

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting
Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia
Wednesday, November 11, 2015
1:00 PM**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others:	Staff:
Sherrin C. Alsop Virginia Association of Counties	Michel B. Aboutanos, MD (Excused) American College of Surgeons	Bruce Edwards Board of Health Representative	Gary R. Brown
Byron F. Andrews, III Virginia State Firefighters Association	Joan F. Foster (Excused) Virginia Municipal League	Greg Woods Southwest VA EMS Council	Scott Winston
Samuel T. Bartle, MD American Academy of Pediatrics	Sudha Jayaraman, MD (Excused) Medical Society of Virginia	David Trump, MD, MPH, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health & Preparedness	Michael D. Berg
Gary P. Critzer Central Shenandoah EMS Council		Bobby Bish Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	George Lindbeck, MD
Valeta C. Daniels Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads		Mark Wright James City County Fire Department	Robin Pearce
Richard H. Decker, III Old Dominion EMS Alliance		Kim Rorrer HCA Lewis Gale Medical Center	Warren Short
Lisa M. Dodd, DO Virginia College of Emergency Physicians		Tim McKay Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Amanda Davis
Stephen J. Elliott Thomas Jefferson EMS Council		Sam Dahl Northern Virginia EMS Council	Paul Sharpe
Jason D. Ferguson Western Virginia EMS Council		Brad Taylor HCA	David P. Edwards
William B. Ferguson Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators		Wayne Perry Rappahannock EMS Council	S. Heather Phillips
S. Denene Hannon Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads		Al Thompson Bon Secours	Marian Hunter
Jonathan D. Henschel Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Kim Craig SARS/VAVRS President	Greg Neiman
David Hoback Virginia Fire Chief's Association		Greg Rauch Northern Virginia EMS Council	Adam Harrell
Jason R. Jenkins Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters		Jon Brentley City of Fairfax Fire Department	Tim Perkins
John Korman Associated Public Safety Communications Officials		Christina Skinner Mary Washington Healthcare	Scotty Williams

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Cheryl Lawson, MD Peninsulas EMS Council Julia Marsden Consumer Genemarie W. McGee Tidewater EMS Council Marilyn K. McLeod, MD Blue Ridge EMS Council Christopher L. Parker Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association Ronald Passmore Southwest VA EMS Council Anita Perry Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association Jose V. Salazar Northern Virginia EMS Council (Vacant) Rappahannock EMS Council Daniel C. Wildman Virginia Ambulance Association		Darren Clark Medical Transplant Anthony Wilson Medical Transport, LLC Jeff Meyer Portsmouth Fire Gary Dalton VAA & VAVRS Karen Wagner VAA, VAVRS, WRS Rob Logan Western Virginia EMS Council Jim Chandler Tidewater EMS Council Damien Coy Old Dominion EMS Alliance John R. Dugan, III American Hospital Association Michael Gerber N/A Brian Hricik Alexandria Fire Department Michael B. Player Peninsulas EMS Council Bryan McNally Emory University, Atlanta, GA Brenda Henschel Valley Health Michael Jefferson Danville Fire Department Chad Blosser Central Shenandoah EMS Council Diana K. Wills Lifecare Chris Snyder Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad Kevin Dillard Lifecare Chris Snyder Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad Roger Trimmer Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Ron Kendrick Paul Fleenor Jimmy Burch Connie Green Ken Crumpler Tristen Graves Wanda Street Irene Hamilton

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Members Absent:

Others:

Staff:

Mike Harmon
Bon Secours / VAGEMSA
Eddie Ferguson
Goochland County Fire-Rescue and
Emergency Services
Gregory A. Jones
Med-Flight-I
Stephen Ausband
Carilion Clinic
Kevin W. Peters
First Call Ambulance of VA
Randolph Breton
Physicians Transport
Brad Fields
Wings Air Rescue
Justin Miles
Wings Air Rescue
Christopher Lindsay
HCA of Virginia
Allen Yee
Chesterfield EMS

