

**State Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board  
Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia  
November 5, 2014  
1:00 P.M.**


<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Michael B. Aboutanos, MD</b> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	<b>Joan F. Foster (Excused)</b> <i>Virginia Municipal League</i>	Gary R. Brown	<b>Bruce Edwards</b> <i>Board of Health Representative</i>
<b>Sherrin C. Alsop</b> <i>Virginia Association of Counties</i>		Scott Winston	<b>Amanda Lavin</b> <i>Office of the Attorney General</i>
<b>Byron F. Andrews, III</b> <i>Virginia State Firefighters Association</i>		Michael D. Berg	<b>Ed Rhodes</b> <i>VFCA/VAVRS/RDG/VAGEMSA</i>
<b>Samuel T. Bartle, MD</b> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>		George Lindbeck	<b>Randy Breton</b> <i>Physicians Transport</i>
<b>Gary P. Critzer</b> <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>		Ron Kendrick	<b>Brad Taylor</b> <i>HCA Chippenham &amp; Johnston-Willis</i>
<b>Valeta C. Daniels</b> <i>Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>		Bob Swander	<b>Larry A. Oliver</b> <i>Frederick County Fire and Rescue</i>
<b>Richard H. Decker, III</b> <i>Old Dominion EMS Alliance</i>		Tristen Graves	<b>Brad Owens</b> <i>Prince George Fire &amp; EMS</i>
<b>Lisa M. Dodd, DO</b> <i>Virginia College of Emergency Physicians</i>		S. Heather Phillips	<b>Susan Ward</b> <i>VHHA</i>
<b>Stephen J. Elliott</b> <i>Thomas Jefferson EMS Council</i>		Peter Brown	<b>Wayne Perry</b> <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>
<b>Jason D. Ferguson</b> <i>Western Virginia EMS Council</i>		Deborah Akers	<b>Barb Brown</b> <i>FARC</i>
<b>S. Denene Hannon</b> <i>Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads</i>		Adam Harrell	<b>Arno Zaritsky</b> <i>Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters</i>
<b>Jonathan D. Henschel</b> <i>Lord Fairfax EMS Council</i>		Amanda Davis	<b>Christopher Lindsey</b> <i>HCA Virginia</i>
<b>David Hoback</b> <i>Virginia Fire Chief's Association</i>		Jimmy Burch	<b>Allen Yee</b> <i>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS</i>
<b>Sudha Jayaraman, MD</b> <i>Medical Society of Virginia</i>		Warren Short	<b>John A. Murray</b> <i>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS</i>
<b>Jason R. Jenkins</b> <i>Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters</i>		Dennis Molnar	<b>Jeff Meyer</b> <i>Portsmouth Fire Rescue and Emergency Services</i>
<b>Cheryl Lawson, MD</b> <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>		Karen Owens	<b>Gary Samuels</b> <i>VFFF / Henrico Fire</i>
<b>Julia Marsden</b> <i>Consumer</i>		Paul Fleenor	<b>Amy Sampson</b> <i>Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters</i>
<b>Genemarie W. McGee</b> <i>Tidewater EMS Council</i>		Wayne Berry	<b>Allen Williams</b> <i>Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters</i>


