

RAPPAHANNOCK EMS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board of Directors

August 21, 2019

Board Members Present:

RJ Arft, At-Large
Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County
John Brandrup, At-Large
Mark Crnarich, At-Large
Scott Davis, City of Fredericksburg
Kevin Dillard, At-Large
Pat Fitzgerald, Westmoreland County
Donald Gore, Rappahannock County
Mike Grubb, Spotsylvania County
Mary Hart, Fauquier County
Phyllis Hurlock, Culpeper County
Mike Jones, City of Fredericksburg
Lori Knowles, Stafford County
Jeffrey McClure, Stafford County
Fred Messing, At-Large
David Moody, King George County
Bud Moody, Orange County
Bill Ooten, Culpeper County
Joseph Williams, Fauquier County

Staff Present:

Margot Moser, Office Manager
Wayne Perry, Executive Director

Agency Presentation:

Chief David Moody gave a presentation about the County and its emergency services. King George County is one of the smallest in the state, geographically, at 188 square miles, and is host to the region's largest employer, Dahlgren. The first volunteer fire department in King George was established in 1946; the first VF/R in 1954. In 1999, the county established its first Emergency Services department and in 2008 the career and volunteer system began to work together under one chain of command and structure. King George county was one of the first in the state to have a telemetry system, and one of the first in the region to have an alphanumeric alerting system. They were also early adopters of reverse 9-1-1 and combining the career and volunteer systems operationally.

Board Members Excused:

David Garvin, King George County
William Harrington, Spotsylvania County

Board Members Absent:

Susan Dietrich, Caroline County
Mark Garnett, Caroline County
Nathan Mort, Orange County
Louise Rollins, At-Large
Dr. Tania White, Regional Medical Director

Guests Present:

Dan Hart
Joey King, Pharmacy Committee Chair

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Dillard at 7 PM at the King George County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes for the June 19, 2019 meeting approved as presented.

Public Comments/Presentations from Guests:

None.

President's Report—Kevin Dillard

Kevin welcomed the newest member of the board, Chief Mike Jones from the City of Fredericksburg. Board members introduced themselves.

Executive Committee:

The OEMS Pilot Project is now being referred to as the Regional Office of EMS project. Kevin, Wayne, and John met with Gary Brown, Adam Harrell, and Tim Perkins at OEMS. They were asked to return with a list of requests to be evaluated by OEMS to begin negotiations. Representatives from the Executive, Personnel, and Strategic Planning committees met today to discuss a list of requests and requirements to be sent to OEMS. Kevin will send that and schedule another in-person meeting to discuss the list. A written report will be sent to the board prior to the next board meeting.

Grant Committee:

The fall grant cycle is open and September 16 is the deadline for submissions. Kevin reminded the board that they may utilize the Council or the Grants Manager at OEMS for feedback prior to submission. The Office of EMS held a webinar on Monday, August 19; the recording is available online for those who were unable to participate. Lori Knowles asked whether or not child restraint system requests will be funded through RSAF; Kevin said possibly yes, but contact the Office of EMS as they may have remaining kits to distribute for free.

Vice President's Report—Donald Gore

No report.

Secretary's Report—Mark Crnarich

Performance Improvement Committee:

The committee did not meet in July as Mark was called out of town on business matters and we have had difficulty getting a quorum for meetings. The Performance Improvement plan needs annual affirmation. No revisions have been made. Mark made a motion to approve the PI Plan as presented; seconded by John Brandrup. With no further discussion from the board, motion carried.

ACTION ITEM—Performance Improvement Plan

APPROVED

Treasurer's Report—John Brandrup

Financial statements were sent out prior to the meeting. The Council has received word about all funding for FY2020 and work on the budget will soon begin.

Guidelines and Training Committee:

The committee will meet again on August 28. No report at this time.

Committee Reports

CISM Team: Kevin Dillard for Patricia Copeland

Members of the team participated in “An Internal Size Up,” a program from Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, with Arlington County Fire Department on August 16. This is a four hour, in-depth FF/EMT behavioral health workshop.

Mental Health America will have a Walk for Suicide Prevention on September 7 at Old Mill Park. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will hold its Out of the Darkness Walk on September 14 at SRMC.

September 28-29, Virginia First Responder Support Services will be presenting a two-day peer support certification training program. Registration is free to all first responders; information can be found on the REMS website.

The team participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention event on June 22 at Classic Iron.

There is currently an offer for a SafeTALK course from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. This course teaches individuals age 15 and older to become a suicide-alert helper. Contact Patricia Copeland for more info.

The team has been out on 14 callouts since the last board meeting.

