

Virginia EMS Advisory Board

May 8, 2015

Meeting Summary

Please see the Quarterly report from OEMS ([Click Here](#))

Fire EMS memorial service June 6th RIR

Chairman's Report: Gary Critzer presented at BOH on Trauma Designation Manual, the Board of Health voted to accept the Manual as presented..

Board of Health: Ebola monitoring continues, risk continues to diminish, hopefully Liberia travelers won't have to be monitored in the short future.

The state has received a SIM grant which is an innovation grant for healthcare to improve the overall health in Virginia. Regional meetings will be held over the next couple of months. Date and locations will be forwarded to OEMS for dissemination.

Office of EMS: American College of Surgeons site visit information update. A presentation from Robyn Pearce was given on the state of the Commonwealth's Trauma System. The advisory board will be kept up to date on when the visit will occur this fall.

Gary Brown went to DC to participate in the National Security Council's Bystander's Roundtable. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Presidential Directive #8. The group was tasked with coming up with a public outreach to save a life, such as "stop, drop, and roll", "see something, say something." The outcome of the meeting was placing emphasis on stopping bleed, next to every AED there will eventually be a personal bleeding stopping kit. More information to come, as this national campaign kickoff.

EMS Compass- Director Brown discussed a new initiative from NHTSA being led by NASEMSO to engage stakeholders in EMS to develop performance measure for EMS across the nation. Every EMS provider to participate. The link is on the OEMS website <http://www.emscompass.org>. These performance measures may eventually be tied to healthcare performance for payment. The data set will be based on NEMSIS 3.4 data elements.

Executive committee- Met twice, spent some time on changes in certification hours and on legislative items. Discussed adding a new standing committee to look at EMS for geriatrics.

FARC- Received 322 requests for items this cycle from 152 agencies in the amount of \$10.7 million. Of that 40 ambulances were requested, for a total of \$5.4 million. The committee had extensive discussion about Change Order #8 and how to deal with that issue. This is the largest grant request in 15 years.

Rules and Regs.- A new position to assist with background screenings has been filled. Website does say an agency can release a member prior to background coming back. Preparing for the mandatory review of rules and regulations in January 2016.

Legislative & Planning- After the August meeting, OEMS will begin the review of state EMS plan. Stakeholders should be thinking of needed changes to the plan. The majority of this committee's report revolved around the REPLICA bill that died in committee this legislative session. Encouraged continued support in assisting with the passage of this legislation. The Advisory Board went on record in support REPLICA for 2016.

Transportation- Reviewed ambulance requests for RSAF.

Communications - Received a presentation on a new EMD program, made a change to EMD accreditation (removed requirement to have an in-house instructor). A vacancy on the committee was filled.

Emergency Management- Update on Mutual Aid.net, program moving forward.

Medical Direction- Had a presentation from UVA on a stroke study. Discussion on Paramedics transporting IABPs.

Medevac- Forthcoming revised FAA rules on Air Medical Transport. FAA regulations do not require any EMS regulation changes. Group working on STEMI flights.

Trauma- Commented on the Trauma Manual approval being an incredible accomplishment. The Trauma Nurse Coordinators have two workgroups, Trauma triage and Geriatric trauma. Work continuing with the new Injury and Violence Prevention subcommittee.

EMSMC- Discussed the development of new pediatric programs at Symposium and looking for instructors. Looking at medical errors in medications and equipment in pediatrics. Considering doing a study with the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research network (PECARN). Working on a Heat stroke awareness program.

Training & Certification- Continuing Education group completed its work, it does mirror National Registry. The plan presented was voted on and passed by the full Advisory Board.

Workforce Development- EMS Officer 1 pilot programs have been delayed and the committee is meeting with OEMS. Correcting some content and logistical issue. Standards Of Excellence-Attempting to do a review of 4 agencies to see how it goes. Recruitment & Retention meeting scheduled for July. The R&R website has been improved. There are two openings on this committee.

Health & Safety- Continuing to push out safety bulletins. Reviewing officer program and providing feedback to Workforce Development. Discussing ways the CISM and OSHA related topics can be delivered to providers throughout the state.

Regional Councils- Working with the OEMS trauma group on the ACS trauma system review for this Fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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