



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2019

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GUESTS

Mark Guditus, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Mark.Guditus@inova.org

Council President Rick Bonnett welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.
- Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors meeting held September 12, 2019, were emailed to all attendees prior to the meeting for review.
 - Kate Passow made a motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting as written, seconded by Brian Hricik.
 - The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer's report was emailed to all attendees prior to today's meeting for review
 - Brian Hricik a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Kate Passow.
 - The report was unanimously approved.

President's Reports

- President Rick Bonnett advised that everyone should have been in contact now with our new Regional EMS Training person Len Moscaro. Hopefully, he can attend one of our meetings in the future.

Executive Director's Reports

- The Ebola Enhanced Screener process is moving along.
 - There are now 32 trained and on-boarded Enhanced Screeners ready to screen at Dulles airport if and when the need arises.
 - So far the Council has spent approximately \$7000 but the reimbursement is around \$15,000 from the government
 - In the event that we do screenings in the future, that revenue back to the Council would increase
- FACTR*R Blood program continues to move forward with Inova Alexandria and Virginia Hospital Centers becoming donor sites
 - Inova will be making and stocking whole blood in the Emergency Departments in January 2020
 - Fairfax County Fire & Rescue recently had a trench rescue where the temperatures were in the 60s. They used the fluid warmers for IV fluids for the patient while attempting to remove him from the trench which may have saved his life.
 - They did not use blood in this instance, just the fluid warmer packs that they had available

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA Training Center

Brian Hricik submitted the following report for Ray Whatley, AHA Training Center Coordinator,

- The City of Fairfax is working towards adding ACLS and PALS disciplines.
- The following eCards were assigned 9/12-10/10/2019
 - BLS 331
 - ACLS 27
 - PALS 162

 - HSCPR 87
 - HSFA 2
 - HASFA&CPR 19
- As mentioned last meeting, AHA has launched an enhancement to eCards to allow students to edit their own eCards.

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- The new feature provides self-service for the student.
- Students can request changes from their eCards Student Profile page, and then the TCC will be alerted to accept or deny the changes.

State EMS Advisory Board

Beth Adams was not present to provide a report. They have not met since the last Board meeting.

Provider Health and Safety

Byron Andrews advised they have not met since our last Board meeting.

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik advised they have not met since our last Board meeting and will not be meeting at Symposium as planned. They will meet again in February.

EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee

Dr. Scott Weir provided the following update:

- The last meeting was September 11, 2019
 - The medical topic was pediatric respiratory distress.
 - The systems topic was drug shortages, acquisition, and administration as well as shortage response strategies.
 - The trauma topic was motorcycle roadway crashes.
- Next meeting is December 12 at Fairfax City Fire Station 403, 4081 University Dr, Fairfax. 3rd Floor
 - Michelle sent an email to the committee participants with all the medical, trauma and systems topics for the last two years and asked for suggestions for future topics. The group had two weeks to submit three suggestions for each topic and return them to Michelle.

Medevac Committee

Richard Cohen reported the next meeting at the EMS Symposium has been canceled and not rescheduled.

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Scott Weir provided the following update:

- The State Medical Directors meeting was on October 3, 2019.
- There was a discussion regarding a DEA drug diversion investigation that invited both scrutiny and awareness of issues by the state Board of Pharmacy and DEA. Although it was isolated, consider that there could be a carryover to other areas in the state.
 - It is unknown if the same DEA office where these investigations took place cover our region
 - A potential risk for us is that the DEA and state Board of Pharmacy do not like the CSK kit and the one to one exchange process that we have in our region
 - Agencies and Transport Companies should consider looking at the need to be their own purchasing entity and pharmacy for you respective agencies/companies
- There was a discussion about the TR90 workgroup report

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- This form is designed to document proficiencies for EMTs and is required in accredited programs to document competencies and number of patient contacts or specific skills. It's also used to inform students of their progress toward proficiency
 - Concerns are that the existing form does not meet the current need
- The OMDs will vote on this in January as they had not been provided the previous form to review prior to their meeting
- Sharing the 15-day for your rosters will be more rigorous in 2020.
 - In the past, it was permissible to scan a full 60-hour class at one time, however, since there are only 24-hours in a day, you can't do that going forward. You can only scan the number of actual hours taught per day
 - Additionally, some localities used a single course number for a certain class and added to the roster throughout the year as they taught it. Now you'll have to do one course approval for each occurrence, even if it's the same class over and over throughout the year.
 - Craig advised that another issue is that the OMDs must provide a written signature and not electronic approval of state Course Approvals. In achieving their objective of multiple course approvals and numbers for the same classes throughout the year, they need to also allow the OMDs to be able to sign off electronically as they do for RSAF grants, Education Coordinators, etc. He asked that Dr. Weir leverage for that ability in their upcoming meeting.
- The next State OMD meeting will be held in January.