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<b>Marilyn K. McLeod, MD</b> <i>Blue Ridge EMS Council</i>		Tim Perkins	<b>John Harding</b> <i>Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters</i>
<b>Corina D. Nuckols</b> <i>Associated Public Safety Communications Officials</i>		David Edwards	<b>Gregory Woods</b> <i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>
<b>Christopher L. Parker</b> <i>Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association</i>		Carol Morrow	<b>Seth Mowles</b> <i>Bedford County Fire &amp; EMS</i>
<b>Ronald Passmore</b> <i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>		Wanda Street	<b>Shelley Clary</b> <i>Bedford County Fire &amp; Rescue</i>
<b>Anita Perry</b> <i>Virginia Hospital &amp; Healthcare Association</i>		Irene Hamilton	<b>Janet Blankenship</b> <i>Bedford County Fire &amp; EMS</i>
<b>Jose V. Salazar</b> <i>Northern Virginia EMS Council</i>			<b>Eddie Ferguson</b> <i>Goochland County Fire-Rescue</i>
<b>Kelly G. Southard</b> <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>			<b>Robert Trimmer</b> <i>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS, FARC</i>
<b>Matthew J. Tatum</b> <i>Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators</i>			<b>Pier Ferguson</b> <i>Greensville Volunteer Rescue Squad</i>
<b>Daniel C. Wildman</b> <i>Virginia Ambulance Association</i>			<b>Tina Cornett</b> <i>Galax / Grayson EMS</i>
			<b>Dan Milky</b> <i>Galax / Grayson EMS</i>
			<b>Chad Blosser</b> <i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>
			<b>Kim Craig</b> <i>SARS / VAVRS – VP</i>
			<b>Michael Player</b> <i>Peninsulas EMS Council</i>
			<b>Karen Wagner</b> <i>VAVRS, Woodstock Rescue</i>
			<b>Gary Dalton</b> <i>VAA / VAVRS</i>
			<b>Kevin Dillard</b> <i>Rappahannock EMS Council</i>
			<b>Diana K. Wills</b> <i>Lifecare</i>


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<b>Call to Order – Gary Critzer, Chair</b>	The Chair, Mr. Critzer, called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Since there were several new State EMS Advisory Board members on the board as well as Symposium guests in attendance at the meeting, Mr. Critzer asked board members to introduce themselves.	


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Chair asked the group to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>- Approval of August 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes- The August 8, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented.</li> <li>- Approval of November 5, 2014 Meeting Agenda – The November 5, 2014 meeting agenda was approved as presented.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer</b>	<p>Mr. Critzer congratulated Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad who recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer gave an overview of events that have taken place since the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have been working on finalizing the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Workgroup. Mr. Critzer said that in discussions with VDH Administration and the Office of EMS, it was decided that the workgroup needed to be expanded and some additional seats added. Dr. Allen Yee will be the group’s Chair and Debbie Akers will be the OEMS staff for the workgroup. The first meeting will probably take place in January.</li> <li>• HB1010 – Mr. Critzer reported that HB1010 is still tabled but there is a possibility that it might be brought back up in the upcoming General Assembly session.</li> </ul> <p>A multidisciplinary group was assembled to discuss proposals concerning certification requirements and the emergency medical responder.</p> <p>The consensus of the group is that Virginia EMS: (1) should maintain their position to stay with the national standards for EMS education curriculum; and (2) continue to work on recruitment and retention and leadership issues in EMS in an effort to foster recruiting and maintaining both volunteer and career EMS providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Background Checks – Mr. Critzer acknowledged the work of Michael Berg and his staff at OEMS on the criminal background checks. He also reported that the Office of EMS has hired a wage position for processing the criminal background checks.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Critzer explained that some agencies, especially some career agencies, have complained that they need more information than just getting an answer that an individual is eligible or ineligible for affiliation because some agencies have requirements for membership that exceeds OEMS requirements.</p> <p>Mike Berg and his staff has met with members of the state police to try and work through these concerns; Mr. Critzer said that he also had some meetings with some individuals who work with the state police in the Virginia Criminal Information Network Division. Mr. Critzer reported that they have made progress to be able to release back to the agency through the</p>	

