



# Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

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Council Vice President Anne Marsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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## **Northern Virginia EMS Council**

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Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors held December 12, 2019, were sent for review by email

- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Kate Kramer
  - The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's report**

- The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review.
  - Craig Evans advised the annual audit is complete and was included in the report
  - Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Kate Kramer.
  - The report was unanimously approved.

### **President's Reports**

Anne Marsh, Vice President, provided the following update in the absence of President Bonnett who is out sick:

- There was an EMS Operations meeting this morning
  - There was a discussion on patient tracking and whether it will continue
    - There is no decision made just yet but NVERS currently has the grant on this and changes could affect their grant funding
  - They discussed Chempack and PPE caches, as well as Bioquell
  - They are compiling the members of the MCI Manual revision group
  - They discussed the inevitability of each department needing to become their own pharmacy with the regulations changing as it will eventually trickle down to our level
- In the COG subcommittee
  - They have a request from the Fire Chiefs for data but need further information on what they are looking for because all jurisdictions have different policies and procedures
  - They are looking at Billing Compliance and ET3 status
    - Arlington won't start collecting data until July 1 because that requires an additional FTE

### **Executive Director's Reports**

- The 2020 Northern Virginia EMS Conference will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria.
  - If anyone is able to secure another facility in the same or better price point, please contact Craig as there is an interest to move it around the region but the cost is the biggest barrier
  - This year's conference will focus on pediatrics and Inova, Children's Hospital and Bob Page are already working with the Council on their plans for this year
  - There is a conference planning meeting next week
- The Legislative Grid is being emailed to the Board as it becomes available
- The RSAF Grant submission window opened January 31 and closes March 16, 2020, at 5 pm.
- The Council is taking nominations for the 2020 Regional EMS Awards
  - This year, OEMS changed Outstanding EMS Administrator to Outstanding EMS Leadership and added a category for Innovation Excellence in EMS
  - Please submit your nominations electronically, if possible. There are links on the Council's website, as well as on OEMS's website. You can submit by paper if you prefer.
  - Nominations are accepted no later than Friday, May 1, 2020.

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- Ashes2Art is working with a vendor for a website and that should be completed soon
  - They are holding a class soon in Centreville. That information was forwarded to the Board and ListServe
- At the most recent Council ED meeting, it was announced that Blue Ridge EMS Council has also entered into an MOU with the state like REMS and CSEMS.
  - Dr. Jabari assured the group that they won't be taking over Councils that are being run well
- There is an upcoming Executive Director's retreat in March
- There was discussion about third party data compliance
  - If an agency is using a vendor that is not NEMS compliant by June, they will receive an email and the vendor will receive a notice via certified mail
- Our Regional Educator Len Mascaro is now our Field Program Manager, taking Scotty William's position as Scotty went to a different region
  - There is no Regional Educator replacement announced yet
  - If you have educational needs for your agency, Bob Page is very receptive and responsive to those needs. Please reach out to him if needed.
- The Council's DHS Airport Traveler Assistance Support (Enhanced Screening) contract was activated on January 28, 2020, with the evidence of international travelers having potential exposure to the Novel Coronavirus 2019.
  - There are 61 part-time screener employees hired and on-boarded
  - We are staffing 17 hours a day, seven days per week currently
  - There are no confirmed cases in Virginia
    - There are 14 confirmed cases in the US and 427 persons being followed for evidence of the virus
    - Ray Whatley advised that any potential exposures will quarantine in Loudoun County somewhere
  - We are working daily with the CDC and CBP
    - They believe this process will not go away and will become a line item under biodefense in the future
      - ◆ Early plans indicate they'll continue to use contractors to provide the service
  - The Council contract ends in August 2020
  - The screeners are using scrubs at the airport through a piggyback on the Reston Hospital scrub exchange program
    - The CDC currently states 1 pair of gloves and a mask are all that is required for screeners
      - ◆ A mask is put on the traveler if they have a suspected exposure
      - ◆ Temperatures are checked with a non-contact thermometer
  - Anne Marsh advised that Arlington County Fire was recently contacted by the health department to transport three patients to the hospital with respiratory symptoms.
    - The patients were later determined to be positive for Influenza
    - Arlington County Fire was asked to transport the patients back to their residence but that was turned over to PTS and they were successfully returned home.

## STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**AHA Training Center**

Ray Whatley provided the following report.

- Instructor eCards are now available for ordering.
- Reminder as of January 31, 2019, the AHA will require the use of an instrumented directive feedback device or manikin for practice and testing in all AHA courses that teach the skills of adult CPR. This requirement will impact AHA BLS, ACLS, ACLS for Experienced Providers, and Heartsaver® Courses.
- To meet the AHA’s requirement, at a minimum, the device must measure and provide real-time audio feedback or visual feedback (or both) on compression rate and depth. This audio or visual information allows students to self-correct their skills in real-time during both practice and testing.
- See AHA Instructor Network Training Updates.
- Reported out that 63% of BLS Provider eCards have been claimed between January 1 and February 11, 2020. Instructors should encourage students to be on the look for the email to claim.
- EMS Symposium Call for Presentations still open - 889 submitted
- Below numbers are for future annual reports, NVEMSC data only.

<b>01/01/2020 - 02/11/2020</b>				
<b>Course</b>	<b>eCards Assigned</b>	<b>eCards Claimed</b>	<b>Claimed / Assigned (%)</b>	
ACLS Provider	56	41	73	
BLS Instructor	1	1	100	
BLS Provider	944	598	63	
Heartsaver CPR AED	78	39	50	
Heartsaver First Aid	5	3	60	
Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED	31	23	74	
PALS Provider	9	6	67	

**State EMS Advisory Board**

Beth Adams reported the following update:

- She has not yet been assigned to a committee so she has been attending some of the meetings to get insight
  - She attended the Trauma meeting that is chaired by Dr. Maggie Griffen
    - They are working on data on resources available for trauma survivors
  - She attended the Legislative and Planning Committee
    - Gary Brown advised the state has refined how they do business for each division and now not all departments or subsets have their own HR, procurement, etc.

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- For example, for anything under the Department of Health umbrella, everything goes through VDH and this has been very disruptive to OEMS to not have their own HR, ordering abilities and so forth.
- SB301 “Medically underserved area; transporting patients to 24-hour urgent care facilities” was discussed
  - They need to define what medically underserved means
- Other topics discussed were:
  - Patient information and data sharing
  - Mandating phone CPR in the Commonwealth
  - Blood draws on deceased persons is still a challenge
  - Dr. Jabari spoke on the Novel Coronavirus
  - During the last cycle for the RSAF, they had 112 applicants totaling \$14M and awarded \$4.2M
  - There is a planned revision of all EMS rules and regulations
    - Chapter 31 will be replaced with Chapter 32
    - This will still follow the usual flow for regulation changes
  - The state is seeking pediatric champions to be involved in EMS for children as this is an overlooked population

### **Workforce Development**

Byron Andrews gave the following report:

- EMS Officer 1 rolled out in the normal fashion
  - There are 10 upcoming classes across the state
  - Northern Virginia will likely not see classes until next year
  - EMSO2 and EMSO3 to follow with program development in the early stages
- The accreditation program is seeking leadership as no one has stepped up since Rob Logan and Jose Salazar left the committee.
  - Byron is assisting on the committee but there is no chair yet

### **Provider Health and Safety**

Brian Hricik reported the following:

- There is a workgroup on a procedure as well as one for the legislative aspect regarding blood draws on decedents
- OEMS is changing the infection control program
  - Infection control updates will be given annually
    - OEMS is working on changing this procedure
- The mental health survey results are in
  - A copy is attached to the minutes for those that have not seen them
    - There were 3003 providers in Virginia who participated

### **EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee**

Dr. Scott Weir reported the following:

- The last meeting was December 11, 2019
  - The trauma topic was needle decompression/chest tube.
  - The medical topic was seizures
    - Dr. Weir sent out a paper by the American Epilepsy Society with their guidelines for review

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- The group in attendance does not follow that current guideline in their respective agencies
- The systems topic was the management of concealed weapons
  - Each agency and hospital shared their policies
- The next meeting will be on March 12, 2020. Topics are:
  - Medical – Sepsis
  - Trauma – Entrapment
  - Systems – Public Education

### **Medevac Committee**

Richard Cohen reported the following:

- There was legislation being reviewed regarding a feasibility study by Medflight (VSP) on publicizing Medevac in Virginia
  - That has been tabled at this point

