



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2019

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Council Vice President Anne Marsh 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 April 11, 2019, were sent for review by email.
 - John Chesek made a motion to accept the minutes from the April Board Meeting as written, seconded by Tom Olander.
 - The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review.
 - Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Brian Hricik
 - The report was unanimously approved

President's and Executive Director's Reports

Brian Hricik presented the following report in the absence of the President and Executive Director:

- President Bonnett and Craig Evans are en route to the FARC meeting this morning in Richmond. The Presidents were invited but the Regional Executive Directors were not. Upon questioning by another Council President, they were informed that OEMS instructed not to include the EDs. Many of them plan to accompany their respective Presidents to the meeting.
 - There seems to be some disconnect recently with OEMS and the Regional Councils
- On May 2, 2019, Craig attended the Regional Executive Director's Meeting in Richmond. The Councils were presented with a new MOU for the CE/Auxiliary Training program. OEMS has determined they are paying too much in Administration Fees to the Councils and it is not matching up with the actual CE/Auxiliary Training invoices being submitted, therefore, they are changing the program in its entirety.
 - The current program, which ends June 30, 2019, reimburses at an hourly rate for CE and a per person rate for Auxiliary training performed quarterly by each Council and/or their subcontractors.
 - There is an 11% Administration Fee paid to each Council for administering the program in their region.
 - ◆ At the end of the month following each fiscal quarter, the Councils prepare an invoice for all training performed and/or subcontracted and submit it to OEMS.
 - ◆ Upon receipt of the first fiscal quarter's invoice, OEMS pays each Council their 11% Administration Fee based on the CE/Auxiliary Funds provided for the entire fiscal year regardless of the invoices submitted
 - ❖ For example: If Northern Virginia is awarded \$50,000 in CE/Auxiliary Funding for FY19, they would receive \$5500 for administering the program
 - Of note: all Councils receive different funding based on OEMS's assessment of training funds requested the year prior to the inception of this program (FY18)
 - The new program states each Regional Council would receive "funding to each regional EMS Council to hire a pre-determined number of full-time employees to deliver dedicated continuing education within the identified planning districts of your service area. In addition, this funding included a percentage for employee benefits and the cost associated with IT needs to deliver continuing education within each region". Based on this, Northern Virginia would receive one, ODEMSA would receive four, etc.
 - The Executive Directors had questions and concerns about how this program would run and expressed their concerns to OEMS, specifically Chad Blosser and Adam Harrell. Some of the concerns are in Northern Virginia for example, the agencies all have their own full-time educators as it stands, why does the Regional Council now have to employ the equivalent of another full-time

educator? Additionally, many agencies are not going to allow an outside employee to come in and teach when they don't know their individual preceptorship programs, hospital capabilities, and protocols. This is a sampling of the concerns provided.

- ◆ On May 6, 2019, OEMS sent an email stating “Due to the numerous issues you have identified with this mechanism, we have decided to rescind the offer of FY2020 contract funding for continuing education. OEMS will contract directly with full-time educators to provide continuing education throughout the state. Should you have any questions, please let me know.” They are also refusing to speak further with the Councils advising they do not communicate with contractors.
- ◆ The Executive Director’s requested a meeting with Gary Brown however, they received a response stating he has an office manager who
 - This information was provided to the EMS leaders in the region, and in turn, presented to the Fire Chiefs who wrote a letter to Gary Brown with their concerns and requested a meeting. Gary Brown advised he’d be happy to meet with them in Glen Allen. On June 12, 2019, several Fire Chiefs from our region are traveling to Glen Allen for this meeting.
 - Craig and Rick are hoping to meet with the other Executive Directors and Presidents today to get everyone on the same page and have a similar desire on how they’d like this to move forward.
 - If you’d like copies of the information on actual funding of CE/Auxiliary Training versus the Administrative Fees paid out, please contact Brian. He is happy to share the information OEMS shared with us.
- Our 2019 Northern Virginia Regional EMS Conference and Regional Awards Banquet was Wednesday, May 22, 2019, and was quite successful. There has been good feedback from participants on the venue, speakers, OB breakout sessions, cadaver labs and food for the day. There were 38 participants who donated blood with Inova Blood Donor Services over the course of 5 hours. The Awards Banquet was held in the Grand Masonic Hall and we awarded eleven of the twelve categories. All award winners are submitted to the Governor’s EMS Awards which are held at Symposium in November.
 - A survey will be sent to all conference attendees asking for feedback on speakers, presentations, etc., to plan for next year!

