

VA Governor's Advisory Board Meeting – 05/07/2021 (Richmond, VA)

- February 2020 meeting minutes approved, with no discussion and no opposition.
- Draft agenda was approved for the current meeting with no discussion and no opposition.
- Chairman's report, no Executive meeting today. All business will be discussed in front of the full board in to get everyone re-engaged with the Board processes. Welcomed six new Board members to their first meeting. Thanked OEMS staff for all their hard work over the last year dealing with the pandemic. Thanked OEMS for the virtual rewards ceremony and recognized the award recipients.
- Vice-Chair report, no report given.
- OEMS report, Gary Brown discussed how challenging the last 14-15 months has been for the Office. All aspects of the Office have adapted to the changes. The Office has improved processes due to the obstacles faced. OEMS is caught up in all aspects of their business.
 1. Introduced the Board to the new Assistant Attorney General to the Office and Board.
 2. EMS Symposium will occur in November 3-7 of 2021. The number of courses will be reduced by close to half. There will be no hands-on classes at symposium. The nighttime activities will be reduced.
 3. The November Board meeting will not be at EMS Symposium this year. It will be in November in Richmond.
- Scott Winston called on Ron Passmore to speak on Mr. Wayne Barry's retirement from the Office of EMS with the Regulation and Compliance Division.
- Scott Winston discussed the hybrid EMS Office model (CSEMS)(BREMS)(Rappahannock). This is being used to strength the regional office and improve collaboration and communications. Mr. Winston recognized Adam Harrell for his efforts to oversee this process. Most of the positions within each are being filled.
- Adam Harrell discussed the transition to ESO. WVEMS has contracted with ESO by way of competitive bid. This includes the EHR, alerting platform for EMS to hospital communications, hospital hub, EKG transmission. They have also entered another one-year contract with ImageTrend to allow more time for agencies to transition to ESO or figure out how they will maneuver the changes. This transition is being done to improve data and analytics. The contract also offers negotiated pricing for other components that ESO offers that may not be used by OEMS. It is all on state contract. It is a turnkey product for all fire-based EMS systems. There is a special initiative grant opportunity at 100% for agencies to fund hardware needs for the ESO transition.
 1. All V3 data will migrate from ImageTrend to ESO. V2 data will be given back to the agency for storage from ImageTrend. The agency is the owner of that data. V2 data is not compatible to migrate into ESO.
 2. ESO had 65 agencies in Virginia before the state contract. OEMS went through an extensive survey of the marketplace to build the RFP. They ensure ESO is a end-user friendly product.
 3. ESO is largely configurable, but not customizable. HCA has a corporate contract with ESO.
- Dr. Lindbeck, the state may still be 1-2 years away from having clear direction in Virginia. The VA Board of Pharmacy and DEA are still trying to figure out how to manage the new system. In the meantime, OEMS will be developing a toolkit to help agencies look at how compliant and prepared they are with/for a CSRC (Controlled Substance Registration Certificate). The Protecting Patient

Access to Emergency Medications Act passed 4 years ago. We are still waiting on the State to adopt and implement.

- Executive Committee report, all committee appointment heads were discussed and affirmed. New Board members were assigned to committees. I have been assigned to the Training and Certification Committee, still awaiting my second committee appointment.
- FARC Committee report received 129 applications, just shy of \$15 million. EMD is still a priority. This cycle 15 EMD applications. Still 11 localities in Virginia that do not have EMD. Giles, Alleghany, Wythe, Bath, Floyd are all part of those 11. Need to push for EMD in those areas. EMD as a priority will be extended for an additional year.
- The Governor signed into law by January 2022 the need for PSAP to give CPR instructions over the phone to include assessment, hands-only CPR for adults, and possibly full CPR for all other age groups, and AED use. This includes policies and procedures. OEMS is responsible the training and management of the process. Training should be available by July 2021. EMD meets these requirements. Dispatchers will also need to maintain a CPR certification.
- Emergency Management Committee has met, large discussion on COVID-19 response by EMS, vaccinations for EMS professionals, and human trafficking recognition by EMS providers.
- Transportation Committee has met, they recently reviewed RSAF requests for vehicles of all types, mostly ambulances.
- Professional Development Committee, TCC met on April 7 at OEMS, no action items at that time. The VCCS will launch the G3 funding system on July 1st. This system targets high demand area in the VCCS system, including EMS and fire.
- Patient Care Coordinator has no report.
- Medical Direction Committee is monitoring the Ketamine issue from Colorado. Ketamine is not allowed in Colorado with recent regulatory changes. A white paper is being written on blood products in the out of hospital environment.
- Trauma Systems Committee has not met but will meet soon.
- Executive Director's Committee met to recognize Rob Logan.
- New Business included Dr. O'Shea asking the Board to endorse vaccination for EMS providers. This is a public relations endorsement to get the Board's weight behind the vaccination of EMS professionals. The motion carried with no opposition.
- Next meeting is August 6th.