



Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

Board of Directors Meeting
Held Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022

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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 December 16, 2021, were sent for review by email

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was sent via email for review along with the financials for December and January.

- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Mark Kordalski
- The report was **unanimously approved**.

President's Report

President Anne Marsh advised she has no report for this meeting

Executive Director's Report

Craig Evans presented the following:

- The new *Accounting and Financial Control Policies and Procedures* have been completed and will be voted on later in this meeting. The biggest change is that the Secretary/Treasurer is integrated into the financial and accounting processes and will be reviewing and approving invoices to be paid alongside the Executive Director
 - We are returning bookkeeping and payroll in-house but will continue to retain and use Jennifer Burke, CPA for accounting services and Hendershot, Burkhardt, and Associates for tax services
- We are going back to condition-specific committees meeting quarterly and will have a ReTSCo meeting twice or three times per year and use ReTSCo as more of a steering committee
 - We had the VHAC meeting this week and had good participation and discussion
 - We are looking forward to continued progress in each area and discussing how to move each system (STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma) forward in the coming years
- There is an OEMS retreat for the Executive Directors in March just before the State Advisory Board meeting
 - Our Council contract expires in June 2022 and there will be contract discussions during the retreat
 - The main ask for the retreat is to bring to the meeting how we feel our Council should function with the state HandTevy program
 - Brian Hricik stated since we don't have a regionalized protocol and it is customizable to everyone's protocols, this is still a struggle for Northern Virginia since we don't have a single protocol to encompass the region

- Craig stated he doesn't see function at all for HandTevy in our region, but if you see otherwise, please let him know and he'll bring that to the meeting
- Brian Hricik added there is value in seeing and sharing data and there is no separate function for that, but it's reported into their ePCRs
- Chris Vernovai added that HandTevy will be customizable to the ability of what the state has paid for, each agency will have custom features as they set up with HandTevy
- Brian Hricik asked if they will at those with a current contract with HandTevy already and whether the state will pick those up?
 - Chris Vernovai stated that as they expire, the renewal will roll into the state, but features will have a transition period at some point
- Brian Hricik advised they have instructors they pay for every 4-5 years and asked if the state will pay for that or is it still on their agency? Chris Vernovai will ask Tim Perkins about this
- Brian Orndoff advised they're talking with HandTevy and the state will pick up the cost of the current contract and they'll write a new contract for protocols & checklists and that will be a separate cost from what they've been told
 - Beth Adams asked if there is there a separate fee for each protocol and checklist or just one fee for all?
 - Brian Hricik stated that for them it was all protocols for one fee
- The State is working on a state-wide strike ready that will be partially ready this year and fully functional as of next year
- ESO HDE is fully functional. Please get your agencies and hospitals set up for this so we can use this feedback in the region. This is paid for by the state for all agencies and hospitals!
 - Todd Lupton advised Manassas City has been using HDE since they started on ESO several years ago and have had great success with it and there was not a lot of work to connect with Novant hospitals
 - Chip Morrison from Prince William County stated even with SafetyPad they are working with Novant PWH and it will be an easy lift to get started but Sentara is resistant. Perhaps when they must enter the information manually rather than get directly from the reports they may change their minds
- UASI grant for blood program equipment is going well. Craig has discussed with IBDS how that will expand the use of blood. PHI has a good process they're using that we may share in the future
- GW University is moving forward with the CoAEMSP accreditation process. They'll dive into it in for the regional paramedic program which will start around January 2023 and is expected to be a one year program, but that hasn't been finalized
- The Stroke Smart film is done and Margaret is doing a great job in her role as Stroke Smart Advocate. Margaret will fill everyone in on what she has been doing since our last meeting
 - Margaret Probst advised the most visible item is our website as there is a new section on Stroke Smart and when you search Stroke Smart, our website pops up first on search engines