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

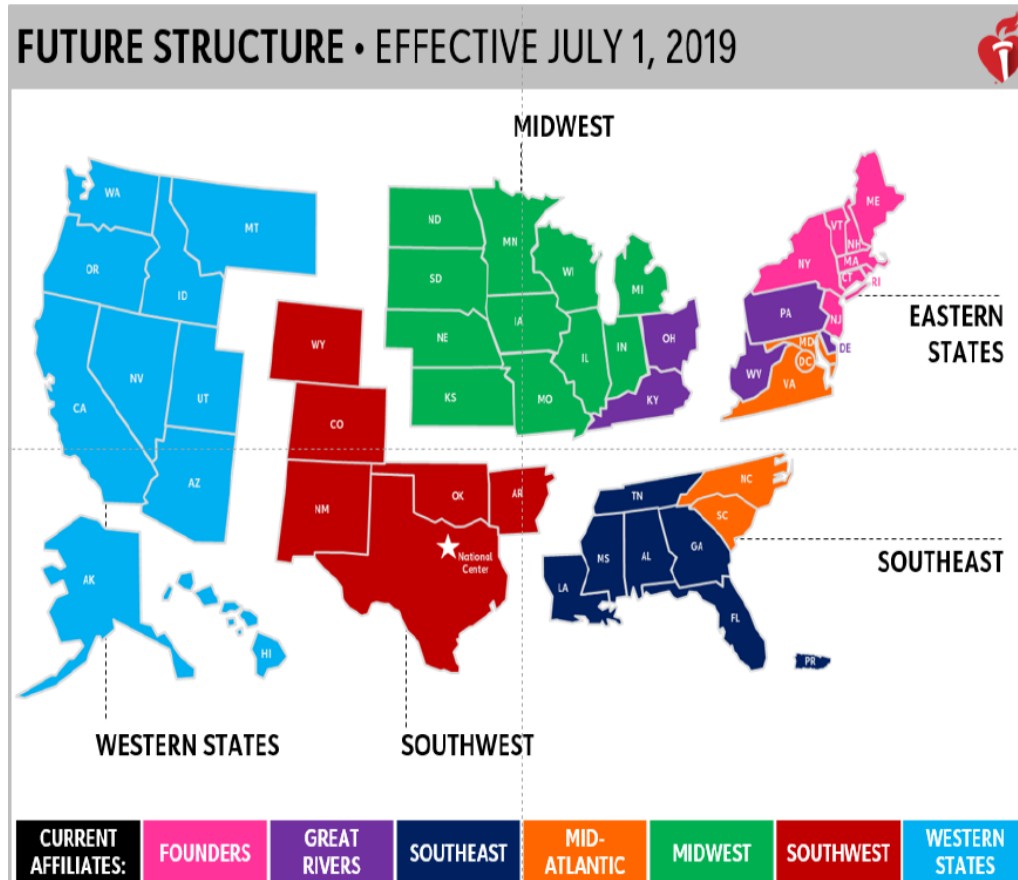
AHA Training Center

Ray Whatley, AHA Training Center Coordinator, submitted the following report

- **AHA Distributors**
 - Effective July 1, AHA material will be ordered via AHA. They recently sent us a link to establish an account with them. They have not announced any price changes. If you need to purchase any eCards please do so as soon as possible.
- **eCards**
 - AHA announced that students are now able to claim their eCard via SMS text! TCCs and Instructors, please inform your students they can opt-in to receive a text message to

claim and view their eCard by texting “eCard” to the number “51736.” (I believe they will need to add their number to the student list.

- **ECCU (Citizen Arrest Survival Summit)**
 - December 10-13, 2019 Seattle, Washington
 - <https://citizencpr.org/>
- **ECC Restructuring**
 - Due to two executive VPs retiring there has been a realignment of the Mid-Atlantic ECC Committee (MAECC). The MAECC is being disbanded. We will be joining the Eastern ECC Committee. Ray will continue as Co-Chair of this committee.



- **EMS Symposium** – Rooms are being assigned by OEMS for all internal rooms first. Once that is complete, we have been told the rooms will be released to the general public.

State EMS Advisory Board

Brian Hricik reported the following update:

- We still do not have a representative appointed for the Council
- Brian attended the most recent Governor’s Advisory Board meeting and it was very quick, approximately 46 minutes. There was little discussion and felt more like an obligation to check off that a meeting was done rather than have any fruitful discussion considering the state of the CE/Auxiliary contracts which was not discussed at the GAB meeting.