Incident and Threat Mitigation Committee: Kevin Dillard for Billy Harrington

The committee last met on August 8. We are currently working on gathering information for an update to the Regional Surge Plan. Some updates shared at the meeting may be relevant to the board:

- The “Urban Slide” event on August 31 will cause closures of William Street and College Avenue.
- Chatham Bridge will be closed for repair in the next six months. This will last 12-18 months and traffic will be rerouted (total closure).
- Fredericksburg is looking for participants and victims for their November 3 MCI drill. Contact Kelsey Rideout.
- MWH will have an MRI trailer in the ambulance bay temporarily.

Billy also included in his report that Triage Tag Saturday is the third Saturday of every month from 0700-1900.

Medical Direction Committee: Wayne Perry for Dr. Tania White

State Medical Direction met on August 11. OMDs were encouraged not to sign off on training programs that are falling below the state fail rate.

There are no new updates about DEA legislation and the new scope of practice was discussed, but not released. There are no major infectious disease updates; there have been some possible measles exposures, so agencies are encouraged to make sure that their providers are up to date on their vaccinations.

Personnel Committee: Chief David Moody

The committee met prior to the board meeting. Chief Moody had nothing new to report from the committee other than they are currently focusing on the possible transition to the Regional Office of EMS and how it will impact current Council employees.

Pharmacy Committee: Joey King

Nothing to report; the next committee meeting will be on October 10.

Strategic Planning: Fred Messing

Fred complimented Kevin for the work he’s done on the Regional Office of EMS project and noted that the Strategic Planning Committee has been focused on this project since the update to the Regional EMS Plan.

Heart and Stroke Committee: Lori Knowles

The committee meets on September 4. There is one Heartsafe application being considered for a HeartSafe Business, LifeCare. This application should come before the board in October. Lori and Kevin attended the King William County Board of Supervisors meeting to present their HeartSafe sign and certificate. There are now seven HeartSafe Communities in the Commonwealth.

State EMS Advisory Board: Lori Knowles

A large issue before the board at the moment is possible exposures to decedent blood. There is currently a bill in the legislative committee to request the Office of the Medical Examiner coordinate a work group to study these issues and come up with solutions to alleviate the problem. Medical Examiners drawing the blood and testing it has been proposed. In the meantime, providers are advised to proceed with extreme caution, use PPE, and use PPE properly.

Provider Health and Safety sent out a Provider Mental Health Survey. The state is trying to get data regarding needed services; all providers are encouraged to complete the survey.

Staff Report—Wayne Perry

HR/Personnel and Funding Updates

- The council continues to use the electronic timesheet program. Details are also now included in the Council's OEMS quarterly report to identify areas of work and quantities of manpower devoted to specific projects. If you have questions about a specific project or work that we do for your jurisdiction please talk with Wayne.
- The Council submitted a contract mod requesting funding to OEMS. Wayne will keep the board updated with the result.

Regional EMS System

- The regional awards program is seeking nominations throughout the year and currently accepting applications for 2020. If you have someone who would be a worthy candidate, please e-mail Vivian at vdelts@vaems.org. The 2019 awards ceremony was held June 11, 2019 at the JF Fick Center.
- The regional MCI drill for 2019 that will be hosted by Fredericksburg Fire Department has begun the planning process. If you are interested in hosting an event or participating in this event, please let Wayne know.
- Temporary Ketamine kits were approved at the Regional Pharmacy Committee; two will be issued per jurisdiction.
- A summary of the most recent bulletin from CMS regarding ET3 was distributed.
- Various documents from Northern and Northwest Hospital Coalition events and meetings are available in the drop box.

- Several current regional PI data reports are available in DropBox.
- The staff is participating in the Virginia Opioid Addiction and Virginia Palliative Care ECHO Tele-clinics sponsored by VCU, UVA, and Carillion. The goal of the bi-weekly sessions is to present evidence-based methods to support recovery from opioid use disorders and relate how to integrate these methods with medication therapy. Some of the presentations and materials are included in the Drop Box.

