

RAPPAHANNOCK EMS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board of Directors

October 18, 2017

Board Members Present:

Eddie Allen, City of Fredericksburg
Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County
Scott Davis, City of Fredericksburg
Susan Dietrich, Caroline County
Kevin Dillard, At-Large
Pat Fitzgerald, Westmoreland County
David Garvin, King George County
Donald Gore, Rappahannock County
Mary Hart, Fauquier County
William Harrington, Spotsylvania County
Phyllis Hurlock, Culpeper County
Lori Knowles, Stafford County
Gregory Leitz, Spotsylvania County
Tim Malanka, At-Large
Maurice Moody, Orange County

Staff Present:

Margot Moser, Office Manager
Wayne Perry, Executive Director

Excused:

John Brandrup, At-Large
Mark Garnett, Caroline County
John Harkness, Orange County
Warren Jenkins, Culpeper County
Fred Messing, At-Large
David Moody, King George County
Emmett Price, Stafford County
Louise Rollins, At-Large
Dr. Tania White, Regional Medical Director

Guests:

Stephani Atkins, Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Company
Joey King, Pharmacy Committee Chairperson
William Welch, Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Company

Agency Presentation:

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Kevin Dillard thanked Sperryville Volunteer Rescue Squad for hosting us and providing the meal, and asked Donald Gore to give the Board some background regarding the agency.

SVRS was established in 1969, and Donald Gore has served as either President or Vice President for the last forty years. The agency is in a rural area, and when it was first established dispatch was out of a house down the street. SVRS won the 2017 Regional Award for Outstanding EMS Agency. The agency is completely volunteer staffed with 95% of calls answered. They are one of six squads in Rappahannock County and transport primarily to Fauquier Health.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Dillard at Sperryville Volunteer Rescue Squad at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes:

The August 16, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with one correction: the addition of Mary Hart, Fauquier County, to the list of “excused” members.

Public Comments/Presentations from Guests:

None.

President’s Report—Kevin Dillard

Kevin welcomed the Board’s newest member, Tim Malanka, who was unable to attend the last meeting. Tim introduced himself briefly; he has been in EMS for 28 years and works for Spotsylvania County. Members of the board then introduced themselves to Mr. Malanka.

Kevin also announced that there have been some staffing changes at the state level. Greg Neiman has left OEMS and Mike Berg will be leaving at the end of October.

Grant Committee:

The Grant Committee last met on October 13 to grade grant applications and submit them to the state. This cycle is the first implementation of the new regional process for handling grant applications. All agencies applying for a grant are encouraged to meet with the Grant Committee prior to the submission deadline in order to receive feedback; the state has changed the process and will no longer allow changes to the grant application after the deadline. During this cycle, a little over a third of the agencies applying took advantage of meeting with the committee and getting assistance. Kevin encouraged Board members to tell agencies to take advantage of this process.

Vice President’s Report—Donald Gore

No report at this time.

By-Laws Committee:

At the last meeting, a first reading was given to the By-Laws update on the agenda today: the Trauma Systems committee is to be removed from the list of committees. With no questions from the board, the By-Laws committee recommends approval of this change. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—By-Laws Update

APPROVED

Secretary's Report—Mark Crnarich (absent)

Performance Improvement Committee:

No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report—Kevin Dillard for John Brandrup

Financial statements were sent out to the board prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the board at this time. The Council has not received a signed copy of the MOU from the Office of EMS at this time. The Councils have contacted OEMS regarding the delay and been assured that the contract will be signed shortly and retroactive to July 1. Quarterly payments are expected the first week of November. If this does not occur, the councils will be looking into other options.

Finance Committee:

No report at this time.

Guidelines and Training Committee:

No report at this time.

Committee Reports

CISM Report: Greg Leitz

The team had two callouts since the last board meeting. Chris Jett taught Stress Awareness for the Stafford and Spotsylvania County recruit classes in August. Kelsey Rideout taught Stress Awareness in Fredericksburg in October. The team has two new members, Jonathan Lang and Tatiana Pedroza-Woofler.

Chris Jett will be giving a lecture for the final EMS Night Out of 2017 at Stafford Hospital regarding Mental Health for EMS Providers. He will also be presenting at the Firehouse Expo October 17-21 in Nashville, TN.

The Behavioral Health Alliance will be offering a course, "Saving Those Who Save Others" October 19, 20, and 21. Details may be found on the Council website. Members of the REMS CISM team will also be teaching Individual Crisis Intervention and Suicide Awareness at Symposium.

Incident and Threat Mitigation Committee: Billy Harrington

The first month of the Trauma Triage Tag program was a success; most of the hospitals have been participating. The Trauma Triage tag days are the third Saturday of every month from 0700-1900.

The Committee is focusing on Active Shooter materials at this time.

Medical Direction Committee: Wayne Perry for Dr. Tania White

The October state Medical Direction Committee meeting was cancelled due to a limited agenda. Dr. McLeod's appointment to the Governor's EMS Advisory Board has ended, but she will continue to serve as the Blue Ridge EMS Council's representative to the Medical Direction Committee and as chair until a new chair is appointed by the Executive Committee. The next state Medical Direction Committee will be held on January 5, 2018.

The Regional Medical Direction Committee met on September 27. Topics on the agenda included national updates regarding provider Anthrax vaccination, FICEMS/NEMSAC, the NHTSA Fatigue Study and formal recommendations based on the evidence, updates on the opioid epidemic, and DEA legislation for standing orders that is now on the Senate Legislative Calendar.

Two REMS Council OMDs – Dr. Johnson and Dr. Rickabaugh – will expire in August of 2018; the Council is working on hosting another OMD training in the region and looking at some time around April 2018. Wayne asked that board members please make sure their OMDs are receiving their recurrent training. OEMS deadlines for renewal and expiration are typically rigid.