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- She has done some presentations in the local community, home school communities, senior living facilities, etc.
- She recently met with the Mayor of Vienna and she is hoping for a proclamation in March
 - After the proclamation is made, they will work to cultivate stroke champions in Vienna
- She also met with the Mayor of Herndon and she is also on board
- She and Brian Orndoff from the City of Fairfax have been talking back and forth and plan to meet with the City Manager soon
- She has dropped off 600 magnets and wallet cards to various places around the region
 - They have Spanish available also but are trying to make language friendly by being pictorial and not language-driven
- How are we measuring the success of this program?
 - Margaret stated we are getting data from Stroke Coordinators and EMS reports through ESO, they are trying to nail down exactly what metrics to measure (Last known well to dispatch/door of ED) but some reports ask for onset and some ask for last known well and some ask for both.
 - Trying to differentiate between these that onset and last known well to determine which is correct
 - Also looking at transportation methods such as a personal vehicle or EMS arrival
- The regional patient tracking program is still in the works
 - They are looking at GER, Twiage, and Pulsara for vendors
 - They will have all three vendors come visit to meet with each hospital system, EMS leaders, and OMDs to decide on who to move forward with
- Craig's wife will be having the baby in the next 9 weeks and Ray Whatley will be the Acting Executive Director. Craig will be available still, but Ray will be the first point of contact while he is out on paternity leave

STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

AHA Training Center

Ray Whatley provided the following report:

- Several training center facility names have been submitted to the AHA to provide feedback for “new” advanced life support learning modules designed for the experienced provider.
- Reminder to visit the Instructor Network for the most recent [Training Updates](#). They can be found under Tools and Resources.
- An update from the Symposium Committee, they are still taking presentations/classes for Symposium, if you have a presentation or know someone who does, please have them submit for approval as they are short on classes

State EMS Advisory Board

Beth Adams provided the following report:

- She attended the January 5th meeting of the Rules and Regulations Committee
 - They are still doing finalization work on the Rules and Regulations; the goal is to have it ready to go to the Advisory Board for review by late spring or early summer

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- The process overall is going slowly but the intent is to get as rock-solid, error- and controversy-proof as possible since there is a public comment period and if there are enough comments (20-25) it will stop the process and they will have to start over
- There was 100% participation in the survey for pharmacy guidelines. Finalization and re-issue of the current guidelines just pointed out that we haven't been following the rules for a long time concerning medications
 - OEMS regional representatives will help each agency with the process while waiting for DEA to return with their final rules
- February meeting of the Advisory Board was postponed and will meet March 11th in Richmond

Provider Health and Safety

Brian Hricik advised of the following:

- The Committee has not met and there is no date set for March yet
- He is unsure exactly when, but he will rotate off his position soon but will let us know the date when he is notified

ReSTCo Committee

Dr. Morgan advised of the following:

- No meeting since our last meeting on December 8th
- We are moving to condition-specific committees with a less frequent ReTSCo meeting two or three times per year
- We don't have a date yet for the next ReTSCo

Medevac Committee

Rick Cohen advised there was meeting since the last report and no date set for another meeting yet

Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee

Dr. Morgan provided the following update:

- State Medical Direction Committee
 - They had a meeting on January 6th in Richmond
 - A few topics discussed were the Scope of Practice document to include categories considered critical care which they have not had in the past. This was brought forward by the interfacility transport agencies since they can't bill for critical care services if not in Virginia Scope of Practice
 - Procedures such as a ventilator, RSI would require additional training at the local agency level for providers to be deemed certified to do that. They were not specific on what training is needed and the OMD can determine that but this all helps with the recovery of costs for them, mainly interfacility transport agencies. Technically transporting a patient from a nursing home to a hospital is an interfacility transport and if you have them on a ventilator it can be billed at that critical care level if this passes, so this could be a change for 911 agencies also
 - They are creating a new definition for a doctor involved with an EMS agency but is not the OMD
 - There are agencies, around the Tidewater area mostly, that work with residencies and fellowships or doctors that are not OMDs that take out a chase

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car to run calls. This definition is being added will make it recognized by the state, but this is not likely a local impact

- There was some discussion over the removal of EMT psychomotor testing and the majority of OMDs determined it was a poor decision as far as quality and fairness in their opinions. He is not sure a consensus was reached so they are monitoring it but there are no updates yet
- The regional medical director's group still meets biweekly and is scheduled to meet after this Board meeting, but we will cancel it since most of the OMDs who attend it are present in this meeting and there won't be new information to share in a separate meeting

Training and Certification Committee

The last meeting in January was canceled.

