

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE
1041 Technology Park Dr, Glen Allen, Virginia
Conference Rooms A and B
April 12, 2012
10:30 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Marilyn McLeod, M. D. - Chair Paul Phillips, D.O. George Lindbeck, M.D. Asher Brand, M.D. Charles Lane, M.D. Theresa Guins, M.D. Cheryl Lawson, M.D. Forrest Calland, M.D. Scott Weir, M.D.	Allen Yee, M.D. Christopher Turnbull, M.D. Marke Franke, M.D. Chief Eddie Ferguson Nael Hasan, M.D. Stewart Martin, M.D.	Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Tim Perkins Warren Short Chad Blosser Greg Neiman Debbie Akers George Lindbeck, M.D.	Neha Puppala John R. Dugan III E. Reed Smith, M.D. Holly Frost Randy Geldreich, MD David Cullen

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1. Welcome	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Mcleod at 10:38 AM	
2. Introductions	Introductions were made.	Meeting Sign-in Roster Attachment "B"
3. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes from the April 12, 2012 meeting with one revision; Dr. Weir was present at meeting.	Motion by Dr. Brand, seconded by Dr. Lane to approve. Passed.
4. Special Report	Dr. Charles Lane reported that he was one of two physicians who accompanied a group from the Virginia Hospital Association to Washington to discuss health care matters. His summary report is as follows: "We met with Senator Webb, Rep. Hurt and with staffers from Sen. Warner and Rep. Goodlatte. Basically, unless some intervention and reconsideration by congress budget "Sequestration" will occur which means across the board cuts in funding. Medicare will be reduced by a significant amount in Virginia. Also affected will be IME funds which pay for resident education. Across the board, our congressmen or their staffers report that with all the uncertainty in Washington now and for the upcoming national election that they do not expect any important legislation to occur	

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		prior to the end of the year. However, there will be a rush of special interest bills passed in a lame duck session. Important issues will be kicked down the road to be dealt with next year.”	
4. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) & Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Compliance Issues		Mike indicated there have been no drug enforcement actions. There have been three reported instances of narcotics tags that have disappeared and those cases are under investigation by the DEA. Reported that Dr. Lindbeck, Gary Brown and he had met with the Board of Pharmacy representatives and opened dialog	
5. New Business			
A	Health and Fitness – White Paper – Dr. McLeod	Dr. McLeod discussed the need for a white paper concerning health and fitness amongst prehospital providers and asked the opinion of the committee. Tim Perkins stated that there was a Health and Safety Committee in OEMS. Gary Brown stated literature is available. Karen Owens is staff support.	Anyone willing to assist in project needs to contact Dr. McLeod.
B	Seatbelt Use in Ambulance White Paper – Dr. McLeod	Discussion concerning need for providers to use seat belts in back of ambulance. Committee discussion concerning need and changes coming in ambulance specification requirements	Dr. McLeod and Dr. Lindbeck to get together about this issue.
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A	Refusal White Paper – Dr. McLeod	Notified committee that the Attorney General requested the ability to review the White paper before approval by EMS Advisory Board to assure that nothing in the paper could lead to a liability for Virginia.	
7. Research Notes		No Items presented.	
8. State OMD Issues – George Lindbeck, MD			
A	EMD White Paper	Dr. Lindbeck stated he has received this back from the communications committee. He will have it distributed via email after the meeting today.	
B	Scope of Practice	Dr. Lindbeck reviewed proposed changed to the Scope of Practice Procedures and Formulary Schedules based on the Committee meeting in May. Proposed changes will be distributed to the committee for review and discussion at next meeting.	
C	Drug Shortage Legislation Update	Dr. Lindbeck notified committee that a law has passed this year that required manufacturers to notify the FDA if they have an anticipated shortage of any existing drug. While the FDA still doesn’t have the ability to direct the amount of drug that needs to be produced at least notification will be made of the drug shortage for planning purposes.	

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D	Triage Strategies	Dr. Lindbeck notified the committee that he has been asked to review for the EMS Advisory Board the triage procedures at the scene for MCIs. There are new programs being developed and there is a need to discuss whether we will use START, JumpSTART, SALT, etc.	
E	Community Paramedicine	Dr. Lindbeck stated he was placing this on the agenda to remain for a period of time. There are programs being developed so he would like to use this as a means to start creating a pool of resources, etc., and get information from those who are moving forward with this process. Displayed the Community Paramedicine webpage.	
F	OMD Training	Dr. Lindbeck stated that no dates have been established for further classes except at Symposium in November. The full course will be held on Wednesday, November 7 th and the OPS course will be held on Thursday, November 8 th . Attendance is limited to 25 participants and you should plan on bringing your own turnout gear from your home agency, including face plate if you have it. CME for both days from VaCEP. Full day in February during winter meeting of VaCEP. Further dates to come when established.	
Office of EMS Reports			
	a) EMS Training Funds & Accreditation Update – Chad Blosser	a) Accreditation and EMSTF reports were distributed (Attachment ""). Chad reported that a new contract was implemented this year for the Community College systems. Just returned from a site visit for the Rappahannock Community College systems and the visit went well. b) EMSTF FY13 contracts are now available and that process is going well.	See Attachment “ ”
	b) ALS Programs Issues – Debbie Akers	ALS Coordinator Meeting in Roanoke, VA on Friday, July 20, 2012. ALS Coordinator applications are still being received for new endorsement.	
	c) BLS Program Issues – Greg Neiman	a) Greg reported that last EMT-Instructor Institute was held in June in Blacksburg. Two individuals were not able to complete due to an emergency and will need to return to complete the requirements. The next practical exam will be held in August for the next institute to be held in September. Next online update will be held tonight. Rest of update schedule is available on the website. b) VEMSES results remaining consistent. Around 50% first and second attempt, down to 36% for third attempt and currently four individuals have taken their 4 th attempt and 100% pass rate.	
	d) TCC Report – Greg Neiman	Greg reported that the TCC committee met yesterday. No action item to report. One proposal for a revision of the required competencies from the Community College programs had been submitted. It was decided that much more work needed to be done on the proposal.	

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e)	Division of Educational Development Report – Warren Short	<p>a) Warren reported to the committee that the move to National Registry is going well. Automated reciprocity transfer is working well.</p> <p>b) National Registry Paramedic continuing education – A certificate will be generated for all paramedics completing their CE after March 31, 2012 that will indicate they have met the requirements to transition from NREMT-P to NRP. It will be available in the provider’s portal.</p> <p>c) Presented the Enhanced timeline for the transition once regulations have promulgated. See attachment.</p> <p>d) Regions will be receiving notification from the office requesting their reappointments to the committee for next year.</p>	
	Regulation and Compliance Issues – Michael Berg		
a)	OMD & Compliance Matters	Mike reported that since the advent of the portal, his division has seen an increase in the reporting of false applications of CE. This is because the agency super user is able to review CE reports of providers and is becoming aware of CE being falsely awarded.	
b)		Advised the PCD and OMD to be aware of what is being taught in the courses they have endorsed. Reported on an incident of an instructor teaching beyond the curriculum.	
PUBLIC COMMENT		John Dugan, representing VHAC reported that the state meeting of VHAC was held in May. Stated that 26 hospitals were included in an Action Registry. Would like to see a state systems report for process improvement. He requested participation from all physicians and made a pleas to teach 12-lead ECG acquisition whether they can transmit or not.	
For The Good Of The Order			
Meeting Dates for 2012		October 11, 2012	
Adjournment		12:48 PM	

Attachment A

Attachment B