### **Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee**

Dr. Morgan reported the following updates:

- The last meeting was held January 16, 2020, in Richmond
- TR90 was endorsed and approved at the meeting
- They discussed the CARIS cardiac arrest registry being used in Virginia
  - At this point, they will not consider it because it will require VDH to hire 1 FTE and they aren't willing to do so yet
- They discussed drug exchanged issues as they have in the past
- They discussed medical topics such as
  - The use of RSI
    - There are programs in Virginia without oversight
    - They are looking to set minimum criteria in order to have an RSI program in your area to include a robust QA program and a minimum amount of contacts per year
  - They also visited the topic of prehospital blood draws in the state
    - That discussion will continue at future meetings
- There is a state OMD workshop being hosted by the Council on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11a-4p at Fire Station 403 in the training room. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to the state.

### **Training and Certification Committee**

Michelle Ludeman provided the following report:

- The most recent meeting was January 15<sup>th</sup> in Richmond
- They discussed the Education Coordinator Program
  - There are currently 630 ECs in Virginia
  - 200 are mentoring still
  - SW Virginia is having trouble with their candidates meeting the minimum requirements
    - OEMS is reviewing the process and looking at hours needed across the board
- The EMS Scholarship program shows most of the scholarship applicants and awards are for paramedics over EMTs
- As of January 1, 2020, there is a new 15-day rule for uncredited continued education hours
  - The new rules for ECs and Councils giving credit are on the OEMS website
  - Any college classes being requested for credit must go through OEMS for approval

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- Ray Whatley advised that on any weeklong classes, the instructor must scan one barcode per day, not one for the whole week as previously done
- The NREMT has made some changes
  - They will now allow testing of candidates under age 18
  - The cognitive and psychomotor tests can now be taken up to 24 months after course completion
  - In 2021, NREMT fees will increase
- Fieldprint is active now for fingerprinting
  - If you have any issues or concerns, please provide those to Adam Harrell at OEMS as they are tracking issues since this is an outside vendor
  - Currently, candidates must make an appointment and only one at a time so a group can't go at the same time. They can be scheduled consecutively
  - Laura Vandegrift advised that the Alexandria Fire Department recently had an issue with new recruits who are not yet Virginia certified. The Fieldprint application requires an OEMS certification number. Per OEMS, enter all zeros in that field as they have not yet determined a definitive resolution at this point.
- Craig Evans added that he is on the committee to reorganize the EMT psychomotor test
  - They are looking at modeling after out of hospital testing scenarios for paramedics
  - They plan to take demos out and use actual scenarios
  - They will run scenarios with two evaluators, one being the EMT assist so they evaluators can concur on the pass/fail of the student
  - They are establishing minimum standards for testing
  - The deadline is June or July with a Fall 2020 roll-out

## Other Committees

### VAGEMSA

Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- HB438 is moving forward but with some pushback. It does, however, define PTSD as an occupational illness, just not a presumptive illness
- VAGEMSA drafted a letter of support for HB874 and SB160 in legislation to make it a first offense for not using a hands-free device
  - We have great laws on DUI and other things but not on distracted driving
- The National Education Standard will be issued on February 17, 2020. Keep an eye out on that as there may be changes
- OEMS is changing the Return to Locality announcements.
  - They will no longer mail announcements to the agencies
  - They will be sent electronically for access by a superuser only or administrative user if properly registered to retrieve that information
  - This will lead to more real-time information on carryover balances
  - They should be sending out videos on how to access this information electronically within the next 60-90 days
  - With this electronic system, if you have agencies licensed within your jurisdiction you can see which agencies are getting those funds

**OLD BUSINESS**

- The FY19 Annual Report was tabled at the last meeting to give members a chance to review in full and needs to be voted on
  - Brian Orndoff made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Tom Olander
  - The Annual Report was approved unanimously

**JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS**

**City of Alexandria Fire Department**

Deputy Chief of EMS Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- Corey Smedley was announced as the new Fire Chief
- Chief Smedley is setting up his senior staff with some new promotions. Chris Thompson is the new Chief of Staff and Brian Hricik is the new Deputy Chief of EMS
  - There will be additional staffing changes as promotions continue
- Mission: Lifeline information was updated last week
  - There is a Zoom Meeting from 3:30-4:30p today for information gathering
  - The deadline is March 2, 2020

