



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Held Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2020

DIRECTORS PRESENT (Listed Alphabetically by Last Name)

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GUESTS

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Council President Rick Bonnett 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

Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors held June 11, 2020, were sent for review by email

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

Treasurer’s report

- The Treasurer’s report was sent via email for review along with the financials for July.
 - 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

President Rick Bonnett stated that as evidenced in the July financials and comparison from last year, we have been able to be quite profitable with the DHS contract that we entered in August 2019. He and Craig will continue to look at further opportunities to keep the Council profitable with similar opportunities as they arise, Craig will discuss the contract, and financials further in his report. It has been a lot of work to maintain the contract but the office staff has done a wonderful job of keeping things running smoothly with the additional tasks required to keep everything running seamlessly.

Executive Director’s Report

- The Fall 2020 RSAF grant cycle was extended by a day. An email was sent to everyone this morning. Please take advantage of that opportunity if you need to.
- We still have one Regional EMS Award to hand out and once that is complete, the video of all of the award presentations will be sent to everyone to view.
- We have a regional blood program now that places whole blood on EMS units in our region. A big round of applause to all those involved in seeing this through and making this happen. Both Loudoun and Arlington Counties are carrying it on their units already.
- We are putting together a proposal with the EMS Operations group and NVERS for a regional EMS Pharmacy. It is in the early stages so we need to look at locations, costs, etc., in the future as this moves forward.
- We currently still have a contract through DHS for screening incoming international passengers. There was recently a leak through Yahoo News and the CDC has posted on their website that all screenings will cease at 0001 on Monday, September 14, 2020. There has been no official word on this from DHS but they have eluded that this may be happening. When the official announcement is made, Craig will notify everyone.
 - Craig believes that the contract will remain in place in a “ready reserve” capacity where a group of trained screeners will remain employed and ready to deploy full screening efforts again if needed.
 - While doing active screenings, we are making approximately \$100,000 per month. What we do with the money is up to the Council but is available for any regional projects, whether that be the regional pharmacy project or others.

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA Training Center

Ray Whatley provided the following report.

2020 AHA Guidelines and Instructor Updates

2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Update eLearning Courses, complimentary for all AHA Instructors, will be available through your Instructor access to the AHA Instructor Network on October 21, 2020 – the same day the 2020 Guidelines are released!

Training Materials will also be available to Instructors and Training Centers through the AHA Instructor Network.

Instructor Update Requirements: Instructors and AHA Faculty

All AHA Instructors and Faculty must complete their required Instructor Update(s) by February 1, 2021, to continue teaching or overseeing AHA courses. Instructor Updates will be available in the following disciplines: BLS, ACLS (for ACLS and ACLS EP Instructors), PALS, PEARS, and Heartsaver. An Instructor Update must be completed for each discipline taught.

AHA BLS Instructors must complete the BLS 2020 Instructor Update, and those BLS Instructors who teach Heartsaver® courses must also complete the Heartsaver 2020 Instructor Update.

For PALS Instructors who teach PEARS®, completion of the PEARS 2020 Instructor Update is recommended, but not required.

Transition Timeline: Teaching 2020 AHA Guidelines Courses Using New Materials

All AHA Instructors and Training Centers will have until February 1, 2021, to begin teaching the new, 2020 Guidelines healthcare courses (BLS, ACLS, PALS) using new materials.

What to Expect:

Pricing for 2020 Course Materials

Regarding the pricing of the 2020 AHA materials for the healthcare courses listed above (BLS, ACLS, PALS), please know we are making every effort to balance the rising cost of production and materials by increasing efficiency through current and new technology. The AHA generally advises that you plan for a moderate increase on BLS, ACLS, and PALS printed materials, HeartCode programs, and RQI program subscriptions.

2020 Guidelines News

More information will follow in the coming weeks on AHA Instructor Updates, transition timelines, 2020 Guidelines launch events, and timing for additional courses and products (such as Heartsaver®) to be released. In the meantime, please visit the Science & Guidelines page on the AHA Instructor Network for the latest news and resources for the AHA Training Network, and please share this information with those in your organization who need to stay abreast of the latest updates.

