Lindbeck cautioned that EMS agencies need to start thinking about how they will deal with their drug kits if the DEA says that a pharmacy-based drug program no longer fits with their regulatory process. • A Decade and Quinquennium Historical View of Virginia EMS Providers – Warren Short Mr. Short gave a presentation from the Training and Certification Workgroup. The workgroup looked at the number of providers in Virginia and where they have been for the last 15 years and where they are going. The data looked at information from January 1, 2002 through April 5, 2016. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>05-2016 Provider presentation.pdf</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shining Knights Gala Video – Gary Brown .Mr. Brown shared a video that was shown at the Shining Knights Gala. The VCU Trauma team was recognized as “shining knights” in treating a trauma patient. The patient was also an EMS provider. Dr. Aboutanos, a member of the State EMS Advisory Board, is a member of the recognized Trauma team. 	
Assistant Attorney General – Amanda Lavin	Ms. Lavin had no report.	
Standing Committee Reports		
Executive Committee Report – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee met in February with the Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee to start laying the ground work for reviewing the American College 	

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	<p>of Surgeons (ACS) site visit report and laying out the work plan for that report. The Executive Committee met again on Thursday and they discussed several issues at that meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their next meeting is August. 	
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Robert Trimmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) met on Thursday. • The Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF) grant guidelines have been updated on the OEMS website. • They still have issues to work out in regards to the eVA/Cardinal issues for payment reimbursements. • Budget Amendment 289 that addresses the \$840,000 set aside in the RSAF for Cot Retention Systems will be effective July 1. • The committee will submit input for the State EMS Plan. • They discussed warm and hot zones for active shooter incidents. OEMS Emergency Operations will develop a technical questionnaire so that agencies that are putting in for funding will have to answer questions and give specific information. • They discussed standardizing grant reviews at the local EMS council levels so that comments and input will be similar. • For the upcoming grant cycle they have 158 applications requesting \$10.8 million dollars in funding. 	
Administrative Coordinator Report	Chief Hoback was not in attendance, and there was no report.	
Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rules and Regulations Committee met on Thursday. They have no action items to bring before the Board. • They are continuing their work on the State EMS Plan. 	
Legislative and Planning Committee – Rob Logan	<p>Ms. Foster was not in attendance and Rob Logan gave the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Logan reported that the committee met earlier in the day. The major item of discussion was the State EMS Plan. He encouraged committees and OEMS program staff to look closely at their section of the State EMS Plan because there are several new areas coming from the federal level and from Virginia. Their goal is to have the Plan through all revisions and reviews and have it to the Board of Health by March 2017. 	
Infrastructure Coordinator – Christopher Parker	Mr. Parker had no report as Coordinator.	
Transportation Committee - Chip Decker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Transportation Committee met on April 25 to evaluate the 38 RSAF vehicle grant requests. • The committee will meet on May 9 to discuss ambulance bill standards. 	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met earlier in the day. • The committee approved PSAP accreditation for the Pentagon Operations Center. • The committee decided that their November meeting will not be at Symposium. Instead they plan to meet at the APCO/NENA Fall Conference in an attempt to get those organizations more engaged in the committee’s work. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have started working on some recommendations for their portion of the State EMS Plan. • The committee voted unanimously to recommend to FARC that in future grant cycles that inclusion of the appropriate interoperability channels in subscriber units will be required if the units are purchased with RSAF grant funds. • The committee also agreed that the Communications section of the EMS Regulations should state that every licensed EMS vehicle and radio assigned to the vehicle will be required to have the applicable frequency band of their primary radio system based on the interoperability channels programmed into them. The committee understands that this could create a financial issue, and they said that it could be done at the next programming opportunity. The committee also discussed having a deadline date for completion of this mission. 	
Emergency Management Committee – Karen Owens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on Thursday. • They are continuing discussions on statewide patient tracking during mass casualty incidents. They will have a presentation on a system being used in Northern Virginia at their next meeting. • They are working with the Department of Emergency Management on mission-ready packages and resources available throughout the state during emergency events. • They are continuing to monitor the federal release of the MUCC and SALT standards for education so they can transition as appropriate. 	
Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medical Direction Committee (MDC) is working with the Trauma System Plan Task Force and the Pre-Hospital Workgroup on the ACS Report work and development of a Trauma Plan. 	
Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MDC met in April and they have no action items. 	
Medevac Committee – Tim Perkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medevac Committee met on Thursday. • They had a presentation on the STEMI Project they had been working on looking at flight time versus ground time. • They have created some uniform educational materials in regards to drone safety that can be distributed to squad buildings and hospitals. • The committee will meet again on August 5. 	
Trauma System Oversight and Management Committee (TSOM) – Michel Aboutanos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met in March. • The Trauma Performance Improvement Committee (TPIC) has been working hard, and they have a proposal for a new, more multidisciplinary structure, that has been approved. This will provide a more collaborative and better view of what is happening in their system at all levels. • The committee has been working on the draft for the Commissioner that has to be presented in June. • The Trauma System Plan Task Force has met twice and it has proven to be an excellent, hardworking group. After their first meeting, they realized that they needed workgroups for different sections of the plan. • They have created six workgroups – (1) Administrative Workgroup; (2) 	