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Workforce Development Committee

Byron Andrews provided the following report:

- This meeting too was very short, approximately 25 minutes and nothing of substance.
 - It was mostly a discussion of where do we go and what do we do going forward

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik reported the following update:

- There was a long discussion about decedent blood testing. There have been multiple exposures between needle sticks or other incidents where providers are exposed to a decedent's blood
 - It is alleged, as it is unconfirmed, that there is only one lab in the state that can test decedent's blood for infectious disease because it's a different lab certification to test decedent blood
 - They have reached out to the Attorney General to confirm this but have not yet received a response.
 - DC Andrews advised there was a significant discussion on the Legislative Committee as far as decedent blood and changes to be made legislatively. Termination of resuscitation came up as well, not just from the decedent blood aspect but the State Code states that it must be a physician who terminates and there are some protocols out there that are not in line with that.
- There was a lot of discussion about the safety bulletins and the mental health campaigns but there is nothing new from what he presented last time

EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee

Dr. Scott Weir reported the following:

- The last meeting was March 13, 2019
 - The medical topic was sepsis
 - The systems topic was patient refusals
 - The trauma topic was TXA use in the field and hospitals
- Next meeting is June 12
 - The medical topic is drownings
 - The trauma topic is spinal cord injuries
 - The systems topic will be integrating hospital and EMS records

Medevac Committee

No representation present

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Morgan provided the following update:

- The regional Medical Directors meeting was May 7, 2019.
 - There was a FACT*R Blood Program update as far as other areas being interested in the program and how to implement it, funding, etc.
- There was a discussion regarding infection control and Measles. The OMDs discussed their current programs for decontamination
 - There is a Bioquell at Regan National Airport

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- Dr. Morgan advised that they may consider measles titers in the future depending on cost for internal staff. Students are being required to obtain them due to hospital rotations and increased risk.
- The State OMD meeting will be held in July

Training and Certification Committee

Michelle Ludeman and Tom Olander advised of the following update:

- There has not been a meeting since the last meeting of this Board
- The Psychomotor Exam Guide (PEG) was supposed to be released yesterday. He received a copy last week and they were 7 pages of corrections to be made which have been provided to OEMS. There are several significant changes that will be found in the PEG upon publishing which is expected to be next week
 - The term BSI will no longer be published in textbooks and the PEG and will now read “Standard Precautions” which will be a significant change for many
- For testing, if the first name and last name on the identification provided do not match the test letter, candidates will not be allowed to test, without exception

Other Committees

- Brian Hricik provided an update from the Bylaws Committee that was reviewing and revising the current bylaws
 - The changes have been highlighted and a copy will be sent to all Board members this afternoon for review and the changes will be voted on at the September meeting
 - There are no substantive changes, only grammar, punctuation, and language to conform to what is currently being used.

OLD BUSINESS

- At the last meeting, we discussed changing the Council membership dues. Since Craig and Rick are out, we will table that discussion to the September meeting.

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- Chief Dube’ is retiring on July 3, 2019. Assistant Chief Cory Smedley will be acting when Chief Dube’ retires and until his replacement is identified
- E208 is ALS capable with FT minimum staffing with a three-person crew
- Through the SAFER grant, they should be to four-person staffing on all engines by this time next year assuming they can get everyone through recruit school
 - Currently, E205, E207, E208 are FT non-transport ALS vehicle and E204 will join then when a paramedic has been assigned to that unit
- They put a new Sim-lab in the training academy that is the box of an ambulance attached to the classroom
 - It’s still being fitted with equipment and cameras for feedback

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- FACT*R training for ALS and BLS providers to start with an overview and then will discuss processes, procedures, etc., with the ALS providers only

Arlington County Fire Department

Anne Marsh reported the following updates:

- Fire station 7 is closed, FS6 is supposed to reopen June 15 but is likely to be closed another month before it's back in service
- They are seeking to change how they do ALS CEs to offer them on-duty. Many other agencies do them on-duty and she's hoping they'll share how they make that work with hold-overs, overtime, units out of service, etc.
 - BC Chesek from Fairfax County advised they put units out of service to attend while on duty. They are also looking at ways to change it but unfortunately, it's a balancing act of whether it's better to have on-duty personnel take units out of service or pay off-duty personnel overtime. They are open to ideas as well
- They have an EMS Strategic Delivery Committee that is looking at how to pick apart the whole system and put it back together in a better manner
- They are going through the accreditation process right now for Public Safety Excellence
- They are still in talks with ImageTrend to see if they're going to purchase the fire module which would be a huge step in increasing report
- They have two new supervisor buggies with climate controlled compartments for Point of Care testing items starting next month. It is designed to maintain a room-temperature environment

City of Fairfax Fire Department

- In 45 days they will be demolishing FS433.
 - The temporary station will be at Fire & Rescue training
 - They may change meeting space availability at FS403
 - The new station will be at Picket near FS423 and take approximately 18 months
- They are currently at full staffing

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

John Chesek provided the following update:

- The current VCU paramedic group will be ending in two weeks and they will start another group through in the middle of September
- The next internship process starts in early August
- The Fire Chief has made some changes to their structure
 - He is phasing out Master Technician through attrition starting in CY2021
 - There will be an alternate work schedule beginning CY2020
 - Captain rank will be changed to a single Captain rank instead of Captain I and Captain II
 - This affects EMS Supervisors and Captain II Station Commanders so they are working out some issues there
- BC Chesek has accepted an offer to return to field operations, most likely June 22. It is unknown at this time what station he'll be going to
- The Battalion Chief of EMS Training is still vacant. The Deputy Chief of Training has names/applications and is expected to be making an announcement for both positions around June 22.