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer	<p>Mr. Critzer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance• Approval of August 7, 2015 meeting minutes – The August 7, 2015 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.• The November 11, 2015 draft meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent.• Mr. Critzer asked all veterans in the audience to stand, and they were recognized for their service to the country.• Mr. Critzer shared sad news of the passing of three individuals in the Virginia EMS System over the past week and asked that the audience take a moment of silence in honor of them.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kelly Southard, a member of the State EMS Advisory Board died unexpectedly on November 4.○ On November 5, Jesse Clingenpeel, a firefighter/medic with Roanoke Fire & EMS was killed in an automobile accident on his way to work.○ On November 8, Mike Green, a flight nurse with Pegasus succumbed to cancer.	
Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Critzer attended the American College of Surgeons system review in September. He encouraged everyone to view the exit report of the visit, which is available on the OEMS website. The final report will be released in the near future.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Critzer attended a meeting with Delegate Orrock regarding the REPLICA bill. The meeting was also attended by Gary Brown, Scott Winston, Ed Rhodes and Kevin Dillard. At the conclusion of the meeting, Delegate Orrock was very supportive of the bill. Mr. Critzer gave a special thanks to Kevin Dillard for facilitating the meeting. • Mr. Critzer presented a Resolution of Recognition for David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA, the Virginia Department of Health, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness. Dr. Trump is retiring in the near future. The resolution was brought forth as a motion. The motion was seconded and the Chair called for the vote. 	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to adopt the resolution honoring Dr. David H. Trump for his service to VDH and EMS. VOTE: Yeas = 24; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0. The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
Vice Chair Report – Genemarie McGee	No report.	
Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness – David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Trump said that he was impressed with the community support he witnessed during the American College of Emergency Physicians system site visit. • Dr. Trump talked about Virginia’s plan for “well being,” which Dr. Levine, the Virginia Health Commissioner has been charged to develop. The goal is to make Virginia the healthiest state in the nation. 	
Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Director; Scott Winston, Assistant Director; George Lindbeck, MD, State EMS Medical Director & OEMS Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the 36th annual Virginia EMS Symposium. • Dr. Lindbeck did not have a report. • Gary Brown gave the Board the dates for the 2016 EMS Advisory Board committee and board meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 4-5, 2016 – EMS Advisory Board meeting is February 5 ○ May 5-6, 2016 – EMS Advisory Board meeting is May 6 ○ August 4-5, 2016 – EMS Advisory Board meeting is August 5 ○ November 9, 2016 at the EMS Symposium • Mr. Decker said at a recent ODEMSA meeting a concern was raised by some hospital groups as to the amount of access time that trauma centers have to access data, which is for several months as opposed to non-trauma center hospitals that only have five days to access data. Mr. Decker asked if there is a way that a non-trauma center hospital can get access to hospital data for more than five days. <p>Mr. Sharpe explained that non-trauma center hospitals are only allowed a few days because this is enough time for those facilities to move the data into their own data systems. In contrast trauma centers are a part of the EMS mission and they are doing things that require them to</p>	

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	<p>have access to the data for a longer period of time.</p> <p>Mr. Decker was also concerned after realizing that while there are regulations requiring a pre-hospital agency to make available to the hospital a pre-hospital record that there is no requirement for the hospital to do anything with that record. Mr. Decker said that he has discovered that the hospitals are not bringing the pre-hospital record into the patient's medical record. He said that when hard copies were required that they were put into the patient's file; but it doesn't always happen now with the electronic data. Mr. Decker asked if this is how the system is supposed to work.</p> <p>Mr. Sharpe acknowledged this problem and said that they are working to educate the hospitals as to why they need to utilize the data EMS provides and also to provide data back to EMS. Mr. Sharpe said that in the future this will probably be tied to the hospitals funding.</p>	<p>Dr. Trump asked Paul Sharpe to remind him of this discussion and they can ask the Office of Licensure and Certification about the process.</p>
<p>ACS State Trauma System Consultative Visit Summary – Robin Pearce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Pearce gave a report on the ACS State Trauma System visit recommendations. She told the audience that the ACS final report should be received before the end of the year. Ms. Pearce also told the group that based on the recommendations the Trauma Oversight and Management Committee (TSOMC) will have to be restructured so that it will include all participants of the trauma system as opposed to the current committee that is very trauma center focused.  <p>EMS Advisory Board ACS presentation 11 0</p>	<p>The Trauma Oversight and Management Committee will seek assistance from the EMS Advisory Board Executive Committee and the Chair of the TSO&MC in restructuring the committee.</p>
<p>Can an EMS System Appropriately Triage Patients to Destinations Other Than the Emergency Department? – Michael Gerber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gerber gave a presentation regarding research conducted by the Alexander Fire Department with funding awarded by the Alliance for Emergency Medical Education and Research. They researched if an EMS system could triage patients to destinations other than the emergency department.  <p>Michael Gerber -AFD Alternative Destination</p>	
<p>Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) – Dr. Bryan McNally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Winston introduced Dr. Bryan McNally, who is from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Mr. Winston gave some background on how OEMS became aware of the CARES program, which led to them inviting Dr. McNally to present information on the CARES program at this 	

