

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
 Courtyard by Marriott, Richmond, VA
 Friday, May 9, 2014
 1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others:	OEMS Staff:
Bryon F. Andrews, III Virginia State Firefighters Association	Genemarie W. McGee (Excused) Tidewater EMS Council	David H. Trump, M.D., MPH, MPA Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner Public Health and Preparedness	Gary R. Brown
J. David Barrick Peninsulas EMS Council	Corina D. Nuckols Associated Public Safety Communications Officials	Amanda Lavin Office of the Attorney General	P. Scott Winston
B.R "Beau" Blevins, III Virginia Association of Counties	Andrea W. Oakes (Excused) Virginia Municipal League	Bruce W. Edwards Board of Health Representative	Michael D. Berg
Dreama D. Chandler Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Anita Ashby Perry (Excused) Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association	Connie Purvis Blue Ridge EMS Council	Warren Short
Gary P. Critzer, Chair Central Shenandoah EMS Council		Greg Woods Southwest Virginia EMS Council	Wayne Berry
Richard H. Decker, III Old Dominion EMS Alliance		Ed Rhodes VAVRS/VFCA/VAGEMSA/Regional Directors	S. Heather Phillips
James R. Dudley, M.D., MBA Virginia College of Emergency Physicians		Jim Chandler Tidewater EMS Council	Paul Fleenor
Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		Dan Norville Norfolk Fire Rescue	Amanda Davis
R. Christian Eudailey Rappahannock EMS Council		Adam Alford Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Marian Hunter
Robin L. Foster, M.D. American Academy of Pediatrics		Kent Weber Tidewater EMS Council / Virginia Beach EMS	Paul Sharpe
Cathy C. Fox, RN, CEN, CPEN Virginia Emergency Nurses Assoc. / Virginia Nurses Assoc.		Michael B. Player Peninsulas EMS Council	Romney Smith
Brian R. Hricik Northern VA EMS Council		Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council	Karen Owens
David Hoback Virginia Fire Chief's Association		Jessica Goodman Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Deborah T. Akers
Ajai Malhotra, M.D. American College of Surgeons		Heidi M. Hooker Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Ken Crumpler
Wayne Myers, Jr. Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads		Eddie Ferguson Goochland Fire Rescue	Karen Rice
Larry A. Oliver Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Bryan S. McRay Richmond Ambulance Authority	Steve McNeer
Ronald Passmore Southwest Virginia EMS Council		Robert Lawrence Richmond Ambulance Authority	David P. Edwards
Gary W. Samuels VA Chapter of the International Assoc. of Firefighters		Albert S. Thompson, III Bon Secours Richmond Health System	Carol Morrow
Matthew J. Tatum VA Assoc. of Governmental EMS Administrators (VAGEMSA)		Robert Trimmer Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Greg Neiman
John Dale Wagoner, Vice Chair Western Virginia EMS Council		Mike Harmon VAGEMSA	Wanda Street
Anthony D. Wilson Virginia Ambulance Association		Lisa Baber New Kent Fire-Rescue	Irene Hamilton
Allen Yee, M.D., FAAEM Medical Society of Virginia		Amy Ash New Kent Fire-Rescue	

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Wayne Perry
 Rappahannock EMS Council
 Kendra Sours
 Lord Fairfax EMS Council
 Brad Taylor
 HCA Chippenham & Johnston-Willis
 Christopher Lindsay
 HCA Virginia
 Sam Dahl
 Northern Virginia EMS Council
 Chad Blosser
 Central Shenandoah EMS Council
 Karen Wagner
 VAVRS - FARC

