




**Legislative and Planning (L&P) Committee Meeting**  
**Richmond Embassy Suites Hotel**  
**Friday, February 8, 2019**  
**09:00 A.M.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Gary Samuels, Chair</b>	<b>VHHA Representative</b>	Scott Winston	Craig Evans
<b>Rob Logan, Vice Chair</b>		Gary Brown	Jon Henshel
<b>Byron Andrews</b>		George Lindbeck, MD	Joe Trigg
<b>Jeff Meyer</b>		Chad Blosser	Frank Kinnier
<b>Michael Player</b>			
<b>Steve Higgins</b>			
<b>Ed Rhodes</b>			
<b>Gary Dalton</b>			
<b>Rich Orndorff, Jr.</b>			

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<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Chair Gary Samuels called the meeting to order at 09:00 AM. The minutes from Wednesday, November 7, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved after review by the committee.	<b>Motion made by Ed Rhodes and seconded by Rob Logan to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.</b>
<b>OEMS UPDATE</b>	<p><b>OEMS Quarterly Report.</b> Mr. Scott Winston informed the committee members the OEMS quarterly report to the state EMS Advisory Board is posted on the OEMS website. The report may be viewed at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2019/01/Quarterly-Report-to-the-State-EMS-Advisory-Board-for-February-8-2019-Quarterly-Report-with-Appendices.pdf">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2019/01/Quarterly-Report-to-the-State-EMS-Advisory-Board-for-February-8-2019-Quarterly-Report-with-Appendices.pdf</a></p> <p><b>OEMS Personnel Update.</b> Mr. Scott Winston provided the committee members Office of EMS personnel update. Mr. Rich Troshak is the new Emergency Operations Specialist. Emergency Operations Planner position is in a fourth round of advertisement and recruitment.</p>	

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	<p>Mr. Billy Fritz, BLS training specialist has tendered his resignation and is returning to Prince William County as the Program Manager for their EMS Training Academy.</p> <p>Mr. Ron Passmore, Regulation and Compliance Manager, Mr. Winston, Asst. Director and Mr. Adam Harrell, Business Manager have completed review of contracting the function of obtaining fingerprint based criminal history records. FieldPrint (<a href="https://fieldprintvirginia.com">https://fieldprintvirginia.com</a>) is the current vendor on state contract and will be performing this function for OEMS. Individuals will schedule appointments online to submit their fingerprints through Livescan at a FieldPrint location. There are approximately sixty (60) sites in the Livescan Network in VA. and then did not show.</p> <p><b>OEMS Office Build-out.</b> Mr. Winston briefed the committee on a three-phase office remodel of 1041 Technology Park Drive and relocation of 1001 Technology Park suite of OEMS offices that will be completed in May/June 2019 timeframe. OEMS staff is currently working from temporary assigned office space at 1041 Technology Park and from home. Please be patient while this effort is underway. Follow the progress of construction through the OEMS Blog which is available on the OEMS Web site.</p>	
<b>STATE EMS PLAN</b>	<p>State EMS Advisory Board approved the state EMS Plan at their November 9, 2016 Board meeting. The Board of Health unanimously approved the state EMS Plan at their March 16, 2017 meeting. Chris Vernovai reported the Plan will be presented to the Board of Health in March or June 2020 (see State Strategic EMS Plan Timeline Update). Each committee of the state EMS Advisory Board is requested to provide input and suggested revisions to the state plan using the state Committee Planning Template (see State EMS Advisory Board Committee Planning Template).</p> <p>Mr. Samuels noted that current state EMS Plan Objective 3.1.1 pertains to work of the Legislative and Planning Committee and directs the committee to review federal and state legislation to determine impact on Virginia EMS System. Mr. Player noted that this action step is broad in scope and suggested the committee should consider holding meetings in advance of the legislative session similar to what is done by the Virginia Fires Services Council (VFSC). The structure and means do not lend itself to provide input during the legislative session. There</p>	 2017-2019 State EMS Plan Final.docx  State EMS Advisory Board Committee Plan  State Strategic EMS Plan Timeline Update

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	<p>was discussion about changing the meeting schedule for the committee to allow meetings to be held in October and January in order to better align activities with the Virginia General Assembly (GA), which begins on the third Wednesday of January each year. Bills can be prefilled as early as the second week of November 2019 for the 2020 session of the General Assembly that begins on January 15, 2020.</p> <p>The Bylaws of the state EMS Advisory Board state, <i>The committee will review and assess state and federal legislation and inform the Advisory Board of any potential impact on the EMS system in Virginia. The committee is responsible for revising and updating the state EMS plan on a triennial basis. The Plan will be submitted to the Advisory Board for review and approval prior to requesting approval of the Plan from the Board of Health.</i></p> <p>Discussion was held that updates on the progress of achieving the objectives of the state EMS Plan should be provided through regular updates from each of the standing committees at every state EMS Advisory Board meeting. It should be an action item on the agenda for each standing committee of the state EMS Advisory Board at every quarterly meeting. Committee reports to the EMS Advisory Board should include reference to the key strategic initiative, objective and action step of the state EMS Plan.</p> <p>It was discussed that the Bylaws of the EMS Advisory Board should be amended to require chairs of each standing committee to submit an annual report to the Vice Chair. Procedures should be modified to include regular updates.</p> <p>Suggested changes will be submitted to the Executive Committee of the EMS Advisory Board for input.</p> <p>Use EMS Agenda 200 when reviewing and updating existing state EMS Plan. Committee requested Chris Vernovai to communicate with chairs of standing committees of the state EMS Advisory Board to include people-centered vision of EMS Agenda 2050.</p>	<p><b>Submit suggested changes to reporting on the progress of achieving the objectives of the state EMS Plan to the Executive Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board for input.</b></p> <p><b>Chris Vernovai instructed to request committee chairs to include people-centered vision of EMS Agenda 2050 when reviewing state EMS Plan for revisions.</b></p>

