# Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

# **Board of Directors Meeting**

Held Via Zoom

# **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, June 16, 2022

# **DIRECTORS PRESENT (Listed Alphabetically by First Name)**

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# Call to Order

Council President Anne Marsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors held on April 21, 2022, were sent for review by email

- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Rick Cohen
- The minutes were unanimously approved.

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#### Treasurer's Report

The financials for February through May 2022 were sent via email before the meeting.

- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the financial reports as submitted, seconded by Mark Kordalski
- The Treasurer's Report and financials were unanimously approved

#### **President's Report**

President Anne Marsh advised nothing to report

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Ray Whatley, Acting Executive Director presented the following:

- Shout out to Laura & Michelle for helping attend meetings and keeping things on track while Craig is out, and Ray is filling in.
  - Craig's expected return date is July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- We are working with OEMS for the upcoming budget. The Regional Directors have met several times to establish the baseline services for all councils. That has been completed and we are working towards adding our council's information regarding justification, measurements, and add-ons.
- OEMS will review these as they come in. An extension has been applied for all Regional Councils to continue funding through the first quarter. No add-ons would be included.
- The Patient Tracking Work Group has been meeting and a survey has gone out to those that attended the demonstrations. Please complete the survey if you attended which came from NVERS.
- The Regional Awards Committee met. Award winners will be contacted later. OEMS are looking for a more streamlined submission process for next year. It should make it easier for people to nominate individuals. We have a great region, and we should look for ways to encourage more nominations.
- We are looking into becoming an associate member of the PWC Chamber of Commerce to assist with our Stroke Smart initiatives.
- The next OMD/EMS Leadership meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be changing to monthly but there are several topics to discuss in next week's meeting.

# **Stroke Smart Advocate Report**

Margaret Probst provided the following report:

- Loudoun County declared the County a Stroke Smart Community and had a recent Stroke survivor who attended and gave a brief statement on his stroke and his struggles with rehabilitation in the last four years
- Prince William County, Herndon, Fairfax Co, and Falls Church have not yet signed a proclamation
  - Lt. Stephenson from Prince William County has put her in contact with the Area Agency on Aging in PWC to do a train the trainer for her and her staff
- They are working on the PWC Chamber of Commerce membership
- Potomac Mills Mall is hanging posters and has magnets and flyers and she has done a few small training sessions
- Arlington Co Schools has been reached out to and Chief Povlitz has helped move that along for 27000 students and 8000 staff
  - o The kids take home a flyer, magnet, and letter for Stroke Smart

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- BEACON teaches English to low proficiency learners and they are taking it and giving the Stroke
   Smart education to them as well to reach those who are not primary English speakers
- The Risk Reduction Coordinator at Fairfax County is putting her in contact with 8 department heads to get the education to them and help them train their staff as well

# **STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **AHA Training Center**

Ray Whatley provided the following report:

- AHA will be increasing prices by \$0.35 for professional level providers and instructor eCards
  (ACLS, BLS, PALS, PEARS). Our prices will also go up effective July 1. TS Coordinators have been
  sent the new price sheet. Other prices have increased for other products. New prices become
  effective on July 1, 2022.
- Other product prices have increased as well such as DVDs, provider manuals, and other supplies so if you want to order before July 1, be sure to get to us by June 28<sup>th</sup> to order before the price increase.
- No guidelines are changing, just prices for products
- Heartsaver series cards have not increased but the books and materials have increased by about \$2 each
- Doctors' offices

#### State EMS Advisory Board

Beth Adams provided the following written report:

- GAB met on May 6, 2022
  - Gary Brown announced that Dr. Colin Green is confirmed as the Commissioner of Health, former Health Commissioner for Lord Fairfax.
    - He did not attend but will meet in August with the GAB
  - They solidified the Electronic Meeting Policy with strict guidelines on when an Electronic Meeting is acceptable
    - Since all meetings are open to the public, there are few opportunities to not meet in person
  - Bylaws Committee information was submitted and will have to be revisited once the Bylaws and Constitution of the Board have met
    - There are 29 members and some think that's too many, others think that's not enough
  - The Rules and Regulations Committee continues to work on Chapter 32 for EMS in the Commonwealth and a had joint meeting with June 9<sup>th</sup> the State MDC
    - They're drafting legislation for EMS as an essential service and have early draft language that is being reviewed by the state
    - The advantage of making this a statute is that it opens additional funding from state and federal funds
    - Once that's done, we'll need to reach out to legislators in the General Assembly to get this passed
  - August 8<sup>th</sup> is the next GAB meeting

# **Provider Health and Safety**

No Representation

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#### Trauma PI Committee

Dr. Morgan advised of the following:

- They met on June 8<sup>th</sup> and the topic was falls in patients greater than age 55
  - The takeaway was that ground-level falls are common and there was a female predominance
  - Good discussion on fall prevention strategies and public education and getting EMS involved in those topics when the fire side does smoke detector changes
  - The next meeting is on September 8<sup>th</sup>, MCI is the topic

#### Medevac Committee

Rick Cohen provided the following:

- During the last meeting, they discussed rules and regulations that will affect them, but nothing significant was seen
- Ray Whatley stated he heard they were pushing to have another person on the Medevac Committee that was not in the medevac industry
  - Rick advised they are discussing reworking the structure because it hasn't changed in many years
    - Currently, level 1 & 3 trauma centers are represented
    - They are looking in the next few years to rework the composition of the membership

# **Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee**

Dr. Morgan provided the following update:

- The next regional Medical Direction Committee is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- They will discuss moving it to monthly versus bi-weekly as it is now
- The State MDC meeting was June 9<sup>th</sup> and the next is July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - The Rules and Regulations meeting was tedious for Chapter 32 review and cleaning up the state regulations to keep in line with what is happening nationally but it's mostly terminology
  - Rules and Regulations will meet and review proposals by this committee and make recommendations

#### **Training and Certification Committee**

Ray Whatley provided the following report:

- No meeting since May
- The EMS Advisory Board advised moving forward with the 2021 National EMS Education Standards
- ACE Division will roll this out over the next 6 months for EMS educators in the state and there
  will be classes in several regions
  - The first will be at PEMS in August
  - Northern will be October 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Educators must register in advance
    - All educators must attend but it doesn't count toward educator hours
- The next meeting for July 7<sup>th</sup> has been canceled

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#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

# JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

#### City of Alexandria Fire Department

Ray Whatley provided the following update in the absence of Chief Hricik:

- They recently finished a strategic planning initiative and are in the second stage now
- They are preparing for another recruit school and they're moving that to the 1108 Jefferson St location

# **Arlington County Fire Department**

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

- 23 in recruit school now and they're currently in the EMT process 3rd module now
- The fire chief wants their program to be certified so they are working on policy codification for fire and EMS
- They are currently involved with collective bargaining and it is moving forward
- They have good call volume and no one out due to COVID and is back to normal in the stations
  - They are wearing N95s on calls only

# City of Fairfax Fire Department

Tom Olander advised of the following:

• Brian Orndoff was promoted to Battalion Chief

# Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Mark Kordalski provided the following update:

- They will graduate 12 from VCU this month and will start internships and should be in the field by September
- They are still in the evaluation period for 12 BLS units
- There is currently a recruit school in session with 30 and another 30 recruits are to start in the next 2-3 months

#### Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

Paul DeHaven provided the following updates:

- They have 2 graduating with the VCU class at the end of the month also
- They are fully staffed currently so the new medics will go to reserve status but not be assigned FT to the helicopter unless there is a vacancy
- The hangar reconstruction project is continuing and they're hoping to move back to West Ox by the end of July
- Effective 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June they started carrying blood on aircraft and this is part of the standard compliment for every day flights

# **Fauquier County DFREM**

No Representation

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## **Loudoun County Fire and Rescue**

EMS Battalion Chief Jamie Cooper provided the following updates:

- They currently have a recruit school in session and they can hire another immediate recruit school soon
- They have their first AEMT to Paramedic class is in session and everyone is doing very well they're seeing high scores
  - 33 recruits left in this class
- The National Conference Center repatriation effort is still ongoing, but it has a low impact on them
  - They are still dealing with a few transport companies for interfacility transfers
- Michelle Beatty added that they are holding an NREMT test site for psychomotor testing soon for AEMT graduates

# City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Todd Lupton provided the following updates:

They are currently trying to hire as they are still 14 short

# City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue

No Representation

#### **MWAA**

No Representation

# **Prince William County Fire and Rescue**

Chip Morrison provided the following update:

- They have a recruit school in session now with just over 20
- The I to P class will be graduating in the next 2 weeks
- A new EMT-B to P class with potentially 27 who passed the test to be in the class (staffing will dictate) but there will be a minimum of 18
- The bariatric unit in service at FS516 and available for mutual aid if needed,
  - It will be brought by the engine company
- Working on drug boxes on engine companies, Engine 12 & 14 today, then engine 6 tomorrow

# Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department

No representation

# **LifeCare Medical Transport**

No representation

#### Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Deal provided the following update:

- The fall semester starts on August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- The biggest news is that Dr. Mark Franke is the new OMD for the program
  - He has been an adjunct professor and teaching for 2-3 years
  - Dr. Vafier had been planning to retire on 7/1 anyway and he and Dr. Franke had been discussing this before his unexpected death

# **OEMS Program Representative**

Chris Vernovai provided the following update:

- They are still working on a new Council contract
  - There has been very little change in the last 4-5 cycles of the current iteration
  - There is a significant overhaul this time and design of how they are working and standard requirements for all Councils vs. not allowing for additional items
    - Each council can choose add-ons that allow for additional funding, etc.
    - Once the council submits proposals, office staff from OEMS will review and get back to the EDs to get them established
      - This allows the councils to highlight what each one is doing
      - Even for standard items, every region looks at them differently
        - For example, Northern has a robust MCI plan, but others only have it because it's a requirement
  - The contracts won't be done by July 1<sup>st,</sup> so they are working on extensions for an additional quarter (ending 9/30) and the new ones will be approved and fine-tuned by that date
  - Each year, they can come back to make necessary adjustments; no one is stuck with the MOU and can make changes as needed as we are all working through the new process
  - There is a meeting tomorrow morning to discuss extensions
- Tim Perkins, Ron Passmore, and Chris met on Recruitment and Retention recently
  - Regulations and Compliance has a window for superusers that can have access to background info as needed
    - Previously there were some concerns about jurisdictions needing verification and it wasn't easily accessible for eligibility
    - NOTE: When you have new members come in and they're asked for a 9-digit code for OEMS, please make they put in the leading zeroes for agency number for affiliation to make it enough digits
      - If it's not there, it sits at OEMS until someone from an agency calls to say they're awaiting a background check
- Red dots go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, if you need more time call, Ron Passmore, for a variance
  - They're giving 6 extra months for extra training if needed and requested
- He and others recently participated in the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride on the Southern Route in Elizabeth City, NC to VA Beach then to Williamsburg on the Capital Trail and finishing up the week. They rode through TEMS, PEMS, and ODEMSA regions, and that council's sponsored meals for those legs of the ride

#### **PHI Aircare**

#### Rick Cohen

- No current openings
- Several people in training currently

# **Physicians Transport Service**

Kate Passow advised there was nothing new to report

• The Weekend of Honor for the EMS Memorial Service is July 22-24. At the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. They leave the hotel at 9 am for the bike ride and will bike out to the PTS main office in

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Herndon for lunch. This is normally a 42-mile round trip which many said wasn't long enough, so they will expand to a 50- and 60- mile option which will extend into Loudoun County

- They are already in touch with Arlington on 7/6 to discuss a final escort to the memorial service
- 40 cyclists are registered already
- If you have bike teams that want to participate, can meet for lunch, meet for part of the trail, or all of it, please register
- Reach out to Kate if you have questions

#### Inova Health System

Eric Reist gave the following update:

 Thanks to Loudoun County for bringing the medical bus for a tour today at NVERS, it was very beneficial to see and tour it

# **Reston Hospital Center**

Keith Morrison gave the following update:

- Tysons ER is open, and patients are coming in
  - Good feedback from patients and providers
  - o For anyone who needs to go to Reston, they are using PTS for transports

#### StoneSprings Hospital

No Representation

# Northern Virginia Emergency Response System

No Representation

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Regional Policies and Forms, Regional Protocol Guidelines, and Hospital Diversion Plan were sent to meeting attendees by email before the meeting for review. There are no changes to the plans or forms and are presented for review and approval.
  - Regional Policies and Forms
    - Motion to approve as written by Beth Adams, seconded by Dr. Morgan
      - This motion was approved unanimously
  - Regional Protocol Guidelines
    - Motion to approve as written by Beth Adams, seconded by Byron Andrews
      - This motion was approved unanimously
  - Hospital Diversion Plan
    - Motion to approve as written by Beth Adams, seconded by Adam Lieb
      - This motion was approved unanimously
- Todd Lupton made a motion to provide \$500 for rehydration and snacks for the EMS Memorial Bike Ride, seconded by Adam Lieb
  - This motion was approved unanimously

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business to discuss

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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There was a motion to adjourn at 11:15 am

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on September 15, 2022. An invitation and Zoom link have been sent.

# **CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Northern Virginia EMS Council 7250 Heritage Village Plaza, Ste. 102 Gainesville, VA 20155

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 June 16, 2022, 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 September 15, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

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Craig A. Evans Executive Director Northern Virginia EMS Council Date



# Northern Virginia EMS Council, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Attendance

Meeting Date:

6/16/2022

First Name	Last Name	Agency/Hospital Affiliation	Email Address	Attendance
Ibrahim	Abdul-Jawad	Arlington County Fire Department	iabdul-jawad@arlingtonva.us	Did Not Attend
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Tom	Arnoto	Prince William County Fire & Rescue	tarnoto@pwcgov.org	Did Not Attend
Anthony	Barone	Emergility	Tony@emergility.com	Attended
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Josh	Brandon	City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue	j.brandon@manassasparkva.gov	Did Not Attend
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