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<p>Call to Order – Gary Critzer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance • Approval of Minutes • Approval of Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Critzer called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. • Mr. Critzer asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. • Mr. Critzer asked for approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2014 meeting. • Mr. Critzer asked for approval of the draft agenda. 	<p>The minutes were approved by unanimous consent. The draft agenda was approved by unanimous consent.</p>
<p>Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer</p>	<p>Mr. Critzer deferred his report to the Executive Committee’s report.</p>	
<p>Vice Chair Report – Dale Wagoner</p>	<p>Mr. Wagoner did not have a report.</p>	
<p>Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness – David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Trump conveyed regrets from Dr. Levine who could not attend the meeting. • Dr. Trump reported that Dr. Levine and he recently had a meeting with the Richmond Ambulance Authority and learned about their use of data. • Dr. Levine asked Dr. Trump to let the State EMS Advisory Board attendees know that she travels around the state quite frequently, and she would welcome invitations from EMS agencies to meet with them either on a local or regional level as her schedule permits. • <u>Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine</u> - Since the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting guidance has been distributed in regards to Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Community Paramedicine. Dr. Trump reported the Virginia Department of Health Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC) has been getting calls and responding to requests to evaluate proposals. The OLC has completed evaluation on one proposal, and the OLC is willing to answer questions and provide guidance for interested parties. 	<p>Dr. Trump said EMS agencies interested in meeting with Dr. Levine should send an invitation to the Commissioner’s Office.</p>
<p>Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston, George Lindbeck and Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown referenced the Office of EMS Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board, which contains detail information of what is going on with all the programs and services that the State EMS Advisory Board is involved in conjunction with the Office of EMS. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Community Paramedicine</u> - Mr. Brown informed the board that the Office of EMS has received guidance on Mobile Integrated Healthcare / Community Paramedicine activities. OEMS has put together a paper that is found on the OEMS website, which will give you guidance if you are interested in that activity. • <u>Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure</u> – The Department of Homeland Security gave the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) a grant to create a document that recognizes EMS personnel working across state lines. The project is now complete. Mr. Brown along with our legal counsel, Amanda Lavin, from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) will be traveling to Chicago for a one day meeting in June to review the finished product and discuss any possible legal issues. Each state EMS director, along with their legal counsel, has been asked to attend this meeting, and the travel costs are being funded through the NASEMSO grant. Mr. Brown said they want to have legislation introduced in the 2015 General Assembly session to adopt the EMS Personnel Licensure Compact. • <u>Annual Fallen Firefighters and EMS Memorial Service</u> - Mr. Brown announced that the Annual Fallen Firefighters and EMS Memorial Service is scheduled for the first Saturday in June at the Richmond International Raceway. He encouraged anyone who can to attend the event. • <u>12 Lead ECG Questionnaire</u> – Mr. Winston reported that the 12 Lead ECG Questionnaire has been completed. He said that the preliminary findings from the questionnaire were shared at the State Virginia Heart Attack Coalition meeting in Fredericksburg on May 2. Mr. Winston thanked Carol Pugh for gathering all the data and Paul Sharpe for his willingness to let her gather this data even though the unit was short staffed. Mr. Winston said that they had an excellent response rate, close to 80 percent. He said he was not aware of any major deficiencies identified. • <u>Statewide Traffic Incident Management Committee</u> – This committee was established based on Senate Joint Resolution 277 in the 2013 session of the General Assembly. The committee’s purpose is to coordinate the adoption and implementation of the national unified goal for traffic incident management. Specific positions in state government were listed in the Senate Joint Resolution to be a part of this committee. Members are: Superintendent of State Police, Commissioner of Virginia Department of Transportation, State Coordinator of the Department of Emergency Management, Executive Director of the Department of Fire Programs, Director of the Department of Criminal Justice Services, Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, Executive Director of the Virginia Sheriffs Association, President of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, President of Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, President of the Virginia Professional Firefighters, President of the Virginia Association of Towing and Recovery Operations, President of the Virginia Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, and President of the Major 	<p>Mr. Winston said the data from the 12 Lead ECG Questionnaire will be shared with the EMS system. He also hopes that they will be able to give a presentation of the data at the next State EMS Advisory Board Meeting.</p>

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	<p>Incident Heavy Recovery Operations Association. Colonel Flaherty of the Virginia State Police chairs the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Three workgroups have been formed under this committee. One of the workgroups, Best Practices, is shared by Frank Cheatham from the Office of EMS. ○ A committee meeting is scheduled in June. Mr. Brown will keep the Board informed of the activities and actions of this committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma and Critical Care Unit Employees - Mr. Sharpe introduced a new employee from his unit, Karen Rice. He also announced that they have hired another individual who will be starting his new position in the Office of EMS on May 27. • VPHIB v3 –Mr. Sharpe said he will begin sending out information on VPHIBv3 over the next couple of weeks. OEMS have received their version 3 product and have started familiarizing themselves with the product. Mr. Sharpe has put together a project plan and has mapped things out in good detail. He plans to start posting this information on line in the next week along with other resource materials. Mr. Sharpe shared his planned timeline for implementation of version 3 of the VPHIB. He encouraged people to use the OEMS support suite for current news. Mr. Sharpe also reminded the group about the webinar that the Office of EMS holds on the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm. He invited anyone who had questions to participate in the webinar. • <u>ICD-10</u> - Mr. Sharpe said he had some concerns after learning that they were moving the implementation date for ICD-10 out a year. He said he did some polling of State Data Managers and NEMSIS but has not heard of any issues. • <u>KKK-A-1822F Ambulance Standards</u> – Mr. Berg talked about KKK-A-1822F Ambulance Standards Change Notice #6 and the implications that this change will have on future ambulances purchases. The standards were due to expire September 2014 but the end date was pushed back to September 30, 2015. Mr. Berg explained that the K specs Change Notice #6 was created to address some safety issues that both the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) have been working on fixing for the past 10 years. Change Notice #6 fixes these issues; however, Mr. Berg pointed out that there will be a significant cost for new ambulance purchases. <p>The General Services Administration (GSA) had a public comment period regarding this change notice. The Public Comment period ends May 21. Mr. Berg submitted a public comment on behalf of the Office of EMS and the EMS community asking that they delay implementation of the change for at least one year. NASEMSO also passed a resolution instructing the Executive Director to send a letter from NASEMSO requesting a delay in the implementation of Change Notice # 6.</p>	<p>Mr. Sharpe will be posting a timeline on the OEMS website.</p>

