

## EMS Advisory Board August 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Report

President's Report- Attended REPLICA signing. Thanked everyone for their help in supporting the passing of this legislation. Seven states have already signed on. Attended all of the trauma taskforce meetings to address ACS report recommendations. Workgroups work through the taskforce, the taskforce makes recommendations to TSOM, a final report will come to Advisory Board and then onto BOH.

Vice Chair- No Report

Dr. Melton- Arrived later in the meeting. Spoke about active shooter situations and the importance of coordination between agencies. He also made note of the "addiction crisis" stating that EMS is on the front line saving those lives and collecting a lot of very valuable data. The Zika virus remains an area of focus that the state is trying to stay on the leading edge of prevention. There are focused efforts to contain, if there is a Zika case in the Commonwealth.

OEMS Report-Congratulated Laurie Knoll's for her appointment representing REMSC. EMS Symposium, please register. Staffing vacancies are slowly being filled. Cam Crittenden, Trauma Designation Program Manager. HR Specialist- someone hired coming in next week. Trauma and Critical Care, Informatics, Technical Assistant Coordinator, and other positions still open.

EMSTF program, Adam Harrell- provided update on EMSTF. Due to procurement issues with the state, OEMS has been working on ways to make EMSTF available for what they were designed. The current method they are looking at is a per student dollar amount and developing MOUs with the regional councils. There would be a set amount of funding based on number of students. The councils would then RFP for instruction of the classes to be funded. There is also a proposal to do a special initiative through RSAF to fund reimbursement for training programs. Discussion about how best to make this process occur until a more finalized process can be adopted. BLACKBOARD project- Statewide LMS platform for free. Seeking final approval, hoping to have released late this year/early 17.

Mike Berg- Regulation and compliance is changing from Lotus to Oracle platform. Better efficiency. Looking to have the conversion complete within the year.

Warren- Final testing phases for CE scanner program. Handheld scanners are no longer being supported. New process hoping to release in January. PC downloadable program, only investment will be a handheld barcode scanner \$100 to \$300.

Tim- Regional Council site visits have been completed. Tri-annual review and approval for re-designation. All 11 councils are being recommended for re-designation in their same service areas. State EMS plan- Rough draft has been given to the Legislative and Planning committee for review.

REPLICA- Seven states are on-board. NREMT is supporting this project on a national level. NR funded a position internally to establish database and NAEMSP to help states pass this legislation. The establishment of a commission is required. State EMS directors meeting soon.

Scott- Spoke about REPLICA and HB that create a contingency for a collaborative agreement. There are constraints, differing standards of care, and statutes that recognize EMS from state to state. North Carolina not currently eligible to participate in REPLICA, as they do not use NR for initial testing.

BOH- Commissioner reported on special well testing done near coal ash facilities. Heroin use issue. ZIKA remains an item of concern. Taskforce being developed. Clean up of regulations for PA scholarship and food regulations programs. Bruce reelected chair of the board. September BOH meeting final revisions to be made to Abortions Facility regulations.

Executive Committee- Spoke to the event called RAM (Rural Area Medicine) free health services in rural VA. There is an EMS component. Recognized the group for their efforts.

EMSTF discussion, interim solution to keep training funds flowing. Discussed regulatory review that is in progress. Will be reviewing financial reports of VAVRS. Working on comparing VA versus NR certification. Next July there will have to be a replacement for Bruce on the BOH. Providing 3 names for consideration by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Would like to have those by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. November meeting the Advisory Board will vote.

FARC- No action items. Spring grant cycle awards were made 7/1 request \$10.8 million, 99 agencies or \$4.1 million. Current grant cycle is open. Paying particular attention to cot retention systems.

Rules & Regulations- Currently under revision, town hall closed with no comments. Established a work session of 9/28. Goal to have a draft for submission to Advisory Board at November meeting to hopefully go to BOH in February.

Legislative & Planning- State EMS plan, reviewed changes that have been recommended. Added a component on behavioral health. Will be put out for public comment and come to Advisory Board in November. Hope to go to BOH in Feb.

Transportation- Met twice, reviewed grant requests. Reviewed ambulance standards. Provided OEMS staff with recommendations.

Communications- Approved accreditation for Clarke County Sheriff's Office. Reviewed and approved section of regulations and forwarded to OEMS. Reviewed and provided insight on communications grants. Next meeting 10/27, meeting in Roanoke in conjunction with APCO/NINA conference.

Emergency Management- No action items. Presentation on mobile patient tracking. Further investigation. Looking to partner with VDEM. Karen Owen- discussed SALT and MUCK.

Medical Direction- Recommendation from committee to remove all hours and competencies education levels from regulations and follow COAMPS. Airway management (Low fidelity, high fidelity, cadavers, live) added, must include most difficult on two of those categories. Adopted motion.

Medevac- Reviewed air medical sections of rules and regulations, and state plan, looking at statewide LZ directory.

TSOM- Trauma System Plan taskforce. Met since last meeting, 7 workgroups under the TF. 57% of EMS agencies are already submitting V3 data. Cam started since last Advisory Board meeting. There are still vacancies in this division.

EMSC- No report.

Training & Certification- Working on TR-17 document which presented MD motion

Workforce Development- Didn't meet this morning. Continuing to work on EMS Officer release date this Fall, Standards of Excellence continues.

Provider Health & Safety- Sept. Family Preparedness. EMS Safety Officer project. Looking at Active Shooter, get information out to jurisdictions.

Regional EMS Councils- Work session on health insurance options for council staff. Report on Virginia Fire Services Council and their legislative plan. Urged caution in approach. Addressing issues with DOL on overtime and employee classifications. EMSTF- On board with helping. Number of the regional councils working to find ways to address Behavior health issues, both of patients and providers.

Nominating committee established.

Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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