

Training and Certification Committee Minutes
Virginia Office of EMS – 1041 Technology Park Dr. Glen Allen, VA 23059
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 10:30 am

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff	Others
R. Jason Ferguson – Chair William Akers Brian McIntosh Christopher Kroboth Larry Oliver Kathy Eubank Dr. Robin Foster	Craig Evans – Excused Dr. Charles Lane – Excused	Gary Brown Scott Winston Camela Crittenden Tim Perkins Warren Short Debbie Akers William Fritz Dr. Charles Lindbeck Ronald Passmore Peter Brown	Donna Galganski Pabst Damien Coy Jason Rodman Herman Kappes Steve Powell Jason Ambrose Megan Middleton Cathy Cockrell Michelle Ludeman Wayne Perry Nicholas Klimenko James True Don Goff

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am by R. Jason Ferguson, Chair.	
II. Introductions	Introductions were made of committee members and guests.	
III. Approval of Agenda	The Committee reviewed the Agenda for today's meeting. (Attached)	Motion by Chris Kroboth. Second by Larry Oliver.
IV. Approval of Minutes	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Quarterly Meeting. Minutes available online: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/training-certification-committee-standing/ Reminder that committee minutes will no longer be printed but available online.	Motion by Brian McIntosh. Second by Chris Kroboth.
V. Reports of Committee Members	A. Reports of Committee Members <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman Report – R. Jason Ferguson – No report. Medical Direction Committee – Dr. Lane - Excused/Dr. Lindbeck – No meeting tomorrow due to lack of a quorum. Discussion items to review will include proposed changes to regulation regarding EMS physician 	

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	<p>certifications, expanded definition of care and formulary in regards to Intermediate-99 due to tabling at Governor's Advisory Board.</p> <p>3. Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Non-VCCS EMS Program – Billy Fritz – No Report. There will be an effort to work on recruitment for replacement of vacancy. b. VCCS – Bill Akers – VCCS has negotiated an agreement with Jones and Bartlett Learning (JB Learning) for a special contracted eBundle price on student and instructor resources. This will be available for the fall semester for interested programs to use. c. VAVRS – Kathy Eubank – There have been several untimely deaths in the VAVRS community. VAVRS is offering an 8 hour program on mental health which meets regulatory requirements. d. Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Craig Evans, excused – No report. e. EMSC – Dr. Robin Foster – No report. f. VAGEMSA – Larry Oliver – No report. g. Fire Based Organization – Christopher Kroboth – No report. h. Educators – Brian McIntosh – No report. <p>B. Office of EMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BLS Training Specialist – Billy Fritz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Education Coordinator Process Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As of July 11, 2018 – there are 23 applicants in the pipeline with 126 candidates. 2. Next institute is tentatively scheduled for September in the Virginia Beach area. One details are finalized, they will be posted on the website and emailed to all candidates and mentors. 3. Reminder that there is no test order requirement for EC Candidates. Candidates are encouraged to register for their cognitive and psychomotor exams as soon as they gain eligibility as a candidate. It can be done concurrently with mentorship. b. Education Coordinator Institute, June 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institute held in June at Rescue College in Blacksburg for 10 candidates. Received good feedback on the new process, specifically to mentorship process. All 10 candidates successfully completed are were certified as Education Coordinators. c. Updated – Feedback from Educators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updates held in Northern Virginia and Western Virginia EMS Council regions in May and June. 2. Next update in schedule for September. The latest schedule is available online: http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-educator-update-schedule/ 2. ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In House psychomotor competency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continual interest in accreditation due to in-house psychomotor competency. There have been good results in outcomes with most programs. The Office will reach out to programs who have seen a decline in success rate on National Registry exam. b. Accreditation (Attachment A) 	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report distributed. 2. Three new AEMT programs have submitted packet for review for initial cohort course offering. Several other accreditations packets have been submitted for review c. NR Stats (Attachment B) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report distributed. 2. Virginia continues to match the National Registry pass rate. Higher success rate on second attempts. 3. National Registry has had a delay in processing of psychomotor exam results at ALS level, as much as 6 to 7 week delays. These are not unique to Virginia. The Office of EMS does not sit on packets – as soon as they are received, they are forwarded to National Registry. Additionally, there will always be a delay for candidates who pass the psychomotor exam before the cognitive at the ALS level. d. Other Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress is being made on test order change for EMT. This will remove the requirement for psychomotor exams to be completed before cognitive. Testing is in progress with IT for a potential implementation date of September 1, 2018. It will be critical that Education Coordinators get into their OEMS portal and National Registry account to mark students as passed at the end of their program. This will be key to the generation of the ATT letter. 3. EMSTF – Warren Short <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMS Scholarship Status <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Scholarship with Office of Health Equity (OHE) has ended however those with scholarships in before the deadline are still having applications processed. If you have questions regarding current scholarships, contact Warren to be placed in contact with OHE representative overseeing program. 2. New scholarship process being developed with a goal of total electronic process through the portal. Funding amounts will be calculated with a base fee and taking into account stressors alike RSAF. There will be the option of a scholarship (to student) or grant (to agency). Hope is to release late summer. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bill Akers raised concern for discussion about how funding will be provided to students. Motion made for resolution or statement. Discussion ensued. Motion withdrawn. ii. Bill Akers asked for investigation on stipend rather than scholarship to student. Otherwise a way to route funding to EC or program rather than student. Warren to investigate. iii. Larry Oliver questioned what funding has been released from current process and if procurement process has negatively impacted student enrollment. Warren replied that there is a steady increase in number of EMT students overall but there may be local challenges. iv. Warren encouraged programs to apply for RSAF funding for program supplies. 	