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	<p>Office of EMS disqualifying information.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer said that they also asked if the State Police would allow automatic submissions directly from the live scan machines to the state instead of them putting the cards in the mail. However, currently the cards still have to be mailed until some technical issues can be worked out. Mr. Critzer suggested that it is best to mail the cards using a tracking system such as FedEx, UPS, etc., a method that would allow you to have a certified receipt of mailing.</p>	
<p><b>Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Scott Winston and OEMS Staff</b></p>	<p>Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the 35<sup>th</sup> EMS Symposium. Mr. Brown said he likes to hold this meeting during the Symposium so that the EMS constituents have an opportunity to see the State EMS Advisory Board and also to give the board members a chance to see the constituents for whom they have to make decisions that will affect them.</p> <p>New Board Members Orientation and Terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Brown said that any board members, who were unable to participate in the first orientation, please email Mr. Critzer or him and to let them know that you desire an orientation; and they will make arrangements to meet with you for a personal orientation to the State EMS Advisory Board.</li> <li>• Mr. Brown also announced that the Secretary’s office was informed of the 2012 legislation that staggered the appointments to the board of two, three and four years. As a result, the Secretary’s office and the Governor have reviewed all new appointments and extended particular terms by one year.</li> </ul> <p>EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (E.V.E.N.T.) – Scott Winston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Winston explained that this tool is used to gather data to improve the safety, quality and consistent delivery of EMS across the Commonwealth and the United States. He said that the tool has been developed by the Center for Leadership, Innovation and Research in EMS in partnership with several national organizations, and it allows data to be collected unanimously and looked at to provide input in developing policies, procedures and training programs to improve the safe delivery of EMS.</li> </ul> <p>Ebola Update – Karen Owens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Owens said that the best source of current, up to the minute information on Ebola is the CDC website. She reported that currently, at that time, there were no Ebola cases in Virginia. There is a very small possibility that Virginia EMS providers will have to transport any patients that are severely contagious. With the screening processes in place, EMS providers should recognize potential Ebola patients very early in the process before they really become contagious. Ms. Owens also reported that VCU and UVA have been identified as the two hospitals designated for treating Ebola patients, and if smaller hospitals receive a Ebola patient they should be sent to one of those two facilities.</li> <li>• Ms. Owens and the Office of EMS recognize the work that the Regional EMS Councils have</li> </ul>	




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	<p>done to educate and communicate information to the EMS agencies in their area. .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Owens reported that the Virginia Department of Health and Office of EMS are relying upon CDC guidance and working hand-in-hand with the VDH, Office of Epidemiology to develop and create guidance or coordinate a location where EMS providers can go to get guidance.</li> </ul> <p>Virginia Department of Health Office of EMS Course Availability – Warren Short</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Short gave a presentation that talked about the availability of EMS education programs and the location of EMS providers in Virginia, primarily at the EMT level. His presentation gave an overview of all the CE courses that are offered throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, and it also showed where the EMTs live.</li> </ul>  <p>110514 DED Advisory Board Presentation.pd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following his presentation, Mr. Short answered questions from the Board.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards</b></p>	<p>Mr. Edwards gave an update on the Board of Health activities and the last meeting of the Board of Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions at the Board of Health meeting included a report from the Commissioner on Ebola; Enterovirus 68 ; everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot; and they had a budget overview. Mr. Edwards explained that because VDH gets a lot of federal money and anytime anything has to be cut it is cut out of the General Fund revenue. He explained that creates a disadvantage because you cannot spend federal dollars for certain state programs.</li> <li>Gary Brown made a presentation to the Board of Health on 12VAC5-31, which was a fast track amendment to add back the word “affiliation” to the EMS regulations. This was mistakenly left out during the last revision. That regulation change was approved.</li> <li>Mr. Edwards said they heard several other regulations at the meeting. He reported that the Abortion regulations will be discussed at the December Board of Health meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Election of Officers, Coordinators and Committee Chairs – Ronald Passmore</b></p>	<p>Mr. Passmore chaired the Nominations Committee that consisted of Matt Tatum, Anita Perry, Marilyn McLeod, and Stephen Elliott. The committee submitted a slate of nominees to the State EMS Advisory Board in September for consideration of and to vote on at this meeting.</p> <p>The slate consisted of:  Chairman – Gary Critzer; Vice Chair – Genemarie McGee; Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback; Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel; Legislative &amp; Planning Committee – Joan Foster; Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum; Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum; Communications Committee – Gary Critzer; Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback; Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod; Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod; Medevac Committee – Anita Perry; Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee – Michael</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the slate of officers as presented from the Nominations Committee.</b></p>

