

Virginia EMS Advisory Board
August 8, 2014
Meeting Summary

Chairman's Report:

- Attended ACS Review and encourages everyone to go to the OEMS website to watch the video on the initial closing remarks.
- Attended a meeting with OEMS staff and Delegate Orrock. REPLICA bill now has potential sponsors including Delegate Orrock who was heavily opposed during last session.

OEMS Report:

- Quarterly Report is posted ([Click Here](#))
- Welcomed everyone to Symposium
- Chip Decker raised concerns over the amount of access time hospitals have to patient care records, indicating the window was too small. Also noted that while there is a regulation for EMS to report to hospitals, there is no requirement for the hospitals to do anything with the report.
- Presentation from Robyn Pearce on the ACS Site review. Final report should be received by the end of the year.
- Presentation from Alexandria Fire Dept. on accuracy of patient triage.
- Presentation from Dr. McNally on CARES program (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival)

Committee Reports:

- FARC-
 - Currently reviewing applications.
- Rules & Regulations-
 - Periodic review of DDNR has concluded and a fast-track packet for DDNR will be developed.
 - Affiliation packet still in the Governor's Office
 - FARC packet has been signed and will become effective 1/1/16.
 - Review of Regulations begins 2016.
- Legislative & Planning-
 - Discussed REPLICA
 - Discussed means of potential funding for cot/stretchers retention systems.
 - There will be a legislative summit for Fire & EMS on 12/4 at the VAVRS offices in Oilville at 10AM.
- Transportation-
 - Reviewing NFPA and CAAS proposed standards to determine best specifications for Virginia.
 - Grant request for 36 vehicles reviewed.
- Communications-

- Will begin review of the Communications regulations for next EMS reg. update soon.
- Emergency Operations-
 - Received presentation on electronic triage from NOVA.
 - Establishing workgroup to look at how to incorporate electronic triage into regulations.
- Medical Directions-
 - Moved to adopt for continuing education model effective 7/1/16. Motion passed 23 to 1.
- Medevac-
 - Committee has formed a workgroup to look at drones and the safety implications to HEMS programs.
- Trauma-
 - No report/
- EMSC-
 - Committee is looking at doing a pediatric medication error study.
 - Pediatric readiness portal has been posted online to examine how ready emergency departments are for pediatric emergencies.
- Professional Development-
 - No Report
- Training & Certification-
 - EMS definition has been updated to include emergency and non-emergency care in the regulations.
 - I99 Workgroup is working on scheduling meetings.
 - Training Regulations Review committee has met.
 - Two new workgroup established in October
 - Cognitive versus Psychomotor testing options
 - Consideration of accredited program in-house practical testing
 - Motion to accept new CE Area Proposal- Motion passed 23 to 1, 1 Abstention.
- Workforce Development-
 - Standards of Excellence program has been launched.
 - Lifecare Medical Transport, Goochland County Dept. of Fire-Rescue and Emergency Services, Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad, City of Manassas Fire and Rescue, Virginia Beach Department of EMS, and Galax-Grayson EMS recognized.
 - Officer I- Continuing to meet to develop program and pilot it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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