**Arlington County Fire Department**

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

- They are seeking accreditation through OEMS under the Virginia Standards of Excellence
  - They have an officer assigned for data collection for just that purpose
- They have a recruit school starting soon
  - They will use them in consideration for adopting a Kelly day and use that for recruitment and retention in the future
  - They have planned to add a 4<sup>th</sup> shift in the next seven years making it a 48 hour work week with a Kelly day
- They are looking at introducing BLS transport units
- They are looking at the adoption of cold call responses for non-emergent calls from a transport unit perspective
- APO program is very successful
  - They have 5 new APO trained officers returning to the field soon
  - This makes for a very successful diversion program and they have seen a reduction in non-emergent calls for service. This is also in conjunction with their “Make the Right Call” program where they put out leaflets to their jurisdiction on what constitutes a need to call 9-1-1.
- They’re doing an internal sleep study where they’ll swap the medic to the engine and vice versa and they’ll each complete a fatigue scale to evaluate sleep issues while on shift
- They have implemented a program where dispatch gives a caller the location of the nearest AED, when appropriate
  - There are some issues where dispatch is not aware that there is one at a location or if it’s been removed

**City of Fairfax Fire Department**

Brian Orndoff provided the following update:

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- They just put a new medic unit in service
- They still have vacancies they are trying to fill

### **Fairfax County Fire & Rescue**

Beth Adams and Cheri Zosh provided the following updates:

- They are currently holding a Deputy Chief interview process
- They will be holding an internal and external Assistant Chief search after Deputy Chief is complete
- FC Butler is expected to reveal a realignment of the organization around June or July of this year
- There is currently an open application process for experienced EMTs and Paramedics
- The recent ALS interns took their written last Tuesday and will complete practicals next Tuesday. Upon completion, they will have 8 new ALS providers in the field
- Seven new interns started their 6-month ALS internships yesterday

### **Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division**

Paul DeHaven reported the following:

- They have a few students who just completed the VCU paramedic program
- They have a Captain and a Lieutenant position that they are recruiting for
- They just completed a 4-day training session with the FD & PD recruits on active shooter and large scale violence scenarios and that went well
- They are still on track to move to Manassas in the Spring while the new facility is being constructed.
  - The new facility will take approximately a year to complete
  - There will be some locations in Fairfax County that notice a faster response from Manassas as they are actually closer in proximity to the current location. In the same, others will notice a slightly longer response but it should not be significant

### **Loudoun County Fire and Rescue**

Micah Kiger reported the following updates:

- The Board of Supervisors directed the County Administrator to direct the Fire Chief to start moving toward a 48-hour workweek.
  - This is approximately 18-24 months out and will include moving to 24-hour shifts across the board
    - They need to review the technicalities of this in addition to the facility needs, etc.
    - They are setting up workgroups for these processes to run smoothly
- Effective 0600 February 12, 2020, PE605 in Hamilton is in service 7 days a week from 1800-0600 and will have a medic for ALS coverage
- They are working on a modified medication bag for chase vehicles and ALS engines
  - This will reduce the bag size as well as the number of medications being carried
    - They're looking at what meds are used most in the first 10 minutes of arrival
      - They will use those in the bags and this should also reduce medications expiring out before use
- Dr. Morgan advised they recently held an in-service training for dispatch on giving instructions for Narcan administration in the field by using VDH's REVIVE! Program.

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- They recently had a caller who had IM injectable Narcan but was not familiar with how to draw it up from the vial or administer it. Additionally, they had a caller who had Narcan but was asking dispatch whether it was acceptable to use it and it's just not something they were familiar with.
  - This training gives the dispatchers the tools to advise when it should be used and how to do so properly with different delivery options

## **City of Manassas Fire and Rescue**

Todd Lupton reported the following update:

- They just took delivery of a new Braun ambulance
- They are still recruiting
  - They had an ALS position open and only two of the four applicants showed for the test.