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<b>REGULATORY UPDATE</b>	<p><b><u>Chapter 31: Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations to be repealed</u></b></p> <p>OEMS is required to conduct a periodic review of the EMS Regulations (12VAC5-31) every four (4) years. The Rules and Regulations committee has initiated a periodic review of the Virginia EMS Regulations (12VAC5-31).</p> <p>A Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) was approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board of Health. The public comment period for the NOIRA was held May 15 – June 14, 2017. OEMS did not receive any public comments related to the NOIRA.</p> <p>On Thursday, August 2, 2018 the Rules and Regulations Committee voted to unanimously approve moving to phase 2 of the regulatory process. Phase 2 involves submitting a regulatory package (Form TH-2 and sync Regulatory Information System (RIS) project) for review on Town Hall. Next steps include Executive Branch Review (Office of Attorney General (OAG), Dept. of Planning and Budget (DPB), Cabinet Secretary and Governor. Followed by sixty-day public comment period on Town Hall and at least one public forum to receive comment.</p>	
<b>2019 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<p>Senate Bill 1226 requiring the State Board of Health to adopt regulations governing the practice of Community Paramedics was passed by indefinitely (PBI) in the Senate Education and Health Committee on January 24, 2019 on a vote of 15-Y 0-N. Senator Amanda Chase who introduced the bill was informed that a MIH-CP workgroup of the Medical Direction Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board has been meeting regularly for some time. The efforts of the workgroup should be supported and allowed to continue before any legislation is initiated to take regulatory and/or statutory action.</p> <p>Mr. Winston reported he, Dr. Lindbeck (by phone) and Debbie Akers met with Delegate Jeffrey Campbell on Thursday, January 17 to discuss concerns of one of his constituents related to the treatment of congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH). CAH is a family of inherited disorders affecting the adrenal glands. Del. Campbell has a constituent in Carroll County that has a child with CAH. The constituent expressed concern to Del. Campbell that EMS agency and providers in their service area were not prepared, equipped or capable of treating patients with CAH. Dr. Lindbeck explained by telephone that CAH is an extremely rare illness. Patients typically do not present with a sudden onset of symptoms and an imminent threat to life. Dr.</p>	

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	<p>Lindbeck explained EMS personnel have training to handle CAH patients. EMS personnel can administer medications prescribed to the patient for this condition. The care and treatment of these patients is within the scope of practice of advanced life support personnel. Dr. Lindbeck and Mr. Winston encouraged Delegate Campbell to advise his constituent to contact local EMS and their public safety answering point (PSAP). An emergency treatment plan can be developed for patients experiencing a crisis due to adrenal insufficiency by working with their physician, local EMS agency and dispatch center. Delegate Campbell was entirely satisfied with our response.</p> <p>Ed Rhodes reported on bills related to increasing the penalty for failure to follow the move over law, move over law license plates, PTSD, presumption of cancer bills for firefighters, first responder day on Sept. 11 of each year, Jim Chandler resolution and concealed weapons (SB1012) for firefighters and EMS personnel. For a complete list of legislation OEMS followed during the 2019 Virginia General Assembly session, visit the OEMS Web site at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/oems-legislative-grid-and-report/">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/oems-legislative-grid-and-report/</a></p>	
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	No business remains unfinished.	
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p>Mr. Rob Logan was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the committee.</p> <p>On Thursday, February 7, at the request of Mr. Winston and with the concurrence of Chairman Samuels, the Executive Committee of the state EMS Advisory Board added Dr. Jeremiah (Jake) O'Shea, MD representing VHHA and Rich Orndorff, Jr. representing VML to the committee.</p>	<p><b>Motion made by Ed Rhodes and seconded by Gary Dalton to cast unanimous ballot.</b></p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	There is no public comment.	
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE</b>	Dates and location of meetings for 2019 are Friday, May 3 and Friday, August 2. These meetings begin at 9 AM and will be at the Richmond Embassy Suites Hotel. The Q4 meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6 at 10 AM, but is subject to change.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.	<p><b>Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Meyer, second by Ed Rhodes.</b></p>