The committee approved several updates to the Regional Patient Care Protocols from the Protocol Subcommittee. A summary of these updates was distributed to the board prior to this meeting. The committee recommends approving these updates as presented. With no further discussion from the board, motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—Regional Patient Care Protocols Updates **APPROVED**

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center has reported a possible shortage of Amiodarone. The MDC will be discussing alternatives to this drug in cases of vfib/vtach arrest at their next meeting, date to be determined.

The state sent out a report regarding the use of Narcan in Virginia. In one year in the Rappahannock and Rappahannock-Rapidan health districts, there were 92 instances of Narcan administration, which is down from previous years.

Personnel Committee: Kevin Dillard for Chief David Moody

The committee met on October 16 and reviewed benefits for the staff for FY 2018 and 2019; the Council is looking into establishing the option for an HSA for employees. The Council is planning to use temporary labor from TaskForce staffing while reviewing and revising the Regional Systems Coordinator job description. The committee also discussed funding regarding raises and bonuses for existing staff.

Pharmacy Committee: Joey King

The committee's focus is currently on the formulary for epinephrine. It has been recommended that we review the amounts that are currently being carried. Committee attendance has been low and a review of membership is currently being conducted. The next meeting will be on January 4.

Kevin mentioned that board members are asked to serve on at least one committee; if any members know of anyone interested in serving on a regional committee, please let him know as most of the Council's work is accomplished at the committee level.

Strategic Planning: John Harkness (absent)

No report at this time.

Heart and Stroke: Lori Knowles

Kevin announced that there have been some changes to leadership of this committee; Lori Knowles has been appointed Chairperson and Emmett Price will be serving as co-chair. He thanked both Lori and Emmett for their service to the committee and Council.

The Regional Stroke Plan has been updated by the committee, and the committee recommends approving it with no revisions. With no further discussion from the board, motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—Regional Stroke Plan Update

APPROVED

The committee has reviewed and approved two HeartSafe Community applications from the Greater Williamsburg Area and Powhatan County. The committee recommends that the board approve both applications as presented. Greg Leitz wished to officially move to approve these applications as well. With no further comments from the board, motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—HeartSafe Community Applications

APPROVED

EMS Governor's Advisory Board: Lori Knowles

The Governor's Advisory Board has not met since the last Council Board meeting. The next GAB meeting will be held at Symposium on November 8.

Staff Report—Wayne Perry

Training Updates

- REMS has provided 24 National Registry test sites so far including six during FY2017. The test site originally scheduled for October has been cancelled due to a

lack of registrants. The Council plans to have five sites a year moving forward. Whether or not the Council will continue to test Intermediate level candidates depends on the level of interest.

- REMS assisted Fauquier County with an ITLS class in October.
- REMS will be offering a “Power CEU Week” November 1-4. Providers will have the opportunity to get Category 1 CEU, AHA ACLS re-certification, NAEMT re-certification, and even NAEMT certification as a provider or instructor in AMLS, EPC, and PHTLS.
- Orange County is offering a basic PIO class on November 28 and 29.

Events and Funding

- Virginia Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Equity grant update: we are in the process of applying for a renewal. Wayne met with the VDH representative and has meetings scheduled with Mary Washington Healthcare and Moss Free Clinic. Funding is anticipated for FY18 but has not been officially awarded.

Regional Systems and Programs

- FirstNet has continued to meet with state and territory single points of contact (SPOC) and State Plan review teams in the states and territories, having now engaged with almost all states and territories on their respective State Plans. Stay tuned for updates and watch the State Plans Dashboard map develop.
- Orange County has implemented the Stress First Aid Training, and Wayne has done presentations in Fauquier and the City of Fredericksburg. Please contact Wayne to begin the process of scheduling this opportunity.
- The council is working on some table-top disaster and interagency drills that will eventually culminate in a large-scale multi-agency event. If you have an interest in guiding this process or participating, please let Vivian know as she is the POC for the project.

Website/Technology

- The new website re-design seems to be cost prohibitive. We are considering having the staff receive additional training in WordPress to make the updates.

Executive Director Update

- The national database for sentinel and near-sentinel EMS events is up and ready to receive information. Reports are accessible through the REMS Council website.
- Research from the EMS fatigue study are going to be published in trade journals. Draft recommendations will soon be submitted for how to manage EMS fatigue.
- The strategic and regional approach to critical medication shortages webinar video, put out by HHS ASPR and ASTHO is available online and a link to the slides for the presentation are available in the staff report distributed with the agenda. Updates from

HHS ASPR are available in their TRACIE communication, and several ASPR newsletters have been posted in the drop box.

- Weekly updates have been received from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and are available as a PDF in the DropBox
- House Resolution 3729 is the Comprehensive Operations, Sustainability, and Transport Act of 2017 and it is available for review in the Drop Box documents
- The Virginia Department of Health's Virginia Violent Death Reporting System has released a new report from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Violent Death Among Hispanics in Virginia, 2003-2014 looks at homicides and suicides among Hispanic Virginian residents who died in Virginia. This report may also be found in the Drop Box.
- Please be sure that your agencies are meeting the new patient care reporting requirements from OEMS.

New Business:

Kevin announced that opioid epidemic town hall meetings have been held in King George, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford. If anyone was unable to attend, they may visit the county government website or B101.5's website to view a video of the presentation. There were over eighty people in attendance at the last meeting.

The National EMS Memorial Service will be held on May 19, 2018 at Gaylord National Resort in Maryland. The Tree of Life board will be displayed in the Stafford County Public Safety Building starting next week.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on December 13 at LifeCare Medical Transports, 1180 International Parkway.