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	<p>Aboutanos; EMS for Children Committee – Samuel Bartle; Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore; Training &amp; Certification Committee – Ron Passmore; Workforce Development Committee – Jose Salazar; and Provider Health &amp; Safety Committee – Dan Wildman.</p>  <p>Proposed Slate of Nominations for 2014</p> <p>The Chair, Mr. Critzer opened the floor for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor the Chair proposed that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and the Chair called for a vote.</p> <p>The Chair cast a unanimous ballot for the officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive Committee would consist of Chair – Gary Critzer; Vice Chair – Genemarie McGee; Four Coordinators: Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback; Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum; Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod; Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore</li> </ul> <p>A motion was made and second to accept the Chair’s proposal. Hearing no discussion the Chair called for a vote.</p>	<p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 27; NAYS = 0;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0.</b>  <b>The motion was passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the Executive Committee members as proposed by the Nominating Committee.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 27; NAYS = 0;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0.</b>  <b>The motion was passed unanimously.</b></p>
<b>Standing Committee Reports and Action Items</b>		
<b>Executive Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	Mr. Critzer said that they have not had a formal meeting since the August meeting because the Executive Committee dropped to a total of two members with the rotation off the Board. Mr. Critzer reported that Mr. Tatum and he did participate in the discussions regarding HB1010.	
<b>Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Robert Trimmer</b>	Mr. Trimmer reported that they did not have a quorum at their last meeting. The committee will meet on Thursday, November 6. They have 231 grant requests that they will have to consider this cycle.	
<b>Administrative Coordinator</b>	Mr. Samuels previously held that position, and he did not have a report.	
<b>Rules and Regulations Committee – Michael Bert</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Berg gave an update on the regulatory packets that they have outstanding. He reported that the Financial Assistance Review fast track regulatory packet remains in the Office of the Attorney General. He has spoken with the AG Representative and they should have that packet moving forward very soon.</li> <li>Mr. Berg reported that the Affiliation word change packet needs to be signed by the AG’s Office and will be moving forward soon, as well.</li> <li>Mr. Berg reported that November 5 is the last day to submit any public comment in regards to the removal of the requirement of the practitioner’s signature on patient care reports. To date, there has been only one comment. On November 6, it will unofficially go into effect; and it will go into effect officially on November 24.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Legislative and Planning Committee – Rob Logan</b>	<p>Mr. Logan reported that the Legislative and Planning Committee met earlier in the day. They had two action items to bring before the State EMS Advisory Board as motions. At Mr. Logan’s request, Mr. Winston gave the Board some brief background on the action.</p> <p>The second motion that the Legislative and Planning Committee brought forth was in regards to the development and Virginia’s participation in a interstate licensure compact for EMS providers.</p> <p>Mr. Winston gave the Board some background regarding Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA) . He told the Board that the compact was included in the Quarterly Report as Appendix E if they wanted to read the entire compact.</p>  <p>Appendix E - EMS Personnel Licensure Ir</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The Legislative and Planning Committee moves that the States EMS Advisory Board endorse the Comprehensive Code Language clean-up bill, to include any technical changes made by Legislative Services.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 27; NAYS = 0;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS – 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The Legislative &amp; Planning Committee moves that the State EMS Advisory Board support adoption of the model language for REPLICA, and subsequent introduction of legislation to allow the Commonwealth to enter into the compact.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 27; NAYS = 0;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS – 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p>
<b>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</b>	<p>Mr. Tatum did not have any report as Infrastructure Coordinator.</p>	
<b>Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tatum reported that the Transportation Committee met the last week of October at which time they reviewed over 35 ambulance grant requests. They submitted their comments to the FARC.</li> <li>• Mr. Tatum reported that they also got an update from Michael Berg in regards to ambulance</li> </ul>	

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	standards. Over the next few meetings the Transportation Committee will be discussing if there should be specific standards that Virginia adopts based on someone else's; should they create their own, or should they accept someone else's standards with modifications.	
<b>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	Mr. Critzer reported that a meeting was scheduled for Thursday but has been canceled because of lack of a quorum.	
<b>Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback</b>	Mr. Hoback reported that the Emergency Management Committee did not meet because of lack of a quorum. He said the committee continues to work with an opportunity to obtain the software Mutual Aid Net so they can bring together the resources in the Commonwealth, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management. He hopes to have some good news to report regarding this issue by the next meeting.	
<b>Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD</b>	<p>Dr. McLeod referred the Board to the Medical Direction Committee's response to HB1010 in the form of a White Paper, which was distributed to Board Members. She said that this White Paper passed in the MDC unanimously. Dr. McLeod thanked the committee and especially, Dr. Lindbeck who did a lot of work on this White Paper. She explained that the paper explains the stance on HB1010 and why they do not think it is a good bill to move forward.</p>  <p>MDC White Paper Re HB1010.pdf</p>	
<b>Medevac Committee – Anita Perry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Perry reported that the Medevac Committee met earlier in the day. They are currently working on a project evaluating the opportunity for their air medical teams to possibly transport more STEMI patients from the scene. They want to determine if this will impact the patient's length of stay at the receiving PCI center. They hope to start data collection in January and be able to bring an update to the Board in February.</li> <li>Ms. Perry also reported that the committee is still gathering and accessing data entered into the Virginia Helicopter EMS Weather Turn Down Program. No letters had to be sent out this quarter in regards to helicopter shopping.</li> </ul>	