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Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Edwards reported on the Board of Health, which was held on March 20. The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled on June 5. The State EMS Plan will be presented to the Board of Health for approval at that meeting. Mr. Edwards said at the June 5 meeting, the Board of Health will also act on the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations 12VAC 5-31. 	
Standing Committee Reports:		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Critzer reported that the committee met on Thursday, May 8. Mr. Critzer gave an update on the State EMS Advisory Board appointments; and indicated that he had been informed that they are a priority for the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s Office. <u>Mobile Integrated Healthcare</u> – The Executive Committee thinks the EMS system need to address this issue and therefore has decided to establish a committee to address this issue. The committee will be staffed by Debbie Akers from the Office of EMS. The committee members will consist of representatives (1) a medical director; (2) ED physician; (3) an EMS Administrator; (4) a home health care representative; (5) a representative from VDH Licensure & Certification; (6) a primary care physician; (7) an EMS provider; (8) a regional EMS council representative; (9) a hospital representative for the Affordable Care Act; and (9) a representative from VHHA. Mr. Critzer said he will be attending the Fire and EMS Memorial Service. He said he also attended the State Fire Chiefs and the State Fire Board meetings in February in Virginia Beach where he discussed EMS issues. <u>VPHIB Users group</u> - The VPHIB Users group has met once and will meet again in June. The purpose of the group is to have software experts who will serve as a resource to EMS agencies in Virginia. Mr. Critzer met yesterday with some representatives from Bedford County (Bill Thomasson, a member of the Bedford County Board of Supervisors; the Bedford County Deputy Chief of EMS Division, Janet Blankenship, and Jack Jones, the Bedford County Chief of Fire and Rescue) in regards to HB1010. The meeting was also attended by Chief David Hoback, representing the Fire Chiefs, Beau Blevins representing VACO, and OEMS staff. They will continue the dialogue with that group. 	<p>Mr. Critzer would like to know of anyone interested in serving on the committee.</p>
Financial Assistance Review Committee – Robert Trimmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Trimmer gave the report for Billy Altman, who could not attend the meeting. Mr. Trimmer reported that he has been elected to serve as the FARC Committee Chair for the next year. They have two new nominees for the FARC Committee and they have two members rotating off the committee. Nominees are Curtis Sheets from Thomas Jefferson EMS Council and Mark Nugent from Peninsulas EMS Council Rotating off the committee are Billy Altman who represented Western Virginia EMS Council and Pokey Harris who represented Southwest Virginia EMS Council He reported that OEMS is looking to decrease their cash balances. Therefore, they want the EMS agencies who are awarded grants to commit the money within six months and pay it out within twelve months. 	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the appointments of Curtis Sheets as the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council representative and Mark Nugent as the Peninsulas EMS Council representative on the Financial Assistance Review Committee.</p> <p>VOTE:</p>

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<p>EMS Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Critzer also reported that they did, unofficially, continue discussions regarding the reaccreditation policies. This is scheduled to be brought to the State EMS Advisory Board at the August meeting. • The Communications Committee brought forth a PSAP EMD Accreditation Application from the Staunton Police Department 911 Center. Since the committee did not have a quorum they could not take action, but it has been vetted by staff and the committee and found that they are in compliance with the accreditation requirements. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Staunton Police Department 911 Center application. The Chair called for a vote. • The next meeting is scheduled on August 8 in conjunction with the State EMS Advisory Board meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Hoback reported that the committee met on Thursday morning. • The Continuity of Operation Plan that has been developed and worked on by Winnie Pennington and other OEMS staff will be ready and available to roll out at the EMS Symposium. EMS agencies that want to have a model to follow should attend that track at the Symposium. • The Patient Tracking information was rolled out and the Board was given a position paper regarding this subject. The position paper states that if an agency wants to acquire or purchase an electronic patient tracking system it must conform to Virginia’s triage tag and patient triage system. Chief Hoback said the position paper does not discount the use of paper forms and paper tracking. Chief Hoback brought this paper forth as a motion from the committee for the board’s action. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Patient tracking position paper v2 (2).r</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Hoback reported that the new Virginia Department of Emergency Management Director, Jeff Stern, is scheduled to start his position on Monday, May 12. The EMS Emergency Management Committee plans to invite Mr. Stern and his staff to attend their next meeting in August. 	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the PSAP application for accreditation for the Staunton Police Department 911 Center.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the Patient Tracking System position paper as presented from the EMS Emergency Management Committee.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>