January 1, 2020 – September 9, 2020

Course	eCards Assigned	eCards Claimed	Claimed / Assigned (%)
ACLS Provider	231	155	67
BLS Provider	2500	1777	71
HeartCode ACLS w/Instructor	2	2	100
HeartCode BLS w/Instructor	17	14	82
Heartsaver CPR AED	189	118	62
Heartsaver First Aid	12	9	75
Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED	131	103	79
Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR AED	11	10	91
PALS Provider	84	67	80

State EMS Advisory Board

Beth Adams reported the following update:

- There have been no meetings held
- She does attend the bi-weekly Regional Council meetings with OEMS every other Friday
- The Special Session is still taking place and there is no timeframe on when that will be done
- OEMS and Hybrid State/Council offices are starting to go back to offices but there are no planned in-person meetings scheduled at this time

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik reported the following:

- There was no meeting since his last report, however, Karen Owens from OEMS recently sent an email about a Ph.D. student out of the University of Pittsburgh who is doing a sleep study on first responders and they'd like to encourage agencies to get their providers involved. If providers sign up to participate, there are sections they go through and will get \$5 gift cards for completing each part, up to \$35 total. It will follow your sleep patterns and ask you questions via text or online about how well you slept, reasons you didn't, etc.
 - A copy of the information is attached to the minutes and will be distributed through the ListServe

EMS Performance Improvement & Trauma Committee

Dr. Scott Weir provided the following update:

- The last meeting was yesterday, September 9, 2020
 - The trauma topic was pedestrian struck to include demographics, injury patterns, etc.

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- The medical and systems topics were the regional blood program and deployment of pre-hospital whole blood
- The next meeting will be on December 9, 2020.
 - Medical – Cardiac arrest
 - Trauma – Tourniquet Use
 - Systems – First Watch/First Pass – who is using?

Medevac Committee

Richard Cohen advised there has been no meeting since his last report

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Morgan reported there are no updates since the last Board meeting

Training and Certification Committee

Michelle Ludeman provided the following report:

- The bi-weekly OEMS webinars have been very helpful in staying on top of changes instead of in-person meetings
- OMDs can now do online recertification of their credentials
- Education Coordinator is by reservation only now
- Online Course approvals are available now

Other Committees

VAGEMSA

Brian Hricik advised there was no update

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

Deputy Chief of EMS Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- Andrew Duke from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue started June 22, 2020
 - They are building career ladders for all single role providers
 - Thank you to all those who provided job descriptions and samples of career ladders to assist them in the process

Arlington County Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

- They have started an initiative in the Roslyn/Ballston Corridor to educate restaurants and pubs on social distances and masks as best practices
- They are doing Lifescan Physicals and she recently tested COVID positive but another test showed it was negative
 - She will be participating in a vaccine trial through Pfizer
- They deployed whole blood in the field effective September 1 with Inova Blood Donor Services, Loudoun County, and NV EMS Council

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City of Fairfax Fire Department

Brian Orndoff provided the following update:

- They are buying a new Braun ambulance on a Ford chassis
- They are getting on board with the regional blood program

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

No report

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

No representation

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Micah Kiger reported the following updates:

- Randy Breton from Sterling Volunteer Rescue passed away last week and there will be a service for him on Saturday. Details have been sent out through the Council.
- The A&E show Live Rescue was following them for 2-3 weeks but have moved south due to the hurricane season
- The Perdido Bay Terrace Significant Incident Review report was recently released.
 - The report presented the findings from a review of the June 4 incident response to the drowning death of a 16-year-old at Confluence Park, where Goose Creek meets the Potomac River.

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Todd Lupton reported the following update:

- Congratulations to Rick Bonnett on his recent promotion at MWAA
- Thank you to the Council staff for all the hard work on the pre-hospital blood products project and the DHS contract
- Fire Chief William Garrett started last Monday and Chief Clemons retired the previous Friday
- Call volume is starting to return to pre-COVID numbers but they are seeing minimal PUI cases

City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue

No representation

MWAA

Chris Gavurnik provided the following update:

- Congratulations to Rick Bonnett on his recent promotion to Deputy Chief from Battalion Chief
 - Deputy Chief Redmon was promoted to Assistant Chief with the retirement of AC Buckley
- They are having a new Horton ambulance delivered this Friday or next Monday
- They have a BLS only truck at Station 303 at Dulles now
 - So far it's going well and gives a nice break to the ALS providers
- They still have several students in the AEC paramedic program and they're doing well
- Call volume is still low but air traffic is slowly increasing so an increase in call volume is inevitable

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

Battalion Chief of EMS Chip Morrison provided the following update:

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- BC Tracey LaBass is retiring officially on October 1, 2020, now and he is replacing her with a small overlap until her retirement

LifeCare Medical Transport

No Representation

Northern Virginia Community College

Gary Sargent advised of the following update:

- They have a good size cohort starting the degree program
 - 2 EMT classes are going on and one ALS class
- There is an Advisory Board meeting October 20, 2020
- They are experiencing a lack of agencies allowing students to intern/ride-along for program requirements. They are seeing hospitals allowing clinicals again but the EMS agencies are not. If anyone can assist in getting their students back in for internships and ride-alongs, please let him know
 - They are supplying all students with PPE for clinicals and ride-alongs

OEMS Program Representative

Chris Vernovai provided the following update:

- The OEMS and Regional Council meetings are being held bi-weekly now and the recording is on the OEMS website following the meeting
- There is no return to office date for OEMS staff yet.

