

EMS Emergency Management Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of EMS
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
February 6, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests:
Easton Peterson , Health & Medical Emergency Response Teams (HMERT)	Thomas Schwalenberg , Chair	Karen Owens	Dreama Chandler, Adv. Board
Matthew Marry , VHHA	Lynette Eanes , ODEMSA	Caron Nazario	Chrissy Snyder, Augusta Health
Judy Shuck , HRMMRS/TEMS	Robert Foresman , VEMA	Wanda Street	Jon Henschel, LFEMSC
Michael Player , Regional Council, VA-1 DMAT	Bryan McRay , VAGEMSA	Daniel Linkins	Dan Norville, VAGEMSA
Bubby Bish , VAVRS	Adam Galton , VSP		
Daniel Brewer , VDEM	John H. Craig, III , VAVRS		
Byron Andrews , AFD/VSFA			
David Hoback , VFCA			

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order by Michael Player at 9:30 a.m. The chair, Mr. Schwalenberg, could not be in attendance.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August minutes and November notes:	A motion was made to review and approve the August 1, 2019 meeting minutes. There wasn't a quorum for the November 6 meeting so the notes are provided. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The August meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
Committee Chair Report – Thomas Schwalenberg:	No report. Mr. Schwalenberg was not present.	
Committee Member/Other Reports:	<p>Judy Shuck, HRMMRS/TEMS – Judy reported that HRMMRS is slowly but surely replacing the MCI buses with new, shorter buses. They will be slowly phased in. Judy also briefly discussed the major pile up on I-64. Karen stated that a presentation will be submitted this year for symposium on this incident. Judy reported that a Pediatric Trauma Symposium will be held at CHKD on May 15th and the Tidewater Healthcare Educational Expo is April 20 - May 3.</p> <p>Michael Player, VA-1 DMAT – VA-1 DMAT was on call for the month of October, while not deployed, they continued to onboard personnel. A team building training is being planned and is scheduled sometime this year. They have added over 20 people to the team and an orientation and training needs to occur for them. They were also on call in January and was placed on standby for possible deployment to Puerto Rico after the magnitude 6.4 earthquake that occurred on January 7. They will be on call again in May 2020.</p> <p>Karen Owens, OEMS - Karen mentioned that Lobby Day was a success and that there wasn't a need to do anything beyond the pre-planning stage. A request was made for two MCI buses to be deployed to Richmond to support Richmond Ambulance Authority. It was a suggested action, and more resources were there than</p>	

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	actually needed. It was very beneficial to know who to call to get the suggested resources. We will continue to look at opportunities for resource information, even in our basic agency database. Better to be overly prepared than under per Judy.	
Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Process – Karen Owens Karen has been sharing Gary’s weekly legislative grid update. Some items of interest include HB983 which is the Traffic Incident Management Vehicles to be equipped with certain lights, HB661 has to do with the testing of decedent blood after exposure in the field and HB666 is the companion to HB661 which discusses the redefinition of a dead body and discovering body parts. • Coronavirus (Pandemic Planning) We are seeing an increase in the spread of this virus and as of now there are 12 cases in the United States. There were some cases on a cruise ship. There is also some misinformation spreading out there. We are working on updating the OEMS website to ensure that correct information is being released. We have links to the CDC and the VDH Office of Epidemiology. We will release a document for best practices on handling coronavirus patients. There was discussion on PPE, webinars, information burnout, and pre-screening phone call questions. The committee also discussed a backlog of N95 masks. Karen will keep everyone updated. <p>Matthew Marry stated that a webinar was held last week for the hospitals on the coronavirus with roughly 360 registrants. VHHA has expanded their webinar capacity to 1,000 since they have come close to maxing out their platform of 250. VHHA sent out a survey to the healthcare coalitions this week and they will be surveying all hospitals. The survey will include, but not limited to, PPE, gowns masks, capabilities of isolation both within the facility and the ED. This is get a grasp on what the Commonwealth is looking like at this time. The Board of Directors for VHHA has agreed to the creation of a Coronavirus Task Force which will include a representative from all 25 hospital systems. Matthew was asked if the webinar was available. He stated that on the VHASS.org website there is a coronavirus link.</p> <p>Matthew also mentioned that CBERS (Community Based Emergency Response Seminars) is being offered via the VDH Academy. Category 1 CEUs are awarded. The Virginia Public Health and Healthcare Academy will be in Harrisonburg, VA on March 23 and 24. The Virginia Epidemiology Seminar will be on the 25th and registration is open. If you are planning to attend hotel rooms are limited in Harrisonburg.</p>	
Other Comments/Questions:	None.	
Next Scheduled Meeting:	The next meeting is May 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Richmond.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.	