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<p><b>Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee – Paul Sharpe</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Sharpe welcomed new board member, Michael Aboutanos, who is also the new Chair of the Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee (TSO&amp;MC).</li> <li>• Mr. Sharpe also announced that they have a new staff member in his unit, Robin Pearce, who will take over as the Trauma Coordinator.</li> <li>• The Trauma unit is now ready to start working with the Business Manager to contract with the American College of Surgeons to have them come in and perform a state trauma system consultation visit. They hope to get the contract done before the end of the year and it will probably be a six to 12 month process.</li> <li>• The TSO&amp;MC completed work on the Trauma Center Designation Manual and the revised manual was approved by the TSO&amp;MC at its September 2014 meeting. The committee is now bringing a motion to the State EMS Advisory Board at this meeting asking that they approve the revised Trauma Center Designation Manual.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">         Appendix G - 2015        Trauma Center Desigr     </div> <div style="text-align: center;">         Appendix F - Motion        TSOMC 2015 Trauma     </div> </div> <p>The Chair said that because this motion is coming from the committee it does not require a second.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer informed the Board that prior to the meeting a letter was put with their packet from the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters (CHKD) addressed to the State EMS Advisory Board expressing some comments regarding the new Trauma Center Designation Manual.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer asked Mr. Sharpe to address the remarks. Mr. Sharpe said that he only had a short time to review the remarks but has not had a lot of time to address them. Mr. Sharpe said he would answer any questions or concerns.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">         Letter from CHKD Re        Trauma Center Desigr     </div> <p>Mr. Critzer opened the floor for the Board to discuss the letter from CHKD. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the issues brought forth in the letter.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe explained that the committee did not become aware of the CHKD concerns until late August, and said he thought that this was something that the committee could review at their upcoming meeting and perhaps agree to make some changes to the approved manual. He thinks it can be discussed between the Commissioner, the Chief Deputy Commissioner, Gary Brown and him on a phone call with CHKD. Mr. Sharpe encourages CHKD representatives to attend the next Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee meeting to discuss this issue.</p> <p>Dr. Bartle, Chair of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Committee (EMSC) said he</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The TSO&amp;MC moves that the EMS Advisory Board approve the 2015 Trauma Center Designation Manual.</b></p>

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	<p>appreciates all the work of the TSO&amp;MC. He said, however, that the letters brings out an issue that has been a concern in the pediatric community, which is that they want clarity making it unquestionable as to where you would send hurt children.</p> <p>EMSC wants to bring an amendment to the motion that would clarify this issue by adding language specifying that they are brought to a Pediatric Level I Trauma Center.</p> <p>Mr. Critzer also informed the Board that there are members of CHKD who would like to address the Board concerning this issue. He said since it is not the protocol to have members from the public address the Board when they are taking an action, he has to have their approval to let the CHKD representatives speak at this time. The Board members would like to hear from the CHKD representative.</p> <p>At Anita Perry's suggestion, Mr. Sharpe gave an explanation for adding Section 4 of the Trauma Center Designation Manual, which is a new section of the manual.</p> <p>Arno Zaritsky, Chief Medical Director at CHKD addressed the Board to explain their reason for the letter. He was accompanied by Dr. Ann Kuhn the Surgical Director of the Trauma and Burn Program and Dr. Qureshi who is the Medical Director for the Emergency Department. He said the points that they are trying to make in the letter that they wrote to the State EMS Advisory Board related to the joint relationship between Sentara Norfolk General and the Children's Hospital. They have met with the CEO at Sentara and talked with the surgeons at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and they all agree that the goal is to figure out the best system that assures that children in the Hampton Roads region receive the best possible care if they experience a traumatic injury. They function as the component of a Level I Trauma Center and would like to receive that designation or recognition, which would allow them to work out the best system for assuring that kids are cared for appropriately, while allowing the State to have the appropriate over site to make sure that happens.</p> <p>After much discussion, the Chair decided that they need to vote on the original motion. He asked for the will of the group. A motion was made and seconded to Call for the Question.</p> <p>The Chair now opened the floor for the original motion.</p> <p>The Chair now brought the original motion back to the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Sam Bartle made a friendly amendment to the motion. It is a clarification of language in Section 5.4 on page 30 of the document.</p> <p>The motion was seconded and the Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>Call for the Question.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b> <b>YEAS = 6; NAYS = 21;</b> <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion failed.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <b>The EMSC Committee moves that</b> <b>the State EMS Advisory Board</b> <b>accepts the recommendation to</b></p>

