

Virginia EMS Advisory Board
May 4, 2018
Meeting Summary

Chairman's Report- Gary Critzer spoke to this being his last meeting serving on the Board, as he is rotating off. He thanked everyone for their efforts and for his opportunity to serve as Chairman. Gary challenged everyone to keep the momentum moving forward.

State Commissioner- Acting Chief Deputy Kim Allen was present, as State Commissioners have changed and Dr. Melton, former Chief Deputy is now the Commissioner of Health & Behavioral Services. She stated she looked forward to working with EMS.

Office of EMS Report - Gary R. Brown; Director, Scott Winston, Assistant Director; George Lindbeck, M.D., State EMS Medical Director & OEMS staff

Quarterly report, posted on OEMS Website

Everyone introduced themselves for Kim Allen

Changes in personnel in OEMS, Regs & Compliance Ron Passmore, BLS Training Specialist Billy Fritz, Keith Roberts, Human

Resources Specialist, Winnie Pennington is retiring

REPLICA- State of Nebraska is 13th state to join, currently Tennessee is the only boarder state to us adopted thus far.

EMS Week Coming up

Memorial Service coming up in June

Governor's Appointments- With the rotation of numerous personnel off the Board, Gary Brown explained the process of how existing appointees and new appointees serve.

Legislation- Follow-up in quarterly report

Scott Winston- No Report

Dr. Lindbeck- Fatigue Guidelines published and available EMS.gov is where the resources are.

Tim Perkins- Division of Community Health and Technical Resources (CHATER)- Presentation from Tim- This division will focus on Mobile Integrated Healthcare, disease management, the statewide EMS Plan, Regional Councils, etc. Tim made mention of the EMS Agenda for the Future 2050 and the website www.emsagenda2050.org for the DRAFT. He stated he is participating in the EMS Memorial Bike Ride coming up Tim is riding for Jay Cullin and Karen Wagoner, both EMS providers from Virginia.

Warren Short- EMS Scholarship- Because of challenges, the agreement with the Department of Health Equity has been severed, this will become an in-house process. A lot of agencies are interested in funding for EMS training as well. They will be developing a scholarship program through the EMS portal (for those not affiliated) for those affiliated, a “grant-type” process for agencies to apply for and receive funds to assist these personnel. Last scholarship process as is will begin in May and be complete by June.

Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Gary Critzer- March 15th Regulatory actions on cancer registry. Took a position on Medicaid expansion, supporting this to the Governor.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee-
 - Met last Thursday, half-day workshop, talked about forward momentum, update on ACS taskforce,
 - Looked at recommendations from HB1728
 - EMS Plan up for revision 2019

- FARC-
 - Met yesterday, not enough for a quorum
 - Reviewing June 2018 grants
 - Narcan grant and Narcan restock grant are still open
 - JC Bolling from SWEMS and Joe Trigg from WVEMS appointed to FARC

- Rules & Regulations-
 - Continuing to work on the review of current Rules and Regulations for the upcoming update.
 - Areas of new focus include: Fatigue, Lights & Sirens, and Mental Health

- Legislative & Planning-
 - Met with specific action items

- Transportation-
 - Watching ongoing standards development for rebuilds and remount specifications

- Reviewed 37 ambulance grants and forwarded recommendations to FARC
- Communications-
 - Discussed Next Gen 911 plan and how that's moving forward.
 - FirstNet and the expansion, all 50 states have opted into FirstNet
 - All of the STARS frequencies have been rebanded and mostly turned back into FirstNet
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- Emergency Management-
 - One work session and meeting yesterday.
 - Working on developing a survey to determine gaps that exists in training, equipment, etc. to handle MCIs, mass gathering events, etc.
 - Lengthy discussion about hospital evacuations.
 - NFPA3000 was adopted and published (Active Shooter Guidance)
- Medical Directions-
 - Action item presented to approve revisions to scope of practice. There was significant discussion over the proposed lack of ability for Intermediates to use the drug Propofol, specifically as it related to inter-facility transports. After much discussion, the action item was voted on and approved as presented.
- Medevac-
 - No Action Items
 - At most recent meeting there was discussion about the published report from the HB1728 workgroup and potential next steps
 - HB778 was discussed at length, in regards to its implications on inter-facility transfers
 - HB777 was discussed as it relates to its implications for the 2019 General Assembly Session
- Trauma-
 - Met March 1st, trauma system oversight gave final report, the report is based on HERSA recommendations, extensive public health approach.
 - Important year for us.
 - Workgroups have met 99 times thus far.
- EMSC-
 - No action items
- Training & Certification-
 - No action items
 - Virginia's Community College System has rewritten the Paramedic program
- Workforce Development-
 - Officer 1 class at Rescue College and then again at Symposium
 - Standards of Excellence- Hampton received their award this week

- R&R Network 5/18 at Ashland, working on Provider survey to understand provider demographics
- EMS Council Directors-
 - No report
- Other-
 - VAVRS announced the hiring of Matt Hinkie as their new Executive Director

New Business

- None

During the meeting, the passing of TEMS Executive Director Jim Chandler was announced. Jim was a staple in the EMS community with decades of service to the Tidewater and Hampton Roads community. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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