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<p>Professional Development Coordinator</p> <p>Training & Certification Committee – Larry Oliver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Oliver acknowledged that all three of the committees under the Professional Development umbrella have extensive agendas. • Mr. Oliver acknowledged Dreama Chandler, Chair of the EMS Workforce Development Committee, and the committee, for the work they have put into the EMS Officers Standards and the Standards of Excellence. • Mr. Oliver acknowledged Brian Hricik, Provider Health and Safety, for the projects he has forthcoming in the near future. • Mr. Oliver reported that the Training and Certification Committee met on Wednesday, April 9. • Currently they have five work groups and one subcommittee working on various projects • The CTS Policy Workgroup put forth a proposal to TCC to reduce the number of required candidates for CTS sites from 15 to 10. That passed unanimously. • CTS Evaluator Program – the workgroup adopted the training and education program used by Northern Virginia EMS Council to educate their evaluators. The voice over for the Virginia TRAIN component will be done in the future by Marcia Pescitani. It will be released through Virginia TRAIN with a practical component to be held at each council site • Continuing Education Revision Workgroup – They are looking at the National Registry changes coming forth in 2016 for continuing education and trying to determine how Virginia is going to implement that or have their own continuing education. • Best Practices Workgroup – this group has met a couple of times and developed a survey that is going to be distributed throughout the commonwealth to all the education coordinators. • ALS Competency Workgroup – they are working on the final draft of the document for the experiential learning as well as RN to Paramedic Bridge. They anticipate bringing this item as an action item at the August State EMS Advisory Board meeting. • Online EMS Subcommittee – The subcommittee has broken themselves into three workgroups to review the components of online EMS programs. 	
<p>EMS Workforce Development Committee – Dreama Chandler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Chandler recognized and thanked the Workforce Development Committee subcommittee chairs, Byron Andrews and Liz Papelino for all their work on the EMS Officer I Standards. They think the end date for that work should be in October. • They have one more meeting scheduled at the end of May for the Standards of Excellence. After that meeting, the product should be ready to roll out. • Time has been reserved at EMS Symposium for both programs, an introduction to the courses. 	
<p>Provider Health and Safety Committee – Brian Hricik</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hricik reported that the committee met on Thursday. They did not have a quorum and do not have any action items to bring to the Board. • The committee completed their review on the DHS document on ambulance drivers best practices and provided comments. • The committee will start in July sending out best practices through social media. • The committee discussed the pending changes to the KKK standards. The committee is strongly in favor of the safety changes being made; however they do feel that the cost involved makes the recommendation to delay the implementation 12-18 months the best plan. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the national increase in first responder suicides. The committee will be reviewing some psychological first-aid training that is available through the Red Cross and will be discussing this at their August meeting. 	
Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Woods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Woods reported that the group met on Thursday, and they had several presentations at their meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards of Excellence Regulation and Compliance EMS Awards Program Education and Development The group reviewed and passed several motions related to changes in the IT services currently provided through the Regional EMS Directors Group. They passed a motion to file a public comment asking for a delay in Change Notice # 6 related to the KKK specs. Each Regional EMS Director picked up a stockpile of Fingerprint cards to take back to their regions. Their next meeting will be on August 7. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.	
OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure Motion-</u> Matt Tatum made a motion for the State EMS Advisory Board to endorse the interstate compact. The motion was properly seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer and Mr. Brown discussed and pointed out that the motion might be premature since Gary and Ms. Levin will be traveling to Chicago to discuss this compact, and it would probably be better to wait until August to make a motion to endorse the interstate compact.</p> <p><u>Letter of Support from the State EMS Advisory Board Supporting the One Year Extension on KKK Specs-</u> Mr. Critzer made a motion for the State EMS Advisory Board to send a letter supporting the one year extension of the KKK Specs. The motion was properly seconded, and the Chair called for a vote.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to endorse the Model Interstate Compact for EMS Personnel Licensure.</p> <p>Based on Mr. Brown’s statement, Mr. Tatum made a motion to withdraw the motion.</p> <p>The State EMS Advisory Board agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the motion.</p> <p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board supports sending a letter requesting a one year extension of the KKK Specs.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 22; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p>

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	<p><u>Announcements-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second annual “Honey I Shrunk the Symposium” educational format will be held in PEMS area. • Also, Michael Player reminded the group of the EMS Day at Busch Gardens that is being held on May 24. • Brian Hricik recognized Nurses Week. • Cathy Fox thanked the Peninsulas EMS Council because she will be doing CEN review. PEMS will be offering certification for emergency nurses for \$30. • May is National Trauma Awareness Month. 	<p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM	
Next Meeting	The next meeting is scheduled on August 8, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott.	