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

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Paul DeHaven reported the following update:

- They have one paramedic graduating with the VCU class with Fairfax County Fire & Rescue
- They are undergoing modifications of their aircraft to include new camera and mapping systems and avionics
 - One aircraft has been completed and one is being worked on now
- All medics have completed FACT*R training
- They have had a few more Narcan uses in the field by PD in general, not just the Helicopter Division
- If you come to the Fire & Rescue Academy and park in the front lot across from the helipad, parking now is mandatory head-in parking and there is signage indicating such

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Dr. John Morgan reported the following updates:

- Station 627, Kirkpatrick Farms, has finally opened as of May 30th. It has been a long process; they broke ground in October 2016. It will have an engine, ambulance, and tanker and this is the first 4-person engine in the county.
 - The station is between South Riding and Aldie on Route 50
- EMS Deputy Chief Micah Kiger started this week
 - Jamie Cooper returns to Battalion Chief of EMS from Acting EMS DC
- John Caussin comes on board as Assistant Chief of Fire & Rescue Support Services and volunteer support
- There is an upcoming educational event called “The First Responders’ Experience” on Friday, June 28, 2019. It has been sent to the Council and it will be forwarded to the ListServes

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

No representation

City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue

No representation

MWAA Fire and Rescue

No representation

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

No representation

LifeCare Medical Transport

No representation

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Camp-Deal provided the following information:

- Despite the rumors to the contrary, NVCC is open and holding EMT classes still. Unfortunately, there was poor wording on the website causing confusion. The Career Studies Certificate is being eliminated by VCCS as a whole, not just NVCC. For program placement purposes, students will be placed in the AAS degree program but this does not mean you have to complete the degree program. Students can still take whatever courses they want, up to and through paramedic if they choose because all courses must be transferrable to other colleges.

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- New national and statewide curriculum changes go into effect July 1, 2019, so this will only affect classes starting in the fall. Current students will continue with the current curriculum.
- Dr. William Garringer has retired and moved back to Ohio therefore, a full-time professor position is open. It will be posted on the college website under Careers next week
- They have hourly lab instructor positions open, one is a paramedic position. These will also be on the website
- The Advisory Board met May 21, 2019. They are mandated to have two per year and have decided on the third Tuesday of May and October each year for planning purposes

OEMS Program Representative

No representation

PHI Aircare

No representation

Physicians Transport

Kate Passow presented the following updates:

- They are re-branding ambulances, uniforms and email to combine PTS and AMR.
 - Kate's new email address is kate.passow@amr.net
- The EMS Memorial Bike Ride was May 11. There was a great lunch sponsored by the Council from Zoe's Kitchen
 - Prince William County hosted the riders at the McCoart Building and attended a tribute at their 911 Memorial. They finished their ride in Alexandria and had a Bike Team escort from Alexandria Fire Department and members of MWAA were present to cheer the group on
 - Thank you for everyone supporting the ride

HCA Reston Hospital Center

No representation

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

Pam Leins provided the following update:

- The STEMI cath lab is on delay because they had a physician leave the group that was originally accredited. They have a replacement and are in the process of accreditation. It is likely to be completed by fall
- They will open a Level II NICU in the fall
- They have talked about opening a behavioral floor sometime in 2020
- The former freestanding ED will become the outpatient surgery center for a physicians group
- There is a stroke case study lecture coming up June 12th with 1.5 hours of CEU

NEW BUSINESS

- An email was sent to the Board members with attachments containing the CSK Dispensing, CSK Exchange and Restocking Program, Hospital Diversion Plan and Regional Medical Protocols that need to be voted on by the Board today.
 - There are no substantive changes in any of these documents. The only addition was the FACT*R Protocol in the Regional Medical Protocols

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- Byron Andrews made a motion for a consent agenda to approve all four items; this was seconded by Kate Passow and unanimously approved by the Board members present
 - The motion to accept all four documents listed above was presented and there was no discussion
 - The motion was unanimously approved to accept all four documents as written

Motion to adjourn 11:53 AM

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held September 12, 2019, at 10:00 am at 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 June 6, 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 September 12, 2019, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date