## **MWAA Fire and Rescue**

No representation

## **Prince William County Fire and Rescue**

EMS Battalion Chief Tracey LaBass provided the following update:

- They have recently done some realignment with the addition of four Division Chiefs being added
- They deployed four new Lucas devices on January 17<sup>th</sup>
- They are in the infancy stages with using FirstWatch/FirstPass and determining what data to pull from it
  - Anne Marsh suggested they contact Prince George's County, Maryland
- They are updating their ALS FTO and internship process for 18 new paramedic class graduates in July
- They are working on completing a SWAT policy
  - They had SWAT medics in the past and are revamping their policy now
- Both Bob Montminy and Mike LaSalle have retired since the beginning of the year
  - There will be new faces at meetings coming up as there were other recent promotions that affect the EMS Operations office.

## **City of Manassas Park Fire Department**

No representation

## **LifeCare Medical Transport**

Wesley Melson provided these updates:

- They put new high flow oxygen delivery devices on their ambulances.
  - It's a nasal cannula that delivers 16lpm of humidified and warmed oxygen
- They have a new LVO protocol that they are using now

## **Northern Virginia Community College**

Kathy Camp-Deal advised there is nothing to report

## **OEMS Program Representative**

No representation.

## **PHI Aircare**

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Rick Cohen provided the following updates:

- They are adding a Veletri program for interfacility transports of ARDS or pulmonary arterial hypertension patients

### **Physicians Transport**

No Representation

### **HCA Reston Hospital Center**

Pam Leins provided the following updates in Keith Morrison's absence:

- They are working on an LVO certification and it should be complete by April of this year
- They are still doing educational ride-alongs with EMS captains through the spring
- They continue to do maintenance on their main entrance construction

### **HCA StoneSprings Hospital**

Pam Leins provided the following update:

- There is a sepsis breakfast CME in March
  - Flyers will be distributed with more information
- They obtained their Joint Commission Chest Pain Certification in November 2019
- Matt Sartorius is the new Vice President of Operations and started last month. He is here today to meet everyone and see the benefits of partnering with the Council

### **Inova Fairfax Hospital**

Mark Guditus reported the following update:

- The Hero Bowl is February 28<sup>th</sup> at Redskins Park in Ashburn
  - The registration deadline is February 21<sup>st</sup>
- They will test the EPIC and ImageTrend interface soon
- They recently had a Pulsara representative in again
  - The rep sat with the communications nurse to get a good view of the flow
  - They are considering selling to the ED and other units that are interested with the appropriate interface needs
- Two units of O+ whole blood are now in the trauma bay
  - It's for males or females above childbearing age

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Regional MCI Plan, Regional Stroke Triage Plan, and Trauma Triage Plan were sent out for review prior to the meeting.
  - Trauma Triage Plan
    - Kate Kramer requested to add Physician's Assistants and Nurse Practitioners to the Committee Membership section on page 15.
    - With no further changes, discussion or requests, Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Trauma Triage Plan with the changes requested by Kate Kramer.
      - The motion was seconded by Brian Orndoff
        - The Trauma Triage Plan was unanimously approved
  - Regional Stroke Triage Plan

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- Kate Kramer advised that both George Washington University Hospital and Virginia Hospital Center are now 24/7 thrombectomy capable hospitals and that is not reflected in the document
- With no further changes, discussion or requests, Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Regional Stroke Triage Plan with the changes requested by Kate Kramer.
  - The motion was seconded by Brian Orndoff
    - The Regional Stroke Triage Plan was unanimously approved
- Regional MCI Plan
  - With no changes, discussion or requests, Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Regional MCI Plan as written.
    - The motion was seconded by Brian Orndoff
      - The Regional MCI Plan was unanimously approved
- The Strategic Plan was sent for review prior to the meeting
  - Craig Evans advised that the Executive Board will be meeting to review and make any appropriate changes to the Strategic Plan. Michelle is heading up coordination of the group for timely review.
    - Todd Lupton made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan as written today.
      - The motion was seconded by Beth Adams
        - The Strategic Plan was unanimously approved

**Motion to adjourn 11:55 AM.**

**The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 16, 2020, at 10:00 am at the City of Fairfax Station 403.**

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Northern Virginia EMS Council  
7250 Heritage Village Plaza, Ste. 102  
Gainesville, VA 20155

I, Craig Evans, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia EMS Council certify that the above minutes are a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council held at the City of Fairfax Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 on February 13, 2020, and that the meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the state of Virginia and bylaws of the corporation and that a quorum was present. The minutes were officially approved at the April 16, 2020, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

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Craig A. Evans  
Executive Director  
Northern Virginia EMS Council

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Date