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	<p>Data/Education/Research/System Evaluation Workgroup; (3) Acute Definitive Care Workgroup; (4) Pre-Hospital Workgroup; (5) Injury Prevention Workgroup; and (6) Rehabilitation Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have decided that they need an additional workgroup – Disaster Management Workgroup will be the 7th workgroup. • Dr. Aboutanos and Mr. Critzer reiterated to the audience that the work being done is inclusive and anyone interested in the process should get involved. 	
<p>EMS for Children Committee – Samuel Bartle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met on April 7. • They discussed the Pediatric Medication Error Project. They are trying to make agencies aware that they need to document weights for the kids they are treating; and monitor errors made in the pre-hospital setting. • They discussed 2017 Symposium speakers and topics. • They are working on providing assistance to EMS agencies and hospitals for pediatric specialty background help for their disaster preparedness plans. • Their fourth year of their budget grant through EMSC has been approved, and they have also been granted a fifth year. • The committee has been offering pediatric advice and assistance to the Trauma System Plan Task Force. • The next meeting is scheduled on July 7. 	
<p>Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore</p>	<p>No report as coordinator.</p>	
<p>Training & Certification Committee – Ron Passmore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Training and Certification Committee (TCC) has one action item to come before the State EMS Advisory Board. This motion is identified as Appendix A in the quarterly report. • The TCC met on April 6, 2016 at the Virginia Office of EMS. • Activity reports were provided by the Division of Educational Development staff. • There are no updates necessary regarding TCC Workgroups activities. • The next meeting is scheduled on July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Office of EMS. 	<p>MOTION: The Training and Certification Committee makes the motion to accept the new ALS Certification Program, Clinical Hours and Competency Summary Requirements (as included in Appendix A [TR.17]) with the understanding that the Medical Committee will review the minimum number of intubations.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 20; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Workforce Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workforce Development Committee met on Thursday. 	

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Committee – Ron Passmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMS Officer Program is moving forward. The pilots will probably be held in September and the class will be offered at the Symposium. • The Office of EMS encourages agencies to submit applications for the Standards of Excellence program. OEMS is also looking at a second document to help agencies that were not successful in passing the process. They are also developing a logo for the Standards of Excellence program. • The Recruitment and Retention network next meeting is at Rescue College in Blacksburg; and they are revising the Keeping the Best EMS Workforce Retention toolkit program. 	
Provider Health and Safety Committee – Daniel Wildman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee met earlier in the day. • The committee will continue to publish regular safety bulletins. • The committee has put its Provider Fatigue project on hold until Dr. Lindbeck reports on the national study results from the project that he is working on with NASEMSO. • The committee reviewed the State EMS Plan. • The next meeting is at 9 a.m. on August 5. • At the August 5 meeting they will be revisiting the EMS Safety Officer. 	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Jim Chandler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group met on Thursday. • Mr. Chandler gave personnel updates since there has been some turnover within the councils. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marsha Pescitani is Interim Director at the Northern Virginia EMS Council replacing Sam Dahl. ○ Tom Joyce has replaced Gary Morris at the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council ○ Mary Kathryn Allen has been name the Executive Director at the Blue Ridge EMS Council replacing Connie Purvis. • The Regional Directors have prepared a position paper that points out and offers some clarifications to a number of the points in the ACS Trauma System Consultation Report. They will also be appointing members to the Trauma System Plan Task Force and to the Pre-Hospital Workgroup. • The councils have been researching the possibility of seeking classification as a political sub-division. They will discuss this issue more at their next meeting. • OEMS notified the councils that existing contracts will be extended for a quarter to allow time for site visits to be rescheduled. The councils have formed a workgroup to develop recommendations to the council contracts, which will be due July 1. Mr. Chandler encouraged input from the public, if anyone has changes they want to recommend, as it is an open process. • The councils are having problems getting nominations in the regional EMS Awards program, and they ask that attendees take back to their jurisdictions the needs for recommendations. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Peninsulas EMS Council is looking for people to register for two programs in May for EMS Week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Annual CE Program taking place May 20-22. • EMS Day at Busch Gardens is Memorial Day Weekend. 	
OLD BUSINESS	None.	
NEW BUSINESS	None.	

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Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.	