



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting

4081 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22033

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2020

DIRECTORS PRESENT (Listed Alphabetically by Last Name) *ALL ATTENDEES PRESENT VIA ZOOM

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GUESTS

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Council President Rick Bonnett welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors held February 13, 2020, were sent for review by email

- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 2020 meeting as written, seconded by Anne Marsh
 - The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report

- The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review.
 - Craig Evans advised the due to large payroll with the employment of 130 airport Enhanced Infection Disease Screeners at IAD, money was transferred to the checking account from the Money Market account.
 - The funds will be replaced upon receipt of the current outstanding invoice with the government for approximately \$427,000 and the quarterly payment of \$59,000 from VA OEMS
 - After this month, there should be no further issues with a low checking balance both due to the current outstanding invoice and the reduction in force at the airport due to the incoming flight restrictions
 - A motion was made and duly seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.
 - The report was unanimously approved.

President's Report

Rick Bonnett advised that the Council is thriving during this time with the current COVID-19 crisis and is working remotely during this time. All staff members can be reached by phone or email as usual.

Executive Director's Reports

- Retired Arlington County Firefighter Paramedic Chuck Kramaric has been made the operations manager at IAD to handle all day-to-day operations for the Enhanced Infection Disease Screeners. There are currently around 130 screeners employed.
 - March was a busy month at the airport going from 100 to nearly 3000 screenings per day with 35 employees over 17 hours per day for nearly the entire month.
- Payroll has gone from 4 employees to approximately 130 and has gone from a 10-minute project to approximately 3 days to coordinate hours worked, parking reimbursement, etc.
- On April 1st, CWMD added \$1.6M to the current contract for the Enhanced Screeners
- The Council received two shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile
 - Craig will send a list of the available stock and is seeking feedback on how to better or differently communicate that to the agencies.
 - Craig has to report to VA OEMS what is being used and by what agency
 - If you require PPE, please call the Council or email northern@vaems.org and they will coordinate to get supplies as available.
 - Chief Reshetar advised that they're going to be defaulting to smaller agencies that may have procurement issues as Arlington County FD is not experiencing such at this time.
 - Chris Vernovai from OEMS advised GoToMeeting Webinars are being held at 0900 on Fridays for Regional Directors and OMDs but anyone can join.
 - There will be additional shipments of PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile, but they're only told it will "be soon" and no exact date. They found out about

the shipment when an Executive Director got a call saying their shipment would be arriving in 20 minutes. Others have not received any advanced notice.

- The Medical Direction Committee is meeting weekly
- VDH Calls centers are up and running and staying busy
- If you have any specific needs, please notify VA OEMS
- We are doing a weekly OMD and EMS Leadership meeting via Zoom at noon each Thursday. Contact the Council to be added to the invite list.

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Note: Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, most State and Regional Committee meetings have been canceled and there are no reports.

AHA Training Center

Ray Whatley provided the following report.

AHA Instructor and Provider Card Extensions

Per the statement regarding further extensions of AHA course completion cards beyond 60 days past the recommended renewal day (in interim guidance released on March 13, 2020), and given the ongoing threat of exposure to COVID-19, with many communities under shelter in place orders to minimize the spread of the disease, the AHA is extending AHA Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date, beginning with cards that expire in March 2020. See the attached guidance document at the end of the minutes.

Oxygenation and Ventilation Resources for COVID-19

Please feel free to use the following modules as you see fit for your staff & students.

Oxygenation and Ventilation of COVID-19 Patients – Modules.

This is a 4-module toolkit provided as a quick resource and a refresher for healthcare providers who may be called to assist in critical care roles that are beyond their routine daily activities for COVID-19 patients.

- Module 1: Non-invasive Support Overview
- Module 2: Airway Management
- Module 3: Ventilation Equipment
- Module 4: Ventilation Management

The AHA still advocates that advanced airways be inserted and managed by the most experienced members of the clinical care team. These materials provide important information for the team members helping to support the ongoing ventilation management of COVID-19 patients. – Click [HERE](#) for [Oxygenation and Ventilation Resources for COVID-19 Patients](#).

Additional resources for you are:

[AHA Airway Management Video](#)

[Oxygenation and Ventilation Quick Reference Sheets](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for CPR Training](#)

January 1, 2020 to April 8, 2020

Course	eCards Assigned	eCards Claimed	Claimed / Assigned (%)
ACLS Provider	177	79	45
BLS Provider	1847	1186	64
HeartCode BLS w/Instructor	8	8	100
Heartsaver CPR AED	142	82	58
Heartsaver First Aid	12	8	67
Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED	118	92	78
Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR AED	6	4	67
PALS Provider	34	26	76

OLD BUSINESS

- The Council has canceled the 2020 Regional EMS Awards Banquet due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Awards are still being accepted and will be voted on. All winners will be submitted to the State for the Governor's EMS Awards.
- The 2020 Northern Virginia Regional EMS Conference to be held May 19th has been canceled as well.