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	<p>v. Warren clarified that the Office does have the ability to go after students for reimbursement of funds if they are not used or used inappropriately.</p> <p>b. CE Auxiliary Contracts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact with the Regional Councils has been extended for the next six months. Questions regarding funding for auxiliary programs should be directed towards Regional Council. <p>4. Division of Education Development (DED)</p> <p>a. Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed DED again. New regulations will have removal of policy on testing. 2. Language has been removed naming specific organizations such as National Registry. <p>b. EM005 Position</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hope to have position filled by end of August. <p>c. Symposium</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration should be live on or about August 1, 2018. <p>d. CPR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In discussions with AG's office, the regulations are clear that CPR is a pre-requisite. It cannot be changed at this time but is in review for new regulations. <p>5. Testing – Peter Brown</p> <p>a. Staffing Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BLS - 20 applicants for approximately 10 open examiner positions. Hopeful to interview this month. Supervisor position will be interviewed this month. 2. ALS - Working on adding two new National Registry testing representatives; Billy Fritz and Brian Hollins. <p>b. New Scenarios, September 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scenarios finalizing in review process for projected implementation of September 1, 2018. <p>6. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck</p> <p>a. As presented in MDC</p> <p>7. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Background unit has a staffing change. Currently have a 14-day turnaround time. b. Final edits to Chapter 32 complete and moving on the next phase. c. July 1 rule for special event permit is available online. d. Caution – student cannot be precepted by a LPN per regulation. <p>8. Director/Asst. Director – Scott Winston</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Various positions in transition and hiring. b. Transition in facility to move 1001 to 1041 to one office. Construction scheduled to begin in September. c. Bill Akers asked about REPLICA. In effect and recent addition of New Hampshire and Missouri. <p>9. Other Office Staff</p> <p>a. CHATR – Tim Perkins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Officer Program pilot has been successful. Hoping to roll out in larger scale in 2019. 	

