

Western Virginia EMS Council
Report from the Governor's EMS Advisory Board

The most recent meeting was held November 9, 2011 in Norfolk, Virginia.

The GAB endorsed two white papers presented by the Medical Direction Committee:

1. *White Paper: Termination of Resuscitation*
2. *White Paper – Cervical Spine Clearance*

Both of these documents are available on OEMS's website.

OEMS has proposed legislation changes that make recertification an automatic process upon completion of the required continued education requirements. If approved, when a provider completes all of their continuing education requirements, the provider may manually request immediate re-certification or if the provider takes no action, then the provider will automatically receive a new certification card in the last month of their current certification. The OMD must still authorize an individual to practice, but their signature on the application will no longer be needed for re-certification if the legislation passes.

There are several significant changes to EMS certification programs and EMS instructor certifications. Most of these changes are contingent upon implementation of the new rules and regulations. The new rules and regulations are still awaiting the Governor's signature. More information is on the OEMS website.

I am now part of the Advisory Board executive committee and participated in a 1½ day planning retreat on December 5 & 6, 2011. More information will be provided at the Council meeting.

Thank you for your confidence in me to represent the Council on the Advisory Board. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
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