



VAGEMSA Meeting May 5, 2017, Richmond Marriott West, Glen Allen, VA

President Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours. President Critzer welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Approval of Minutes

Agendas and previous minutes were distributed and approved as corrected.

Officer Reports:

- President's Report – President Critzer discussed his attendance representing the association. He reports a very busy time with the legislature. He advised that the I99 Town halls are wrapping up. President Critzer, on behalf of the organization, recognized the contributions of and made a presentation to Bruce Edwards who is rotating off GAB and thanked him for his service.
- 1st Vice President – EMS on the Hill attended. VA had the largest delegation. Key issue was protecting patient access to medications. This was passed through house. Encourage others to attend. Motorcycle safety month and Rider Alert.
- 2nd Vice President – Booth at VFCA conference was discussed. Good traffic was seen at the booth. Thank you to those who helped man the booth and asked others to help out at our next opportunity at symposium. VAGEMSA Officer emails have been established by position.
- Secretary – Dan Norville and Bruce Edwards visited with Kent Weber's family and presented a first edition coin to Weber family. Gary read a letter from the TEMS acknowledging the \$250 given in remembrance of Kent.
- Treasurer's report – Beginning balance \$3276.24. Ending balance \$1054.22

OEMS Reports:

- Mike Berg - Changes to regulations should open in May and close in June. Modifications will be made as necessary. Public hearing will be posted following suggestion period. He is representing OEMS on 2 house bill work groups.
 - 1) Mental health transport. A pilot study was conducted. G4S also
 - 2) In hospital End of Life counselling and training.Mike advised that Dr Lindbeck is serving on a workgroup on fatigue risk management. Agencies and OMDs are encouraged to discuss and develop policy. He advised that he is working on a workgroup to define what does Critical care mean? Identified during trauma review. May require changes to regulation as well. Out of state DNR orders can be recognized after July 1st but new regulations will not be immediately available. Background checks ongoing. 67 agencies did not send in any cards. Of those 21 stated they had not personnel changes, 45 had other

reasoning. Current compliance is 93% with a goal of 100%. Working with these agencies. Mike shared that 5% to 8% of applicants are not eligible for affiliation.

- Mr. Brown - Deferred to website and quarterly report. Introduction of new staff. Chuck Faison and Sam Burnette to training and emergency operations.
- Lobbyist's Report – Written report has been submitted. Mental health emergency training, cancer presumption, passed by. HB 1728 Med Flight study bill to look at rules and regulation. LODD codified with current remarried survivors' benefits continued. President Critzer advised all of the associations participation at the capitol.

Old Business:

President Critzer advised that a series of town halls regarding the I99 program are wrapping up. The final one to be held soon. Agencies were encouraged to attend or go online to submit comment. Raining will be making recommendations at August GAB meeting.

Debbie - talked about new ems educator process. Training ongoing. New application process forthcoming. Includes written NAEMT and Psycho-motor assessment. Then they will be invited to an "institute".

Chuck – EMS Training funds. 1) Transition to the Commonwealth purchasing guidelines initial certifications will be by scholarship directly to students. 3 cycles each year concurrent with college calendar. Online application should be live this fall for January 2018 payouts. Awarded students enter into contract with intent to affiliate with an ems agency in Virginia. 2) Establishing financial agreements with councils to provide recertification offerings in the localities. Finalizing council contracts now.

Eddie - VFCA conference was a success. We assisted with CE for attendees. Looking to participate in 2018. Asked to support the fire officer academy.

New Business:

The Executive committee recommends renewal of the lobbyists contract. Motion so made, seconded and approved by voice vote. Eddie rose in support of Mr. Rhodes.

Presentations

Amira Turner, REVIVE Coordinator for the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health and Developmental Services, gave a presentation on Opioids and the REVIVE program

Update about National Registry by Mr. Salazar.

Committee Reports: (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found online the VA OEMS web site)

- | | |
|---|---|
| • Communications: | • MDC: |
| • Provider Health & Safety: | • Rules & Regs: |
| • Emergency Management: | • Transportation: |
| • FARC: <i>Introduction of 2 New FARC members</i> | • Workforce Development: <i>Officer I Training upcoming. See Rob Lawrence</i> |
| • LAP: | |
| • T&C: | |
| • Medevac: | |

Gary invited any members wishing to donate to the Kent Weber Memorial or to purchase coins or logo clothing to see Ray Whatley after the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held August 5th, 2017, along with the other OEMS meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

List of Attendees Present 5/5/2017

Dan Norville	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	Jeff Michael	Rockingham
Gary Critzer	Waynesboro	Rob Logan	WVEMS Council
Eddie Ferguson	Goochland	Chris Parker	GAB
Rob Lawrence	Richmond Ambulance Authority	Chad Blosser	CSEMS
Jeff Meyer	Portsmouth Fire	Chris Vernovai	Highland County
Ray Whatley	Alexandria Fire Department	Amanda Davis	OEMS
Lori L Knowles	Stafford Co Fire & Rescue	Jennifer Kersey	BREMS
William Ferguson	Franklin Co. Pub Safety	Mary Kathryn Allen	BREMS
George Lindbeck	OEMS	Gary Samuels	HCA
Tim McKay	Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Cam Crittinden	OEMS
Jose V Salazar	Loudon County Fire & Rescue	Michael D Berg	OEMS
Stephen J Elliott	Albemarle County Fire Rescue	Gary R Brown	OEMS
Robert Trimmer	Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Bruce Edwards	VBEMS
Bryan S McRay	Richmond Ambulance Authority	Dreama Chandler	VAVRS / GAB
Mike Harmon	Bon Secours	Matt Lawler	Augusta Co. Fire-Rescue
Ed Rhodes	Rhodes Consulting	Amy Ashe	NKFR
Chip Decker	Richmond Ambulance Authority	Christina Evans	PEMS
David Hoback	VFCA / Roanoke Fire-EMS	Lisa Baber	New Kent Fire-Rescue
Seth Mowles	Bedford County Fire & Rescue	Sam Burnette	OEMS
Jim Chandler	Tidewater EMS Council	Deborah Akers	OEMS
		Charles Faison	OEMS
		Kaila Bradley	RAA
		Richard Rubino	Stonewall Jackson VFD
		Scott Winston	OEMS
		Greg Leitz	Spotsylvania Co. F/R
		Craig Evans	Northern VA EMS Council
		Michael Player	Peninsula EMS Council