

## EMS Advisory Board Report 2/8/2019

**Chairman's Report-** Chairman Parker welcome the six new committees under the new Trauma Branch.

**Vice Chair-** No Report

**Commissioner's Report-** Dr. Jaber, thanked folks who have invited him out to facility in Central VA, been through some challenging times, VDH had agency wide poly-coms about the challenges and difficult the political landscape. Awareness, health equity, do them in a way that is meaningful and understandable.

**OEMS Report-**

Gary Brown reported-

- Personnel Changes-
  - o Rick Troshay Emergency Operations Specialist. filling Ken Crumpler's previous position
  - o Emergency Operations Manager, 4<sup>th</sup> round of recruitment, 3 failed rounds
  - o Billy Fritz, BLS Training Specialist, going back to Prince William County
- Legislative Report Lightest year Gary has experienced in his career.

Scott Winston reported-

- Warm welcome to the Trauma System community, Save the dates- Mission Lifeline EMS Recognition program Deadline April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Virginia Heart Attack Coalition annual meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, Chesterfield County Fire

Dr. Lindbeck reported-

- EMS 2050 document released last month. Available at EMS.gov for download

Chris Vernavia reported-

- State EMS plan, has been communicated to committee chairs, needs to be completed for August meeting, final approval at November to go to BOH in March
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at EMS Symposium, BIG things being planned

Stop The Bleed Presentation

Z-Medica Vendor to support Stop The Bleed presentation from Central VA

Gary Critzer gave an update on ongoing activities going on with CSEMS, spoke to the history, Hybrid Council in concert with OEMS, using OEMS staff in CSEMS, etc.

**Board of Health Report-** Approved VA's plan for Wellness, Next Meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Perimeter Center, encouraged everyone to attend

**Executive Committee-** Discussed flow of the meetings, now that TSOM is TAG and Trauma has been added in. Working on Streamlining meetings

New Trauma System Coordinator position- Dr. Aboutanos, now Patient Care Coordinator is Dr. Yee

Working on updating Governance document for Advisory Board

**FARC-** RSAF Spring Cycle now open March 15. 105 grants Fall, funding 70 requests. RSAF Technically Webinar on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1PM-3PM

**Administrative Coordinator-** No Report

**Rules & Regulations-** Discussed process of adoption of new regs. DRAFT to be to Board of Health by June

Fingerprinting for background checks is being outsourced to a company called Field Print. There will be a facility within 40 miles of every EMS agency in Virginia.

**Legislative & Planning-** Met this morning, discussion on Strategic plan, bringing info back to Executive Comm. for making it more operational. Welcomed two new members to the committee. Meeting structure may change after August.

**Infrastructure-** No Action

**Transportation-** Met, no present business

**Communication-** Welcome new members to the Committee, updated Interoperability Plan from 2013. Plan to update inter ops radio system. Spoke to an example case law in Texas. Carrie's law- Direct dial of 911, case out of Texas where a child had to call 911 but didn't dial a 9 first to get an outside line.

**Emergency Management** – Completed survey on MCI prepared next and training. Looking at Leadership program on planning aspects of MCIs. Discussed changes in Regulations over number of tags carried.

**Professional Development-** No report.

**Training and Certification-** changes coming to high school EMT program, committee working on TPAM, another on EMT testing, and another on EMT competency base

Education workgroup- Removed psychomotor from EC testing, and several other changes.

**Workforce Development-** Stop the Bleed has worked with Office of Health Equity, grant for Stop The Bleed training kits.

EMS Officer program- some revisions to the program from feedback in November. Onboarding program for instructors.

Standards Of Excellence Program- 10-12 visits to be done this year.

Provider Health & Safety- Mental health campaign, OEMS hired company to reinforce the campaign. Discussion concerning BBP with the newly deceased. No labs can currently test for that.

**Patient Care-** Dr. Yee, No report

Medical Direction- two action items, updating the scope of practice. Both action items passed.

NHTSA Document on Safety Restraint of Children, endorsed to include children restraints in the back of an ambulance. Motion Carried

Workgroup on Critical Care in Virginia

Workgroup on Mobile Integrated Healthcare to create a platform

**Medevac-** HB1728 workgroup continues to work on priorities

**EMS for Children-** Looking at pre-hospital guidelines for certain pediatric conditions

**Trauma System Coordinator-** Dr. Aboutanos

Trauma Administrative and Governance (**TAG**)

Inaugural Trauma System Committee meetings yesterday. Discussed how the process works for action items,

**System Improvement-** Dr. Safford- First meeting today, three spots to be filled. Identifying databases available and what information they contain. Processes to validate data. Ohio registry report, evaluated as a possible design for our future report.

**Injury & Violence Prevention-** Karen Shipman- bringing in community members, courts, VSP, etc. Beginning to pull data to look at trends.

**Prehospital Care-** Mike Watkins- Have two openings, looking for a trauma survivor. Just getting started.

**Acute Care-** Dr. Young- Met yesterday, three workgroup, trauma manual, trauma center designation report, acute care facilities. Action item- Trauma Director certified, details to mirror ACS requirements. Motion Carried

**Post- Acute-** Dr. Griffen- Data ends when they leave the Trauma Center.

**Emergency Preparedness & Response-** Looking at getting Disaster Training to the centers and getting the training to EMS, Fire, etc. Today was the first meeting

**Regional Executive Directors-** Met yesterday, informational workshop on IT, monthly conferences for coordination. Workgroup on MIH in the regions

**Public Comment-**

Richmond Ambulance Authority- Thanked the group for supporting the child restraint process. Newborn challenges, encouraged FARC to look at a special initiative grant.

Virginia 1 DMAT- 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 9<sup>th</sup> in VA Beach, more than 200 deployments in 15 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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