- There will be an Education Coordinator update on February 22nd in Virginia Beach and another is scheduled in Blacksburg for June
 - ECs will need to register online for either of these updates

OLD BUSINESS

None

JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

City of Alexandria Fire Department

Deputy Chief of EMS Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- The budget proposal was announced with mixed results
 - There is an opportunity for improvement before they finalize
- They are about at the 30-day mark from who the negotiable organizations for collective bargaining will be
 - For example, it will be their Local union or no one. The police have their Benevolent Association, etc.
 - Once that is done they can go to collective bargaining but right now they can't have further discussions until they have full representation at the table
- Station 201 will be closed for several months to replace the apparatus bay floor. There needs to be significant reinforcing since it was built in the early 1900s and there were no weight considerations, so the floor is shifting now so they will have to drive pylons to make that happen
 - There is a noise ordinance, so any noisy construction must be done 9a-3p daily
 - E201 is temporarily decommissioned and they are staffing M209 and Engine 209
- They are currently staffing A207 instead of M207 and A204
- Last year, M208 ran over 3300 calls so this is above the 40% mark for utilization. They are trying to relieve the pressure on them and are expanding BLS unit response time to 8 minutes from 6.
- They got a proposal for 20 additional staff members but they are not all operational, so some could be training, admin, etc. They are doing an analysis now and that will be in their FY23 budget

Arlington County Fire Department

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

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- They have on-boarded 5 telehealth providers and have an opening for 2 more to work remotely
 - It's going well with just a few technical glitches with the telehealth module, but they have managed some good workarounds so far
 - The presentation to the Board went well and they are working on messaging the community about the options available and how residents can make good choices on whether 911 is needed, etc.
 - At the next meeting, she is hoping to provide data to the group on how the program is working
- Station 8 is in process of being demolished but they are doing drills in it right now
 - The new station will be ready around February 2024
- They are actively recruiting new staff
- They are working on the GWU Paramedic program interest
- Joe Reshetar added that they are doing the same as Alexandria right now with regards to collective bargaining and it was anticipated to be in the FY24 budget, but it will be in the FY23

City of Fairfax Fire Department

Brian Orndoff advised of the following:

- They are fully staffed on paper, but they are 8 low awaiting new hires to finish classes or internships to be cut loose

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Mark Kordalski provided the following update:

- They have successfully converted 8 units to BLS and on February 25th they will convert 4 more, then 4 more in late spring
- There is currently a recruit school with 30 participants and all are expected to graduate
- They recently met with HCA on the new Tysons Corner freestanding ED and that went well
- Beth Adams added that the twelve current paramedic interns are three to four weeks to completion and will be testing and released into the field soon

Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division

Paul DeHaven advised of the following:

- Two officers are currently in the VCU paramedic class
- Hangar construction going well, and they plan to return to West Ox in April
- They are continuing their Narcan program and all officers are currently trained
- TECC training is taking place throughout the department for patrol and other officers

Fauquier County DFREM

No representation

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Jamie Cooper provided the following updates:

- Dr. Morgan has brought on an Associate OMD, Al Pacifico. He will be starting part-time for now and they are hoping to make good use of his expertise and to take the load off Dr. Morgan
- Deputy Chief Micah Kiger has transferred to the Fire Marshal's office and oversees that office now
 - Jamie has accepted a promotion for Deputy Chief of EMS and replaces Chief Kiger

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- His former position of Battalion Chief of EMS is currently vacant
- EMS Supervisor positions are being filled currently
- They have a recruit school in session with 8 ALS and 1 AEMT
- There are currently 17 AEMTs in the classroom or currently precepting
- They have 37 AEMTs in their system between career and volunteer
 - They are still working on dispatch algorithms to best utilize these resources
- LifePaks they have an 8-year replacement cycle but instead of trading in those eligible for the credit, they kept five to move forward with upfitting ALS engines to better utilize the non-FF level paramedics, such as Technicians and Lieutenants, etc.
- There is significant construction going on at the Sterling Park combined Fire and EMS station. It is under complete demolition at this time and units have relocated to an adjacent structure while they undergo construction