Training and Program Updates

- Training announcements are listed on the REMS website and FaceBook page, as well as provided in updates via social media. Please encourage providers to follow us on Twitter, like us on FB, and check the website periodically.
- REMS has provided 29 National Registry test sites – CY 2019 remaining schedule is October 26, and December 7.
- We continue to offer Stress First Aid training. Please contact Wayne to begin the process of scheduling this opportunity.
- Leesburg Police is hosting a conference to identify and discuss various stresses from a career in public safety – June 28.
- Orange County is hosting a PER294 event on July 26, 2019 on the topic of Testing an Emergency Operations Plan in a Rural EOC. The information is posted on our website and the flyer is in the drop box.
- There will be a Handtevy Pre-hospital Instructor Course at Fort Lee on September 12.
- There will be a flu vaccination clinic at the Virginia State Fair – September 28. There will be a drive-through POD event – “Cardinal Resolve” – to test the statewide countermeasures capacity on October 5 at Caroline County High School. On October 12, flu vaccinations will be provided to the King George fall festival. If you are interested in working the event and becoming a vaccinator, please contact the REMS Council.
- The Council is interested in partnering with agencies on stop the bleed courses. If you have personnel or events please let us know; we have training equipment and supplies.
- The REMS Council hosted an ABLIS course on August 8 – it was full with a waiting list. It was well received and the student feedback was positive.
- VAVRS District 10 Fall Rescue Camp will be held October 12 – the flyer is included in the Drop Box.
- EMS symposium registration is open – please help spread the word amongst newer members and providers; many we have spoken with are unaware of the event.
- The NW HCC held their annual table top exercise on May 9 with a focus on cyber threats. A copy of the AAR is available in the drop box.
- PEMS is hosting a DICO course September 26-29. The course registration information is in the dropbox.
- The REMS Council has partnered with the Virginia Center on Agency, Geriatric Education Center at VCU with plans to provide EMS providers with POST, DDNR, and end-of-life education.

- The REMS Council has received approval to host the PER-211 course from Texas A&M which we discussed at the December meeting. Stafford County will be partnering with the REMS Council to host the training on December 7, 2019. Minimum attendance is 30 – PLEASE pass along the information to the agencies.

EMS at the National Level

- The national database for sentinel and near-sentinel EMS events is up and ready to receive information. There is information about the E.V.E.N.T. program in an attachment on the e-mail and the reports are accessible through the REMS Council website as well. The 2nd quarter 2018 Patient Safety Report and Violence Against Paramedics Report is published on their site, here is the link to the Third Quarter Patient Safety Event Report.
- 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 here. Updates from HHS ASPR are available in their TRACIE communication, and several ASPR newsletters have been posted in the staff report and Drop Box.
- Senate 1379 – The Public Health Service Act has been signed by President Trump.
- The House and Senate passed H.R. 776, the EMSC Program Reauthorization Act of 2019, which extends the funding for the program until 2024. This legislation is awaiting signature by President Trump.
- The NHTSA OEMS has released a RFI regarding modification of HIPAA Rules and is conducting a survey regarding emergency communications technology.
- The NHTSA Office of EMS has published the EMS Agenda 2050 and the Education Agenda for the Future. This document portrays a vision for the future of EMS along with companion documents of the updated National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. These documents will be woven into the regional committee structures as well as the strategic planning moving forward. The suggested education guidelines are up for comment.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) sought ideas earlier this year from the healthcare and pediatric care community for more comprehensive and enhanced pediatric care during disasters. ASPR is now pleased to release the Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to support the creation of up to two Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence that will serve as pilot sites.

EMS at the State Level

- A link to the latest VPHIB data submission and validity score reports, including agency compliance with VPHIB data reporting is available in the staff report attached to the agenda.
- Regional Director's Group met in Richmond the first week of August. Our next regular meeting will be at the beginning of December. The meeting minutes from our last meeting are available in DropBox. A copy of the last Office of EMS Quarterly

report is included in dropbox and previous reports are available here. One of the main topics of discussion was the OEMS quarterly report and the information surrounding the EMS CEU program – Appendix A. The RDG has prepared a response to the Quarterly Report. Both are available in the dropbox.

- The REMS Council is participating on the Medical Direction Committee – MIH-CP workgroup; the next meeting will be later in August. Previous meeting minutes are available online.
- The Training and Certification Committee met 010919; copies of the meeting minutes are available in the drop box.
- The meeting minutes of the various state committees are available online.
- OEMS Regulation and Compliance has confirmed that the VAVRS DICO training is an approved course through OEMS.
- The next meeting for the Health and Human Resources Sub-panel will be September 10.

OEMS Updates:

- State Medical Direction Committee met on July 11. Their agenda and previous meeting minutes are available in the Drop Box.
- 2019 Educator Updates have been scheduled. The schedule may be found on the OEMS website and the REMS CE calendar.
- OEMS has released a new update to the PEG manual.
- EMS Educator updates for 2019 have been scheduled; dates are listed on the REMS website.
- OEMS is no longer requiring Education Coordinators to take a psychomotor examination.
- Please remember the “Make the Call” campaign encouraging the utilization of CISM services when needed.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

No new business.

Comments from the President:

2019 marks the 40th EMS Symposium. Many special events have been planned, including a session on provider burnout by Randolph Mantooth. The vendor area will also be greatly expanded and some exhibit will be on display.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on October 16, 2019, at Amisville Volunteer Fire and Rescue.