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	<p>Mr. Sharpe said that discussion has taken place in TSO&amp;MC and they decided to keep the wording in Section 5.4 as it is.</p> <p>The Chair now opened the floor to vote on the original motion as amended. The Chair asked if there was any additional discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote.</p>	<p><b>amend Section 5.4 of the Trauma Designation Manual to read: A Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center is required to have a in-house Pediatric Trauma surgical attendant or a PGY 4 or 5 surgical resident to be available to respond to a pediatric trauma event not exceeding 15 minutes from arrival to the ED.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS= 27; NAYS = 0;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0.</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The State EMS Advisory Board moves to approve the Trauma Designation Manual with approved amendment.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS=20; NAYS = 7;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The Motion was carried unanimously.</b></p>
<p><b>EMS for Children Committee – Dave Edwards and Dr. Sam Bartle</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Edwards reported that they have received HRSA funding for another year.</li> <li>• The committee has been working to identify volunteer agencies who are interested in receiving some pediatric mobilization devices.</li> <li>• They have been working on the national scene to help stimulate some crash testing standards for pediatric equipment and ambulances.</li> <li>• They are still trying to develop a way to identify emergency departments that have a certain level of pediatric expertise and to make sure that every hospital in the state has minimum levels of pediatric equipment and pediatric expertise on their staff.</li> <li>• Dr. Bartle reported that they are looking at what else can be accomplished with the EMSC grant and the next metrics that needs to be measured and they can help implement in the state.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Training &amp; Certification committee – Larry Oliver</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met on October 22 with a lengthy agenda dealing with work groups and an item sent back from the State EMS Advisory Board at its last meeting.</li> <li>• Work Groups Update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CTS Evaluator Training Program Work Group - Marcia Pescitani has redone the voice over for the Evaluator Trainer Program online version. That work group has finished its task.</li> <li>○ EMT Best Practices Work Group – The Training &amp; Certification Committee continues to review pass/fail rates for all EMS certification levels and that group will be up and running again after January 1.</li> <li>○ Online EMS Programs Sub-Committee – This group is working diligently and making headway.</li> <li>○ Intermediate Testing Processes Workgroup – A workgroup has been formed to investigate intermediate testing processes. That committee will begin its work after January.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Training &amp; Certification Committee gave full support to the Medical Direction Committee’s White Paper on HB1010.</li> <li>• The committee has one action item. At the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting it was sent back to the Training and Certification Committee for more work. This action is in regards to CE Revision Proposal. After the last meeting the Training &amp; Certification Committee sent out a CE Proposal Survey to 31,000 providers for whom they had email addresses. They received 3500 responses to the survey. Option A was the proposal that included the CE hours at the national registry level. Option B which was presented to the State EMS Advisory Board at its last meeting had the lower hours. After reviewing the survey results, the Training &amp; Certification Committee is bringing back their original motion to the Board.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p>Matt Tatum said he moves to amend the motion to go with Option A. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion on the amendment.</p> <p>Sherrin Alsop spoke once again on the problems of rural counties and their problem trying to maintain certifications. She said even though the courses may be available online a lot of them don’t have internet service because it isn’t available. There are a lot of counties that rely more on volunteers and these counties cannot afford to go to full time paid EMTs.</p> <p>Dr. McLeod said 45 percent of the EMTs surveyed said they want to be held to a higher level of accountability. She said that she considers volunteer and career EMS personnel as professionals.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>Based on the results of the survey of EMS providers in Virginia, Proposal B, which was originally proposed by the workgroup, is supported by TCC and forwarded back to the Advisory Board for action.</b></p>

