

Western Virginia EMS Council
Report from the Governor's EMS Advisory Board

The Board welcomed the following new appointees: Byron Andrews representing the Virginia State Firefighters Association, Corina Nuckols representing the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials, and Ronald Passmore representing Southwest EMS Council.

A workgroup has been formed to research the topic and deployment of community paramedicine.

The Board continues to work on the directive of HB 1856. The executive committee will meet in October to final the report that is due back to the State Health Commissioner by October 16. The General Assembly passed HB1856 that directs the Advisory Board to address these items:

- 1) Implement a process by which an EMS provider who has received an adverse decision by an agency OMD shall have an appeals process. (This has been assigned to the Medical Direction and Rules & Regulation Committees). This task has become quite problematic being that it's the OMD license that a provider may be practicing under and an appeals process has the potential of under minding the authority and responsibility of an OMD.
- 2) Implement a standard operating procedure template to be used in the development of local protocols for EMS personnel. (This has been assigned to a workgroup of the Medical Direction Committee).
- 3) Review of the training for EMS personnel to identify and address disparities in the delivery and availability of training. (This has been assigned to the Training & Certification Committee).

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. during the annual Virginia EMS Symposium in Norfolk.

Thank you for your confidence in me to represent the Council on the Advisory Board. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
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