City of Manassas Fire and Rescue

Todd Lupton advised there was nothing to report

City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue

James Tharp advised there was nothing to report

MWAA

No representation

Prince William County Fire and Rescue

Chip Morrison provided the following update:

- The full budget cycle was presented by the County Executive earlier this week and the Fire Department will not be getting anything. They were hoping to get EMS supervisors, data analysts, or EMS operations. They also squashed the idea of Station 27 to take some of the load off Station 6
- They are also starting collective bargaining and the Board of County Supervisors Chairperson directed that she wants an ordinance drafted in the next 30 days, they expected FY24 as well but may be done in FY23. They get three minutes total for all collective bargaining for Police Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Office, one minute each department
- They need a few parts still for the bariatric unit to go in service. It's hard to say if this is a supply chain issue and they aren't sure where the unit will be housed but most likely it will be mid-county
- Starting in March they will be outfitting engines with ALS medication and LifePaks and it will likely be a six-month process to get it all done

Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department

No representation

LifeCare Medical Transport

No representation

Northern Virginia Community College

No representation

OEMS Program Representative

Chris Vernovai provided the following update:

- Answers to questions asked earlier about HandTevy
 - Brian Hricik’s questions about instructors – HandTevy will teach yearly at Symposium and educators can utilize that, if they want local training it will not be funded by the state
 - Additional features that agencies pay for – as current individual contracts come up for renewal, HandTevy will remove the base portion of the contract and it will go under the state contract but any additional features that you have will be at your agency’s expense
 - Those additional features may be added in the future, but they are unsure at what phase at this point. The sooner they can get all agencies across the state to be on board with the base contract, the sooner they can get the other features added and included
 - Tim Perkins is working on sending out length-based tapes to all agencies that are signed up for HandTevy through OEMS for all vehicles
 - A reminder that the RSAF grant cycle is open and agencies are eligible to put in grant requests for HandTevy equipment at a lower rate through the state contract
- They are setting up to get the Council re-designation process completed. They will meet at the beginning of next week with site reviewers and we can expect to see them probably coming out around the end of February to the middle of April, but they will reach out to get everyone scheduled soon

PHI Aircare

Rick Cohen presented the following update:

- They are still moving forward with their blood courier service and were hoping to have more finalized, but it turned out to be more of an ordeal than expected. They are hopeful to have it done in the next few weeks
 - He will reach out to agencies he’s already talked to and get it set up

Physicians Transport Service

Kate Passow advised of the following update:

- As we get closer to spring, just a reminder that the EMS Memorial Bike Ride will be taking place soon
 - This year’s Weekend of Honor will be in Arlington July 22-24.
 - There will be a one-day ride from the hotel on the local bike trails to the PTS office where they will provide lunch and riders will return to Arlington for the families of fallen EMS providers
 - The East Coast ride will be from Boston to Baltimore, and the Southern Ride will be from Fayetteville to Williamsburg, both will be very coastal rides and not as many hills as in the past

Inova Health System

Eric Reist gave the following update:

- This week they are partnering with a national disaster collaboration and EMS on how to handle a trauma surge. This is a pilot for the National Capital Region

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- System-wide they currently have three Safety and Emergency Management Officer positions open. If you are interested, please email Eric and he will get you the appropriate links to apply for the position. Eric.reist@inova.org
- The Inova Resilience Operations Center will be online in the Spring of 2023
- Their declared Omicron Emergency will end soon
 - They currently have around 90 patients being treated
- They are working with agencies and hospitals in the region to better plan for Safe Haven events like we had last August in our region
- Thank you to Craig and Margaret for the feedback and reports as this helps them greatly

Reston Hospital Center

Keith Morrison provided the following update:

- They were on an NDMS call and have another with the Health Department to work with INOVA and others in the region to not repeat the events of last August for Safe Haven events
- The new Tyson Corner freestanding ED is expected to open around April
- He is working with agencies in the area hoping to ride along with their new Tyson's Corner ED Director Kimberly to introduce her to the departments and do a quick Q&A for when they open in April
- He received an email from their pharmacy and they are including a different configuration for epinephrine and D10 will come in a 250cc bag instead of D50 for right now

StoneSprings Hospital

No representation

Emergility

Tony Barone provided the following update:

- Dr. Marfori and Tony had a recent Board of Pharmacy and DEA inspection and they discussed the topic of how to have CSRs for every station. The inspector at their site visit was not familiar with that at all and stated that was absolutely not the case with for VA Board of Pharmacy and there is no indication they will move toward with that. This may give some relief to other agencies on how to go through the CSR process
 - The inspection went well and there were no issues or deficiencies and are awaiting final approval
- All other projects are moving forward as planned

Northern Virginia Emergency Response System

Pamela Leins provided the following update:

- They have an upcoming Speaker Series and Brock Long will be the speaker on February 23rd from 1-2 pm
 - In March they will have a speaker on psychiatric concerns for first responders
- Whole blood project
 - The cost analysis is almost done, they are just waiting on one vendor
 - Once they are done they can get orders placed and equipment out
- There is a merger taking place with RHCC and NVERS and they have decided that the name will remain NVERS
- The High Threat Response Committee review will be done next week

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- They have a new hire, Edith Huang, who will review grant-funded pharmaceuticals and is working on soon-to-expire medications and will get them switched out soon. Cyano-kits are set to expire shortly and she is aware of this.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Request

- We have received a request for membership by Jeff Birks, Chief Flight Paramedic for the Department of Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection. They are mainly seeking membership to participate in our whole blood program specifically.
- Jeff Birks provided a brief background for the Board of Directors
 - They participate primarily in law enforcement operations and have a hangar locally. They have found a deficiency in their ability to procure whole blood when needed and are hopeful their membership will allow them to bridge this gap.
- The Council can grant them Ex-Officio Membership for one year and will determine membership after that first year has ended, as we need to consider how to bill for membership fees. If there is an issue, they can remain Ex-Officio members after the one year
 - Mark Kordalski made a motion to accept Department of Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection into membership, seconded by Brian Hricik
 - The motion to *accept Department of Homeland Security/US Customs and Border Protection into membership* was **unanimously approved**.

Strategic Plan

- The current NVEMSC *Strategic Plan* was sent via email for review and discussion during this meeting
 - Beth Adams made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan as written, seconded by Brian Hricik
 - The *Strategic Plan* was **unanimously approved**.

Regional MCI Plan

- The current *Regional MCI Plan* was sent via email for review and discussion during this meeting. The Plan is currently under review but it needs to be approved in its current version and we can revisit once the update is complete
 - Beth Adams made a motion to accept the *Regional MCI Plan* as written, seconded by Mark Kordalski
 - The *Regional MCI Plan* was **unanimously approved**.

Accounting and Financial Control Policies and Procedures

- The revised *Accounting and Financial Control Policies and Procedures* were sent via email for review and discussion during this meeting in addition to a summary of changes. This policy reflects the changes to take place when bookkeeping and payroll return in-house starting March 1, 2022

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- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the *Accounting and Financial Control Policies and Procedures* as written, seconded by Brian Hricik
- The *Accounting and Financial Control Policies and Procedures* were **unanimously approved**.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chief Reshetar is retiring from Arlington County Fire Department in May and we will need to seek a replacement for his Board of Directors
 - This position is appointed by the President per our By-Laws
 - The current MOU with the Fire Chiefs states that they will provide the Council someone from their group for this position
 - President Anne Marsh will reach out to the committee to see if they have suggestions to fill this position
- Beth Adams asked about the Regional EMS Awards and if there is a deadline set
 - Craig Evans advised there has not been one announced yet but we will send out the information as it becomes available

Motion to adjourn 11:58 am

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 21, 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 February 17, 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 April 21, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

Craig A. Evans
Executive Director
Northern Virginia EMS Council

Date