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen provided the following updates:

- They have a new OMD who is replacing Dr. Dan Hanfling. Her name is Dr. Laura Diegelmann from Inova Fairfax Hospital ED

Physicians Transport

Kate Passow provided the following update:

- As mentioned, Randy Breton passed away last week. It is a tough loss for the PTS family and they are working through their new normal without him.
 - His service is this Saturday. If anyone needs further information or wants to bring apparatus please reach out

HCA Reston Hospital Center

No representation

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

Pam Leins provided the following update:

- They are slowly reopening all services (IR, surgeries, etc)
- There has been an uptick in EMS transports
- They will reopen the NICU in the next 30 days
- The Behavioral Health Unit is back on track and will likely open around October 2021 as construction will start in December of this year

Inova Fairfax Hospital

Mark Guditus reported the following update:

- They are considering locking the ED and pediatric ED as they recently had an issue with a psych patient that left their unit and was seated outside the door of an ED patient’s room. It was initially believed the person was a sitter until it was determined they were a patient and were returned to the correct room.
- They are not allowing anyone with an N95 with a non-filtered vent in the hospital.
 - They are giving people a surgical mask to cover or replace these masks
- The Epic merge is going well
- They have submitted an official request for membership to the NV EMS Council as he has been attending meetings for the last year

Inova Loudoun Hospital

Craig French provided the following update:

- He recently sent an email about their partnership with Child Life Disaster Relief services
- They are working on early planning for trauma education and disaster drills to start in early 2021
- Loudoun and Lansdowne Hospitals have decontamination carts at the ED for ease of decontamination
- They were having issues with radio traffic but that has been resolved
- The EMS room is reopened

NEW BUSINESS

- The Northern VA EMS Council Regional Trauma PI Plan was emailed to all members for review. There are no changes to the plan. It needs to be voted on for contract deliverables.
 - Beth Adams made a motion to approve as written and it was seconded by Kate Kramer
 - The Trauma PI Plan was unanimously approved
- Inova Fairfax Hospital has submitted a formal request for membership to the Northern VA EMS Council. They have been attending meetings consistently for the last year.
 - Marie Powell made a motion to grand membership and it was seconded by Brian Hricik
 - Inova Fairfax Hospital was granted full membership into the Northern VA EMS Council
- Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Management has submitted a formal request for membership into the Northern VA EMS Council.
 - They are currently members of the Rappahannock EMS Council due to their location
 - Craig discussed with REMS and OEMS on how to allow a bordering agency membership into two Council’s
 - OEMS advised that NVEMSC will need to add a “Secondary Membership” type into the bylaws to allow for agencies who are primarily affiliated with another Council to have additional membership into Northern VA EMS Council. Fauquier DFREM can be added as an Ex-Officio member for the term of 1 year until a Secondary Membership category is added
 - Secondary Membership does not allow them to submit RSAF grants except to their primary Council but will allow them geographic benefits of aligning with Northern such as the regional blood program, patient care initiatives and resources, affiliation with the AHA Training Center, etc.

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- Brian Hricik clarified for the group that Fauquier County DFREM be considered for membership as an Ex-Officio member for one year which affords them all the rights of membership with the exception of voting, and for the Council to change the Bylaws to add a Secondary Membership category within the next year.
 - RJ Arft from Fauquier Co DFREM added that they feel it makes more sense to align with NV EMS Council as they are closer to Northern than REMS and follow more Northern Virginia programs and patient care standards. They are also interested in joining the regional blood program and are exploring pre-hospital blood deployment and being part of our regional drug exchange program as well.
- A motion was made by Beth Adams to invite Fauquier County DFREM as an Ex-Officio Member for one year and follow up with the bylaw change as guided by OEMS
 - The motion was seconded by Anne Marsh
 - The Ex-Officio Membership for Fauquier County DFREM was unanimously approved

Motion to adjourn 11:03 AM.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on October 15, 2020, at 10:00 am. The location of the meeting will be determined at a later date due to the reopening phases within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Northern Virginia EMS Council
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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 via Zoom on September 10, 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 October 15, 2020, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date