

EMS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 2/2/2018

Chairman's Report- Deferred to Executive Committee Report

Vice Chair- No Report

Department of Health- Dr. Melton unable to make it. Busy with General Assembly. Sends his best.

OEMS Report-

- Quarterly Report is out, it was late due to General Assembly activity.
- Adam Harrell- Promoted to Administrative Deputy for Health Department, shares for Office of Drinking Water and RAD. Streamlining, no services decreased.
- Challenge Coin- 40th Anniversary for RSAF and 50th Anniversary for OEMS.
- Scott- Bill Information (Juvenile Record Info.) Three bills submitted dealing with background information for juveniles. This has to do with volunteer juvenile members. Amended, moving quickly. Would allow a background check to be returned to Commissioner of Health or locality if an ordinance is enacted, to the chief law enforcement officer or local administrator or his/her designee, i.e. Fire or EMS Chief.
- Mental Health Awareness training- Recognizing signs and symptoms- requires agencies to develop curriculum not necessarily take it.
- Senate Bill 715- Concealed weapon for fire and EMS providers.
- Cam- HB1347- Mandatory reporting for Opioid ODs. Spoke to how this can be handled from data registry.
- Stroke bill- Adds AHA as a certifying body to the stroke triage plan
- Budget Amendment- Inter-fund transfers, strikes the 8 million from having to transfer funds to the General Fund.
- HB1513 (Scolly) Violent felony offense \$50 to the trauma fund
- HB to eliminate the requirement to direct \$800 towards ambulance retention systems
- Dr. Lindbeck- Fatigue Management guidelines are out and published. Worth being aware of. In the future we will require a Fatigue Management policy.
- National patient care guidelines 2.0 worth looking at.
- Lights and sirens document out worth your review. Anticipate a future Lights & Sirens policy.
- National Scope of Practice- Released new Scope for EMR and EMT
- Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act signed into Federal Law- Now goes into rule writing at DEA. It is likely that our current drug box system will not be compliance with rules and regulations from DEA. Agencies need to consider how to manage drug box program.
- Chuck- EMS Scholarship program- launched in October 1st cycle ended Nov. 30th. Office of Health equity administers program with OEMS oversight. Experienced some setback, 100% online, brand new software. Issues are being tracked. Many technical issues. Administrative setbacks as well. Working with applicants to become eligible for review. 154 Applications, 93 complete, 61 missing information. Of 93 30 were EMT 6 Intermediate 57 Paramedic. Second cycle now through 2/28. Next cycle 4/1.
- Warren- 2/1- Education Coordinator Candidate program launched. On OEMS website.

Attorney General's Office- No Report

Board of Health Report- Last meeting 11/30. Three action items. Approved the Report on the status of the health, asked to include EMS in that report in the future, Approval of Stroke Triage Plan, approved unanimously, regulatory item related to regulating camp grounds. Next meeting 3/15/18.

Executive Committee- Met yesterday, received report on ACS Taskforce from Dr. Aboutanos

Update on EMS Scholarship, VAVRS annual finance report. Discussed GA activity. Bills HB777 Air Medical bill that requires EMS to obtain informed consent prior to air medical transport, and statewide protocols for dispatch of HEMS. Opposition from all stakeholders, bill has since been pulled back, being considered for a legislative study on the issue. Met with Del. Ransome's aide, asked that stakeholders are heard.

HB778- Similar bill, passed the house and headed for crossover.

In March the executive committee will have a retreat, develop a succession plan for moving forward with a new group, lots of turnover next year with folks coming off the board.

FARC- (Amanda) - Met yesterday \$2million paid out through RSAF, 40th Anniversary of RSAF compiling data on the past 40 years. No longer giving interviews for grants, preparing a draft for grant writing.

December grant cycles 61 agencies, \$4.1 million, next grant cycle open now, deadline 3/15.

Narcan 1,600 kits. 3/1 there will be a restocking grant opportunity.

Rules & Regulations- Met yesterday, lengthy discussion about legislative items. Current revision of regulations on hold until legislative session is over.

Legislative & Planning- Met this morning. Lengthy discussion about Rules and Regulations.

Infrastructure- No Action Items

Transportation- Did not meet this quarter. Following Federal changes with new and remount standards. RAA is dealing with a maximum capacity per cabinets. Weights don't add up to the 20lb capacity of the cabinets.

Communications- Met today. Goochland County wanting to do EMD.

Emergency Management- Met yesterday. Development of a survey at it relates to preparedness for a multi-patient response. Identify gaps. Discussion on SALT and MUG for Triage as Federal gov. pursues these.

Professional Development, Training & Certification Committee-

Two Action items. Met 1/3 at OEMS. No updates. Next meeting 4/4.

First Motion- CPR will not be required as a pre-requisite. Must have a copy of certification by the end of class. Unanimously passed.

Second Motion- Remove specific CPR programs, must be AHA compliant. Unanimously passed.

Workforce Development-

Officer I program at Symposium 19 completed. There is an issue with completing the online portion. Next class at Rescue College

Standards of Excellence, Essex County reviewed. Received application from Hampton

Volunteer Recruitment & Retention- new chair Karen McQuaid, next meeting at Virginia Fire/Rescue Conference

Working on survey to providers to collect demographic information

Looking at working with providers with drug diversion, rehabilitating them.

Health & Safety- Met this morning, provider mental health program coming out this year.

Patient Care- Dr. Aboutanos- TSOM report

Met 12/7 three things discussed, report from trauma performance improvement committee

Medical Direction committee, report of mortality by EMS council regional. Request for database linkage.

Report from Trauma System plan Taskforce-

Discussion about Trauma fund

Medical Direction Committee- Met in January, next meeting working on Scope of Practice.

Medevac- Discussed bills impacting HEMS and monitoring accordingly. Established a workgroup to look at best practices for mid-level providers working in HEMS.

Regional directors- CTS discussion on coordination

Unfinished Business- NONE

New Business- EMS Scholarship, still continues to be minor issues outside of OEMS. Went on record supported the continued development of the scholarship program. Asked for Board to go on record, to do the same. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Ferguson