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	<p>EMS Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Winston said that the CARES registry could help increase out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. McNally gave a presentation on the CARES program and how it has been implemented in several states. • Dr. McNally said that in order for a state to establish a CARES program they should probably have a Coordinator and that there will also be subscription fee of \$15,000 as the CARES program transitions to private funding. • Chip Decker stated that Richmond Ambulance Authority started participating in this program in 2009. He said that they are disappointed that the CARES program is no longer being publicly funded. He encouraged OEMS to try and find funding for this program, which is a very worthwhile program. <div style="text-align: center;">   </div> <p>Bryan McNally CARES Brochure Nov 11 2015 Bryan McNally CARES State FAQ2 Nov 11 20</p>	
Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Bruce Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Edwards reported on the September 17 Board of Health meeting. The major portion of this meeting addressed abortion issues. • The next meeting is scheduled on December 3, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Perimeter Center. Mr. Edwards encouraged the audience to attend a Board of Health meeting. 	
Standing Committee Reports and Action Items		
Executive Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Critzer said the Executive Committee will meet in December. • The Executive Committee will continue to work on legislative issues and hopes to have the American College of Surgeons report available for review. • They will also be finalizing details for the creation of a Geriatrics subcommittee. 	
Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Robert Trimmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Trimmer reported that the committee will meet on Thursday. • They are currently reviewing the grant applications from the last cycle and will be making the awards in December. 	
Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback	Mr. Hoback has no report.	
Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Henschel reported that the committee has not met this quarter. • He reported that the periodic review for the DDNR Regulations has concluded and a fast-track regulatory packet for the DDNR Regulations will be developed. • The Affiliation packet is still in the Governor’s Office. • The FARC packet has been signed and will become effective on January 4. • Committees are encouraged to take a look at the regulations that will be coming up for periodic 	

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	review next year.	
Legislative & Planning Committee – Rob Logan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Logan said the committee met earlier in the day and they have no action items. They discussed the REPLICA issue and the support of Delegate Orrock. The committee also discussed potential funding for the cot/stretchers retention system. Mr. Winston reported that there is a legislative summit involving Fire& EMS on December 4 at the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (VAVRS) in Oilville. The summit is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. 	
Infrastructure Coordinator		
Transportation Committee – Chip Decker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Transportation Committee has met twice since the last State EMS Advisory Board meeting. The committee has been reviewing the NFPA and CAAS proposed ambulance standards to determine the best specifications for Virginia. The committee also met to review the 36 vehicle grant requests for the RSAF grant awards and have sent their recommendations to FARC. 	
Communications Committee – Gary Critzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Critzer reported that the Communications Committee will meet on Thursday, November 11. They will begin to review the Communications regulations for the next update of the EMS regulations. 	
Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Hoback reported that the committee met earlier in the day. The committee had a presentation from Northern Virginia on the electronic triage program. The committee realized that the electronic triage program would probably require changes in their regulations to allow access to some of the changes that the program would require. Mr. Hoback will establish a workgroup to look at changes that may be required for the electronic triage program. 	Mr. Hoback will bring a report from the workgroup to the February EMS Advisory Board meeting.
Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod, MD	Dr. McLeod said they have no joint projects.	
Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medical Direction Committee met on October 8. They have one action item, which is in support of the Training and Certification Committee. The Medical Direction Committee, at its October 8 meeting, made a motion to support the new Continuing Education outline that becomes effective on July 1, 2016. The Chair called for a vote on this motion. 	MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board Committee moves to accept the motion from the Medical Direction Committee to support the new Continuing Education outline to become effective July 1, 2016. VOTE: YEAS = 23; NAYS = 1; ABSTENTIONS = 0

