

Virginia EMS Advisory Board
November 5th, 2014
Meeting Summary

Please see the Quarterly report from OEMS ([click here](#))

Chairman's Report:

- Working on finalizing the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Workgroup
 - Over 20 seats have been identified to represent a broad base of the healthcare industry
 - Dr. Yee to Chair the committee
 - Debbie Akers has been appointed as the OEMS Representative
- HB1010- Continues to have the potential to resurface during the next legislative session. Need to maintain vigilance in preparing a response should it resurface. Continuing to work with Recruitment & Retention and leadership development.
- Criminal Backgrounds- A wage position has been hired within OEMS to help get backgrounds processed. Met with VSP to work on a solution. As of this morning, progress has been made to release certain information back to the agency.
 - An excerpt can come back, but not the actual record:
 - Eligible- No Record
 - Eligible- With Record
 - Not Eligible
 - This process will require a legal release. OEMS is working on a universal form.
 - Still working on getting live-scan option available. Current technology issues don't allow for using live-scan.
 - Please look at other options besides USPS for delivery of cards, as some cards are being lost in the mail.
 - FBI Records- At the mercy of the FBI with regards to turnaround of an FBI hit.

OEMS Report:

- Scott Winston emphasized the use of the EVENT notification system that is on-line for reporting near-misses.
- Karen Owens reported on Ebola
 - There is still no Ebola in Virginia
 - As of Monday no patients have been transported from the airports with suspected Ebola.
 - There is an extreme unlikelihood of transporting an oozing, seizing, bleeding Ebola patient.
 - PPE continues to be confusing.
 - VCU & UVA have been named as primary Ebola centers

- Things continue to change rapidly, everyone is encouraged to remain proactive.
- Warren Short gave a presentation on OEMS Education throughout Virginia
 - There are about 300 EMT classes around VA annually
 - 536 Education Coordinators in the Commonwealth
 - 2,500 CEU programs held annually
 - Approximately 22,981 EMTs in VA
 - Have recently noticed a steep decline in the number of EMT students testing. Only about 25% of EMT students are actually completing testing.

Committee Reports:

- Board of Health (Bruce Edwards)-
 - Virginia has had 7 cases of EVD, all of the children responded well to treatment
 - Encouraged everyone to get their flu shot
 - The Governor has asked for a 5-7% cut from the general funds budget
 - VDH has been tasked with reviewing regulations
 - Regulatory action item for the fast-track to add “Affiliation” has been approved by VDH Board to move forward.
- Nominating Committee-
 - Slate of officers and committee chairs approved unanimously
- FARC-
 - 231 Grant requests to consider this cycle
- Rules & Regulations-
 - Financial Assistance Review fast-track packing remains in town hall phase.
 - Today is the last day to provide comment on removal of physician signatures for invasive procedures and drugs.
 - November 24th the regulation will become official
- Legislative & Planning-
 - A code language bill is being introduced into this year’s legislative session to help clean up code related to EMS. Of important note is that this is only a technical bill, NOT policy. Personnel are strongly encourage NOT to attempt to add policy related items to this bill.
 - Advisory Board voted to endorse the proposed changes
 - EMS Interstate Compact
 - Advisory Board voted to endorse the approval of this document
- Transportation-
 - Matt Tatum reported that 35 ambulance grant requests were reviewed
 - Update on ambulance standards, no immediate changes, but change is coming.
 - Evaluating whether or not Virginia should require a specific standard to be met.

- Communications-
 - No Report
- Emergency Operations-
 - Exploring a web-based solution for emergency management resource monitoring and allocations. Mutualaid.net from IAFC has been reviewed in conjunction with VDEM and VDFP. **(Still working on this)**
- Medical Directions-
 - Provided a white paper in response to HB1010
- Medevac-
 - No action items
 - Working on a project to transport more STEMI patients from the scene
 - Assessing data from weather turndown program
- Trauma-
 - Paul Sharpe presented on action item for Revised Trauma Center Designation Manual
 - Extensive conversation on impacts to pediatric trauma services
 - An amendment was presented and approved
 - Adopted as amended
 - EMSC- Pediatric Immobilization Devices are being distributed
 - Working on a way to identify pediatric expertise EDs
- Training & Education-
 - Continuing to monitor pass/fail rates
 - Monitoring accreditation levels and EMS training programs
 - Workgroup formed to investigate Intermediate testing processes
 - Enhanced courses ended 10/31/14
 - Continuing Education Committee
 - Action Item to approve proposed CEU levels for 2016
 - Committee proposal was amended
 - Adopted as amended
- Professional Development –
 - EMS Officer Program will be ready in early 2015
- Provider Health & Safety- No Report

Respectfully Submitted,

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