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

Deputy Chief of EMS Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- They have temporarily closed Station 210 due to their current single staffing model
 - They are pairing up sister stations so staff can only work between their assigned station and sister station. No overtime any place other than these two stations
- All stations are closed to visitors
- Staff must wear masks on all calls
- Their call volume is down approximately 20%
- There is currently a recruit school in session and should graduate in about 90 days.
 - They are hoping they'll be able to graduate and test on time
 - The most recent recruit school was able to graduate and is in the field now
- They are using their community paramedics more right now
 - They are doing four 10 hour days during peak times

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- Alexandria Hospital is seeing an uptick in transports and has implemented in-bay patient hand-offs for Persons Under Investigation (PUI)
- If they encounter a PUI, they are being asked to not be transported and stay at home if they are not absolutely sick.
 - They are currently working with the City attorneys on changing their wording for these cases since they aren't genuine patient refusals since EMS is asking/suggesting they not be transported

Arlington County Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

- Their call volume has also decreased but the acuity of their calls has gone up
- They are at a good staffing level presently
 - They do have a good backup plan should that change
- They have also implemented a no visitor policy, as well as no unnecessary travel
- All staff must wear masks in the station if you'll be less than six feet from anyone else
 - They are also getting temperature checks twice per day while on duty
- Chief Marsh has been detailed to Public Health for Command Structure
 - They are working on messaging and a flyer for all residents that will details what high-risk criteria is, how and when to self-monitor, self-isolate, etc.
 - It will also instruct those who call and don't meet testing criteria on how to self-quarantine appropriately
- Recruit school continues but they are seeing Pearson Vue testing issues with the mandatory closures so they are considering testing them now and then doing fire school later
- Virginia Hospital Center is also doing patient hand-off in the bays
 - They have Arlington County Sheriff's deputies stationed there 8a-4p during the week so if you need to leave your unit open to air out when you go inside, you can do so safely and this is not a violation of OEMS Regulations since it's considered secure
- They are considering putting up a COVID response vehicle to be sent to home with non-acute or suspected cases. It will be driven by a PA or ECC personnel for triage and education.
 - It will be a marked vehicle with a LifePak and PPE and being done in conjunction with their community paramedicine program
- If the current situation continues to increase and get worse, they are considering using the National Guard tents for antibody testing, etc. but they are not ready to start that yet.

City of Fairfax Fire Department

Brian Orndoff provided the following update:

- They also are seeing a decreased call volume but higher acuity in the patients they are seeing
- They are seeing good use of PPE by staff and decreased sick calls by staff
- They are adjusting to care guidance on PPE

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Beth Adams provided the following updates:

- Recruit school just finished their Phase 1 testing
- The current interns will complete their Phase 1 testing this coming Monday.

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- There is a recruit class of experienced firefighters with 4 ALS and 3 EMTs that will start their abbreviated class on Monday.
- They are also seeing a reduced call volume but increased acuity of patients they are seeing

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

No representation

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Michelle Beatty reported the following updates:

- Recruit school is currently in session and thankfully they were able to complete their testing and are scheduled to graduate at the end of this month
- Spring programs are in place via distance learning for EMT and paramedic
 - They are at the point where they can't do more online instruction and will likely have to delay in-person instruction until the COVID-19 Pandemic is over and restrictions are lifted.

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Todd Lupton reported the following update:

- They are also seeing a reduced call volume but increased acuity of patients they are seeing
- They are doing good overall with PPE but starting to experience a shortage on gowns

City of Manassas Park Fire and Rescue

Tom Oliver reported the following update:

- They are also seeing a reduced call volume but increased acuity of patients they are seeing
- They are also experiencing a shortage of gowns
- They have two new hires who are currently in orientation

MWAA Fire and Rescue

EMS Battalion Chief Eric Patterson provided the following update:

- The airport is a ghost town right now
 - They only have 1-2 international arrivals per week now
 - There is a significant reduction in all flights
- They require all personnel to wear masks if they are within 6 feet of anyone else, including in the station
- The BioQuel System was calibrated and serviced yesterday and is available if anyone needs to use it.
 - You may also sanitize PPE in it if needed. Please contact MWAA for further information.

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

Captain Danny Acosta provided the following update:

- They are also seeing a shortage of gowns primarily
- They recently adapted their protocols for aerosolized procedures
- They have a response vehicle in place for low acuity calls
- Their goal is to have disinfecting equipment available at each hospital shortly
- They currently have paramedic and EMT classes in progress, as well as a recruit school

LifeCare Medical Transport

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No Representation

Northern Virginia Community College

Kathy Camp-Deal advised of the following update:

- The college is open but campuses are closed
- All learning is being done online currently
 - All clinicals and labs are currently on hold
 - They will finish them in the fall with no penalty
- Per the President of the College, there will be no in-person on-campus summer classes this year
- They are hopeful that all fall classes will start August 24th in-person, as previously scheduled
- They are trying to determine how to finish the incompletes without missing semesters, additional tuition, etc., as this is out of the student's hands.

OEMS Program Representative

No representation.