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Medevac Committee – Anita Perry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medevac Committee met earlier in the day and they have no action items. • The committee has formed a workgroup to consider drones, their safety implications and how they can affect their Medevac partners. They voted on an educational tool that the workgroup developed for use by fire departments and EMS agencies educating them on safe landing zones and implication of drones. This paper will be distributed to the EMS agencies throughout the state. • The committee will meet again in February. 	The motion carried.
Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Michel Aboutanos, MD	Dr. Aboutanos was unable to attend the meeting and there was no report.	
EMS for Children Committee – Samuel Bartle, MD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bartle reported that the committee met on October 8. • The committee is looking at the possibility of doing a pediatric medication error study either with the National Pediatric Emergency Medicine Research Network (PECARN) group or if not with them, they will do the study within the state. • The Pediatric Readiness portal online has been reopened to examine how ready emergency departments are for pediatric emergencies. Hospitals can go back on line to read their analysis and find where they have areas of improvement. • EMSC is in the last year of the EMSC State Partnership Grant, and they will be submitting to renew this grant for next cycle. • The committee will meet again in January. 	
Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore	Chief Passmore said there are no action items to come before the Board from either the Workforce Development Committee or the Provider Health and Safety Committee. However the committee chairs will give their respective committee reports.	
Training & Certification Committee – Ron Passmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Passmore reported that the Training and Certification Committee (TCC) met on October 7. • At the meeting, Michael Berg reported that the EMS definition has been updated to include both emergency and non-emergency care by agencies. • The Intermediate99 Workgroup that is chaired by Larry Oliver is working to coordinate members’ schedules so they can hold their first meeting. • The Training Regulations Review Workgroup that is chaired by Chad Blosser has held their first meeting. • Two new workgroups were established at the October meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A workgroup to reconsider the cognitive vs. psychomotor test order offered by OEMS that is being chaired by Donna Burns. ○ A workgroup to consider allowing accredited EMT programs to conduct in-house psychomotor exams or competency validations that is being chaired by Chad Blosser. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting of TCC is scheduled on January 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Office of EMS. Chief Passmore introduced the motion from the TCC asking for the State EMS Advisory Board acceptance of their motion to accept the new CE Area Proposal and the implementation date of July 1, 2015. <p>Debbie Akers from OEMS gave the audience an explanation in regards to the motion.</p> <p>The Chair opened the floor for discussion and after discussion called for a vote on the motion.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the new CE Area Proposal and the implementation date of July 1, 2016.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 23; NAYS = 1; ABSTENTIONS = 1</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p>
<p>Workforce Development Committee – Jose Salazar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Salazar reported that the committee will meet on Thursday. The Standards of Excellence program has been launched and they have three agencies that will be recognized on Saturday at the Governor’s Awards banquet, along with the initial three agencies that were involved in the pilot program. The agencies being recognized on Saturday are: Lifecare Medical Transport, Goochland County Dept. of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services, Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad, City of Manassas Fire and Rescue, Virginia Beach Department of EMS, and Galax-Grayson EMS. <p>Mr. Salazar said that the program is continuing and is available on the OEMS website. They do have some minor corrections that must be done and it will be unavailable for a short period of time to make those corrections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer I – they have continued to meet and will be pursuing the pilot program in the spring. NFPA decided not to pursue the Officer I requirements. However, the National EMS Management Association has developed a program. The committee and OEMS representatives will be meeting with a representative from the National EMS Management Association board to go over their program and see if the OEMS program will satisfy the competency requirements of their program. The Recruitment and Retention Network will hold a meeting on Thursday. Mr. Salazar also reported that there is a job fair being held on Thursday, as well. 	
<p>Provider Health & Safety Committee – Dan Wildman</p>	<p>No report.</p>	
<p>Nominating Committee Report – Ron Passmore</p>	<p>Chief Passmore presented the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee for approval.</p>	<p>MOTION: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to accept the slate of officers</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Gary Critzer; Vice-Chair – Genemarie McGee; Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback; Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel; Legislative & Planning Committee – Joan Foster; Infrastructure Coordinator – Chris Parker; Transportation Committee – Chip Decker; Communications Committee – Gary Critzer; Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback; Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod, MD; Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD; Medevac Committee – Anita Perry; Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee – Michel B Aboutanos, MD; EMS for Children Committee – Samuel T. Bartle, MD; Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore; Training & Certification Committee – Ron Passmore; Workforce Development Committee – Jose Salazar; Provider Health & Safety Committee – Dan Wildman <p>The Chair, Gary Critzer, opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, he called for a motion to close the nominations. A motion was made and properly seconded to close the nominations. The motion was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Chair then called for a motion to accept the unanimous ballot.</p>	<p>recommended by the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>VOTE: YEAS = 24; NAYS = 0; ABSTENTIONS = 0</p> <p>The motion was carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Greg Wood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Directors Group will meet on December 3. • The group will be discussing expanding their ability to do performance improvements. They will have some workshops geared towards coordinating PI efforts across the state. • They will have their annual election of officers at their next meeting. • The Regional Council Group is pleased to be a sponsor of the Virginia EMS Symposium. 	
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eddie Ferguson – Deputy Chief, Goochland County Dept. of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services Chief Ferguson wanted to lend support for an issue raised by Chip Decker –expanded access for a longer period of time for pre-hospital patient care reports. <p>Chief Ferguson also commended Paul Sharpe and OEMS for introducing the Image Trend product to VA EMS providers. He said that he feels that today they have the best cooperation and information-sharing ever with hospitals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Chandler – Executive Director of Tidewater EMS Council He asked for exposure to increased emphasis on EMS research. He recommends that one of the committees of the EMS Advisory Board create an environment where they are promoting and supporting more EMS research in Virginia. Mr. Chandler had three recommendations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To provide a forum for visibility and support through the EMS Advisory Board and its committees; expecting that the committees should ask for research. ○ To establish a forum for the presentations of EMS research, perhaps at the Symposium, i.e. poster presentations, live presentations in the appropriate forum. 	

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OLD BUSINESS	None.	
NEW BUSINESS	None.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.	
NEXT MEETING	The next meeting is Friday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott Virginia Center in Glen Allen, Virginia.	

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