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	<p>After all comments had been made the Chair called for a vote on the Amended Motion, which was to support Option A.</p> <p>The Board moved to approve the amended motion accepting Option A.</p> <p>The Chair now called for a vote on the original motion to approve the recertification hours under Option A.</p>	<p><b>AMENDED MOTION:</b>  <b>Based on the results of the survey of EMS providers in Virginia, Proposal A, which was originally proposed by the workgroup, is supported by TCC and forwarded back to the Advisory Board for action.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 23; NAYS = 4;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried.</b></p> <p><b>The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the proposed continuing education hours under Option A for providers to recertify in Virginia when the Registry implements their new hours in 2016 and Virginia Providers wishing to maintain their National Registry must meet the minimum hours as set by the National Registry.</b></p> <p><b>VOTE:</b>  <b>YEAS = 23; NAYS = 4;</b>  <b>ABSTENTIONS = 0</b></p> <p><b>The motion was carried</b></p>
<b>Workforce Development Committee – Carol Morrow</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Morrow said that the Workforce Development Committee welcomes their new chair, Jose Salazar.</li> <li>• Ms. Morrow reported that the Standards of Excellence should be on the OEMS website within the next 15 days.</li> <li>• The EMS Officer Program will be active after the first of the year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Provider Health &amp; Safety Committee – Brian Hricik</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no report since they have not met since the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting.</li> <li>• Mr. Hricik thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as Chair and on the State EMS Advisory Board.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Woods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Woods reported that the group has not met since their last meeting.</li> <li>He said that the Regional EMS Councils do have an active role in planning for Ebola.</li> <li>The Regional EMS Councils are happy to be a sponsor of the Virginia EMS Symposium.</li> <li>At the next meeting, they will be electing new officers, and Mr. Woods cannot serve again because he has served three years. He thanked the group for the opportunity to serve.</li> </ul>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rob Lawrence, COO of Richmond Ambulance Authority – He leads the Rider Alert Motorcycle Safety Program and reported that they have received another grant from DMV that will allow them to continue the program for another year.</li> <li>Christopher Lindsey – Director of EMS for HCA Health Systems – He went on record to voice the concerns as a health system on one piece of the Trauma Designation Manual as it moves forward. It is on page 16 – <i>“Designation is at the discretion of the Commissioner and variations of designation cycles may be utilized, as well as special conditions.”</i> He said that he understands it may be based on a national guideline but he voices concern as to what the special conditions may be and that one individual can stop the process that a committee moves forward.</li> <li>Brad Owens, Director of Fire &amp; EMS at Prince George County; and also the President of the Crater EMS Sub Council of ODEMSA. He wants to make it clear that he is here representing Prince George County and the Crater EMS Sub Council and not ODEMSA.</li> </ul> <p>He said that the members he represents do not support HB1010 in the draft phase it is in at the moment. He said they have some concerns with EMS certification. He discussed the changes with the certification programs over the past few years in an attempt to align the certification levels with the national registry of the EMTs (NREMT) curriculum. He is concerned because the cost of training EMTs and Paramedics has skyrocketed to the point where most EMS agencies across the regions cannot afford to send their EMTs for training.</p> <p>While he wants to bring this issue to the Board’s attention, he wants to make it clear that his position is not one of going backwards or lowering the bar. He supports forward progression; but asks that the EMS Councils, the Office of EMS, and the State EMS Advisory Board work together with their constituents and localities in providing quality emergency medical care.</p>	
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	Mr. Critzer indicated that the Bylaw changes he presented at the last Board meeting will be taken up at the next meeting of the State EMS Advisory Board.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	None	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.	