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VI. Committee Discussion Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Rosters – Chris Kroboth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to create digital rosters. Warren to investigate – the goal is to decrease paper. Scenario-based EMT Testing – Chris Kroboth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about changing the testing process to a more global evaluation process similar to ALS Integrated Out Of Hospital (IOOH) scenario. Chris Kroboth to chair workgroup to review psychomotor testing. Kathy Eubank expressed interest to join. Education Coordinator Requirements & New EC Process Assessment – Chris Kroboth <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion to re-open workgroup to revisit process as some may be having difficulty with teaching hours. Chris Kroboth, previous chair of workgroup, to set up meeting to review. 	
VII. Previous Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of CTS Sites – Bill Akers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of cancellation of testing sites. Michelle from Northern Virginia EMS Council reminded educators to contact their regional councils. There is poor compliance with third night report. Discussion of how to link CSDR to testing website. 	
VIII. New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
XI. Public Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jason Ambrose, Tidewater Community College <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of validation process for scenarios. Offered graduating accredited EMT students to assist in validation. Damien Coy, James City County <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shared support of new BLS testing process such as IOOH. 	
X. Dates for 2018 Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remaining 2018 meeting date is October 3. Location may be changed due to office construction. Check the Office of EMS website for any updates to location. 	
XI. Adjourn	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm. 	Motion by Larry Oliver. Second by Bill Akers.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
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July 11, 2018



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Meeting Agenda

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- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2018**
- V. **Reports of Committee Members**
 - A. **Reports of Committee Members**
 1. Chairman Report
 2. Medical Direction Committee
 3. Committee Members
 - B. **Office of EMS**
 1. Division of Educational Development (DED) – Warren Short, OEMS
 2. BLS Training Specialist – Billy Fritz, OEMS
 - a. Education Coordinator Process Update
 - b. Education Coordinator Institute, June 2018
 - c. Educator Updates
 3. ALS Training Specialist – Debbie Akers, OEMS
 - a. In House psychomotor competency
 - b. Accreditation
 - c. NR Pass Rates
 4. EMS Funding – Warren Short, OEMS
 - a. Scholarship Status
 - b. CE and Auxiliary Program Funding
 5. Certification Testing Coordinator – Peter Brown, OEMS
 - a. Staffing Update
 - b. New scenarios, September 2018
 6. State Medical Director – Dr. George Lindbeck
 7. Regulation & Compliance – Ron Passmore, OEMS
 8. Director/Asst. Director – Gary Brown/Scott Winston, OEMS
 9. Other Office Staff
- VI. **Committee Discussion Items**
 - A. Digital Rosters – Christopher Kroboth, Statewide Fire-based Organizations
 - B. Scenario-based EMT Testing – Christopher Kroboth, Statewide Fire-based Organizations
 - C. Education Coordinator Requirements – Christopher Kroboth, Statewide Fire-based Organizations
 - D. New EC Process Assessment – Christopher Kroboth, Statewide Fire-based Organizations

VII. Previous Business

1. None

VIII. New Business

- A. Open to the floor

IX. Public Comment

X. Dates for 2018 Quarterly Meetings

- A. Scheduled dates:

- ~~1. April 4, 2018~~

- ~~2. July 11, 2018~~

3. October 3, 2018

4. January 9, 2019

XI. Adjourn

**Attachment A to the
July 11, 2018 TCC Minutes**

National Registry Statistics

EMT Statistics

As of 07/10/2018

Virginia:

Report Date: 7/10/2018 5:29:56 PM
Report Type: State Report (VA)
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2015 to 3rd Quarter 2018
Training Program: All

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The results of your report request are as follows:

Attempted The Exam	First Attempt Pass	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts	Cumulative Pass Within 6 Attempts	Failed All 6 Attempts	Eligible For Retest	Did Not Complete Within 2 Years
7668	69% (5278)	80% (6097)	80% (6136)	0% (5)	12% (949)	8% (581)

National Registry Statistics:

Report Date: 7/10/2018 5:27:21 PM
Report Type: National Report
Registration Level: EMT
Course Completion Date: 3rd Quarter 2015 to 3rd Quarter 2018
Training Program: All

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219021	69% (151424)	80% (175992)	81% (177396)	0% (181)	12% (27074)	7% (14472)