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen provided the following updates:

- They are also seeing a reduction in call volume
- They struggle with PPE inventory
- They are looking at ways to sanitize and reuse N95s
- They are seeing 1-3 positive COVID-19 patients per day with increasing acuity

Physicians Transport

Kate Passow advised of the following:

- They are also seeing a reduction in call volume and an increase in acuity
- The number of rule out or COVID positive patients is high
- They're transporting approximately 12-15 COVID patients per day
 - Most are being discharged home as they no longer meet hospital stay criteria
- 1-2 intubated patients per day to hospitals
 - Most unresponsive
 - Goes to rule out
- They're also trying to maintain their PPE inventory

HCA Reston Hospital Center

No representation

HCA StoneSprings Hospital

No representation

Inova Fairfax Hospital

Mark Guditus reported the following update:

- If you are transporting a patient with aerosolized medications, they must be stopped at the bay doors and can be re-started once in the patient's room

- All providers must leave the laundry and doff and dispose of PPE in the patient's room
- They have a no visitor policy in the ED unless the patient is a minor, they can bring in one parent or guardian
 - Any family members brought with the patient are taken to a tent to be screened, temperature checked, etc., before being allowed to accompany a patient.
- Any patient with suspected COVID is to be placed in a mask prior to ED arrival
- CPRs require full PPE at the ED as they're presumed positive
 - The crew can leave only one provider to do the ED hand-off and provide patient information and interventions, etc
- They have 131 negative pressure rooms at the hospital currently
- As of today, they have 81 COVID positive in the hospital
 - 37 of those are in the ICU
 - They have discharged 20-something home to recover
- There is security at the EMS bays so units can also be left open to air out without being in violation
- There are two specialty pediatric EDs for pediatric patients who are sick, have fractures, etc.
 - The overflow pediatric ED is used for fevers, respiratory complaints, etc., to keep them separate

Brian Orndoff from City of Fairfax Fire Department advised they're struggling with the double use of PPE with the rules they're encountering with Inova. They have to doff PPE in the room, then return to their units and don PPE to decontaminate the units and then discard them. Is there not a better way to go about this such as a hand-off at the bay when reasonable, like other hospitals are doing? Especially with PPE being at such a premium right now.

- Rick Bonnett from MWAA stated to connect with NVHA so everyone can be on the same page with PPE being hard to keep stocked at this time. If other hospitals can do it, is there a way to get everyone on board?
- Brian Hricik also advised they're struggling with how to get people home aside from their personal vehicles, for example, those who use public transportation normally. They have been in contact with Uber, Lyft, etc., but have not gotten positive responses to transport those patients home if they are still positive and symptomatic but don't meet the criteria to stay in the hospital.
- Kate Kramer advised that at Alexandria Hospital any PUI is transferred at the EMS bay unless an active CPR, STEMI or stroke which goes in with the crew
 - They are asking for early call-ahead and they meet at the bay and take the patient on the cot and return the cot to the crew outside
 - Alexandria Hospital is not currently using IsoPods

NEW BUSINESS

- Chris Vernovai from OEMS advised if people are having trouble getting Pearson Vue testing sites, CSEMS in Staunton and LFEMSC in Winchester are open and have limited testing options available if needed.
- Ashes2Art is currently holding virtual classes through Zoom and they are being uploaded to our YouTube channel as well. Please contact Michelle Ludeman at the Council if you need additional information. Everyone is welcome to attend!
- Spring RSAF Grant grading for 9 grants

Spring 2020 RSAF Grant

Grant #	Agency Name	Item Name	Funding Level	Qty.	Price	State Funds	Final Grade
NV-C01/06-20	FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE	Bariatric Patient Cots	50 / 50	2	\$19,222.00	\$9,611.00	2
NV-C01/06-20	FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE	Extension Ramps & Winch System	50 / 50	4	\$44,532.00	\$22,266.00	2
NV-C01/06-20	FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE	Bariatric Transfer Equipment	50 / 50	2	\$20,999.00	\$10,499.50	2
NV-C02/06-20	CITY OF MANASSAS PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT	Stryker Power Load and Cot	50 / 50	1	\$43,579.69	\$21,789.85	1
NV-C03/06-20	CITY OF MANASSAS FIRE AND RESCUE	Zoll ZVent Portable Ventilator	50 / 50	3	\$43,261.40	\$21,630.70	2
NV-C03/06-20	CITY OF MANASSAS FIRE AND RESCUE	Butterfly iQ Ultrasound	50 / 50	2	\$5,544.00	\$2,772.00	2
NV-C04/06-20	ROUND HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE	LUCAS 3 Chest Compression Sys.	50 / 50	1	\$19,092.00	\$9,546.00	2
NV-C04/06-20	ROUND HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & RESCUE	Airway Management Trainer	50 / 50	1	\$2,170.70	\$1,085.35	2
NV-C05/06-20	ASHBURN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT	MILESTONE AWARD PROJECT	50 / 50	1	\$11,760.00	\$5,880.00	4

Motion to adjourn 12:18 PM.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2020, at 10:00 am at the City of Fairfax Station 403. This meeting may take place virtually if necessary given the current COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.

CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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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 virtually via ZOOM due to the current restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more by the Governor of Virginia due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 June 11, 2020, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date