Training and Certification Committee

Michelle Ludeman advised of the following update:

- At the Governor's Advisory Board retreat last month, it was suggested that several committees be combined such as Provider Health & Safety, Training and Certification, and Workforce Development
 - The Training & Certification Committee members are not in agreement and do not want to combine the committees
- The EMS Scholarship has been awarded most to Paramedic level students and there has only been one AEMT awarded in the first quarter
- There is an increase in accredited programs in the state
- There are only 10 EMT-Intermediate programs left and the deadline is 12/31/2019. There aren't many test sites available for EMT-Is but they must test before the deadline.
- Peter Brown has retired from OEMS. His duties will be shared now by Debbie Akers and Chad Blosser.
- Current NVEMSC Evaluators must attend one of the update classes to remain on the active evaluator list. The last class is October 17, 2019, at Prince William PSA from 6-9 pm.
 - Send Michelle an e-mail with registration or they will take walk-ins to class.
 - Craig anticipates that they'll do quarterly updates in 2020

Other Committees

There are no other committees at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

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- Craig Evans advised that in the discussion on NVERS/NVHA and NVEMSC sharing office space they determined that NVERS/NVHA are currently in the middle of a four-year lease and NVEMSC in a three-year lease. At this time, there are no considerations to break their respective leases
- Brian Hricik provided an update for the committee assigned to review the current practice on hospital membership dues and donations
 - The group did not identify any changes needed in the bylaws as it does not state how the Council bills for dues or donations
 - A recommendation was made that Craig should meet with the hospitals on proper wording for the letters and invoices.
 - He will schedule meetings with the CEOs of each of the hospitals in the near future
 - In the past, there were two invoices sent. One for a donation and one for a membership fee. In the future, the second membership fee invoice for \$650 will no longer go out and it will all be one fee for \$5000 and the wording the hospitals require for their invoices
 - There was also discussion on new Board members and using the organization's attendance over the course of a year versus counting an individual representative.
 - For example, a hospital should still be considered for new Board membership if they, as an organization, have attendance at the majority of meetings in the previous year. If it was counted by representatives, it may only show someone attended 2 meetings and another attended 5 different meetings. This still counts toward their cumulative attendance regardless of how many representatives they sent during the year.
 - Brian also added that we should consider adding George Washington University Hospital to the Board.

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- They have two new ambulances on order for delivery in a year. They are Braun
- They have not made any officer changes and still have several “Acting” positions
- Recruit school number 49 is currently in session and 50 will start 12/2/2019 which is prior to class 49s graduation due to a Safer Grant they received.
 - Class 49 will graduate mid-March
 - Class 50 will graduate in June

Arlington County Fire Department

Clare Sabio reported the following updates:

- The Army 10-Miler is October 13th
- They are getting two new ambulances that will have a bariatric ramp and winch combination that can be utilized when needed
 - There will be one on the north side of the county and one on the south side
 - In the past, they have used the ambulance bus
 - They plan to add additional units with this capability in the future until they all have the ability

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- Dr. Smith is pushing the FACT*R Blood Program forward and is very excited about bringing it to Arlington
 - Craig advised they may be the first locality to have whole blood on their ambulances
 - Dr. Smith is purchasing warmers at this time and they'll put those on supervisor vehicles
- There is a recruit school in session currently and will start another in February 2020. The current class should graduate 22 in December
- They are still awaiting their accreditation site visit for EMT-B

City of Fairfax Fire Department

Brian Orndoff provided the following update:

- They are advertising for the hiring process for 2-4 FireMedics
- They hired a new Assistant Chief of Code Administration. They hired Steven Sites from the state Fire Marshal's Office and he started this week

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Cheri Zosh provided the following update:

- She introduced BC Ryland Kendrick who will be joining the group as of December 9, 2019, replacing John Chesek.
- They graduate a recruit school tomorrow with 20 and 3 of them ALS providers
 - They have a year to decide if they want to pursue their ALS or opt-out and stay on the fire side
- They will start another recruit school of 60 in December with 7 ALS providers in that class
- The 2019 EMS Manual is now published and online

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

No representation

LifeCare Medical Transport

No representation:

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Rachel Short reported the following updates:

- There is an active violence threat drill going on right now in Purcellville
- They just started a recruit school of 32 last Thursday with 1 ALS provider in the group
- They are starting an Intermediate to Paramedic upgrade next week with 7 in that class
- There is an upcoming AEMT class with 14, all volunteers
- The EMS supervisors are taking a class on critical care and ventilators. They will get an FPC certification at completion

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Andy Carver reported the following update:

- They will have On the new employees in the next 4 weeks
 - 2 ALS and 2 BLS
- They will have a new Medic Unit in January. It is on a Ford F550 chassis but unknown what manufacturer
- The groundbreaking for new Station 521 is October 31st

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City of Manassas Park Fire Department

No representation

MWAA Fire and Rescue

Rick Bonnett provided the following updates:

- Ebola is a topic again as it's spread to South Sudan and they're using Rwanda as a potential place of interest
 - They are preparing for what could be an influx of need for tertiary screening at the airport and they'll have to re-start their rotations for hospital transports
 - For community-based assessments, Virginia Hospital Center is the local assessment hospital in the region
- They also received a Safer Grant and will be hiring in the next 180 days as is required by the grant

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Camp-Deal advised there is nothing to report

OEMS Program Representative

No representation

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen provided the following updates:

- They are partaking in the drill today with Loudoun County today. They took blood to the scene from the hospital and then repositioned themselves as a transport unit
- They want to look at better pre-planning on how medevac assets transport patients in an actual MCI and what facilities to utilize
 - They have the capability to go to UVA and MCV and other hospitals and not take more patients to local facilities that may already be inundated with patients in an MCI

Physicians Transport

Kate Passow presented the following updates:

- They got a new dispatch system this weekend. This should not have any effect outside PTS

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

Captain Montminy provided the following update:

- Tim Keen has officially been named Fire Chief of Prince William County. He has been in the acting role since Chief McGee retired
- The Deputy Chief process will open October 18th so if anyone is interested, you may also apply externally
- They are also getting three new Braun ambulances in the near future
- Captain Montminy is retiring on 12/31/2019 after 39 ½ years of service

HCA Reston Hospital Center

Keith Morrison reported the following updates:

- They have their American College of Surgeons review on Monday and Tuesday next week
- Trauma Case Review will be on November 20, 2019, from 6:30 – 8 pm with dinner included
 - They have three cases they'll review

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- On the 4th Wednesday of the month, they plan to host Trauma Grand Rounds.
- They started something new with the last few recruit schools in Fairfax County where the recruits come in and get a hospital orientation, tour, overview, and question & answer session. It's about 60-90 minutes and has been very successful

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

Keith Morrison advised they are not able to attend as they are participating in the drill with Loudoun County as well. They are still on course for their STEMI certification at the end of this year or early next year and their new NICU just opened last month.

Inova Fairfax Hospital

Mark Guditus reported the following update:

- There is a leak in the ED so they have to re-do the entire roof which will move the helipad temporarily but all medevac units have been made aware. This will go from October 11 through January 21st
- Pulsara One was presented to all the sectors in the hospital that could benefit from it. They want to hold off until after the first of the year
 - They asked the City of Fairfax Fire Department if they'd be willing to test out only the stroke module with them and they agreed so that will be planned out further after the first of the year
- There was a recent Epic upgrade so that has pushed back the bidirectional interface with ImageTrend a little while. They are still working on it and will do some test runs in November
- The trauma Site Review will be October 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

- An awards committee needs to be formed and all members are eligible to be on the committee. The committee will be comprised of
 - Beth Adams, Keith Morrison, Byron Andrews, Rick Cohen, and Kate Passow
- RSAF Grant Grading

Agency Name	Grant #	# Items	Item Requested	Funding Level	\$ State Funds	\$ Match	Final
Stonewall Jackson Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad	NV-C01/12-19	1	Ford F550L 4x4 Type I Ambulance	50/50	\$143,591.20	\$143,591.20	2
Ashburn Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept.	NV-C02/12-19	1	R & M Marketing Material	50/50	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 9,250.00	3
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue	NV-C03/12-19	3	Butterfly iQ Ultrasound	50/50	\$ 3,636.00	\$ 3,636.00	3
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue	NV-C03/12-19	25	IV Fluid Warmers	50/50	\$ 7,112.50	\$ 7,112.50	2
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue	NV-C03/12-19	6	RAD-57 Pulse Oximeter	50/50	\$ 15,726.00	\$ 15,726.00	3

Motion to adjourn 11:36 AM

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on December 5, 2019, at 10:00 am at the City of Fairfax Station 403.

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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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 October 10, 2019, 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 December 5, 2019, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date