Individual Instructor Statistics are available on the OEMS webpage at the following link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2018/01/12-2017-16-Percentile-EMT-Published.pdf>

**Attachment B to the
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Accreditation Report

Accredited Training Site Directory

As of July 10, 2018



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Accredited Paramedic Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Central Virginia Community College	68006	Yes*	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
ECPI University	70017	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	08709	No	2	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Jefferson College of Health Sciences	77007	Yes*	---	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
John Tyler Community College	04115	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP - LOR	
Lord Fairfax Community College	06903	No	--	National – Initial	CoAEMSP
Loudoun County Fire & Rescue	10704	No	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Northern Virginia Community College	05906	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Patrick Henry Community College	08908	No	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Piedmont Virginia Community College	54006	Yes	--	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Prince William County Dept of Fire and Rescue	15312	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Rappahannock Community College	11903	Yes	--	CoAEMSP – Initial	CoAEMSP
Southside Virginia Community College	18507	No	1	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Southwest Virginia Community College	11709	Yes*	4	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care	15319	Yes*	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
Thomas Nelson Community College	83012	Yes*	--	CoAEMSP – LOR	
Tidewater Community College	81016	Yes*	2	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP
VCU School of Medicine Paramedic Program	76011	Yes	5	National – Continuing	CoAEMSP

Programs accredited at the Paramedic level may also offer instruction at EMT- I, AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- John Tyler Community College under Letter of Review. Initial accreditation visit conducted in April 2018. Awaiting review by CAAHEP.
- ECPI University under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Thomas Nelson Community College under Letter of Review to conduct their first cohort class.
- Loudoun County Fire and Rescue CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation conducted in February 2018. Awaiting report.
- Northern Virginia Community College CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation conducted in February 2018. Awaiting report.
- Stafford County & Associates in Emergency Care CoAEMSP site visit for continued accreditation scheduled for August 2018.
- Lord Fairfax Community College site visit for continued accreditation scheduled for September 2018.
- Patrick Henry Community College site visit for continued accreditation scheduled for November 2018.

*** Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

Accredited Intermediate Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
<i>Central Shenandoah EMS Council</i>	79001	Yes	4	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Danville Area Training Center</i>	69009	No***	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Hampton Fire & EMS</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Henrico County Fire Training</i>	08718	Yes*	--	State – Full	August 31, 2020
<i>James City County Fire Rescue</i>	83002	Yes	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>Norfolk Fire Department</i>	71008	No	--	State – Full	July 31, 2021
<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>	62003	Yes	--	State – Full	May 31, 2021
<i>Southwest Virginia EMS Council</i>	52003	Yes*	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>UVA Prehospital Program</i>	54008	No	--	State – Full	December 31, 2019
<i>WVEMS – New River Valley Training Center</i>	75004	No	--	State – Full	June 30, 2022

Programs accredited at the Intermediate level may also offer instruction at AEMT, EMT, and EMR, as well as teach continuing education and auxiliary courses.

- All accredited programs whose expiration date was less than December 31, 2019 has been extended until that time based on the end date established by National Registry for I-99 testing. If these programs desire to remain accredited, they will be required to submit an AEMT reaccreditation self-study.

*** Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

**** Request has been received for in-house psychomotor competency verification.**

***** Request has been received for BLS accreditation to be added to ALS accreditation.**

Accredited AEMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	BLS Accredited	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Frederick County Fire & Rescue	06906	Yes*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

* Indicates program has been approved for in-house psychomotor competency verification.

Accredited EMT Training Programs in the Commonwealth

Site Name	Site Number	# of Alternate Sites	Accreditation Status	Expiration Date
Arlington County Fire Training	01305	-	State – Letter of Review	
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire EMS	71006	--	State – Full	July 31, 2018
City of Virginia Beach Fire and EMS	81004*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2018
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	04103*	--	State – Full	July 31, 2020

- Arlington County Fire Training has completed their first cohort and site visit is being scheduled.

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