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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 03-17-2021

**Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting
(Big Blue Button)**

Chaired By: Julia Glover, President

Begin Time: 6:30 p.m.

End Time: 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus,
EMS Planner & Emergency Mgt Coord**

Draft: Approved Date: 06-16-21

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Anest, Trisha	Brann, Jimmy		Wayne Berry – OEMS
Barrick, J. David (EC) (T)	Dent, William (Pat) P. (VP) (EC)	Amy Ashe	Chris Vernovai
Beasley, Jeff (EC)	Dodd, Lisa	Jeff Bendit	
Beam, Bradley.	Green, Linnie	Kevin Brophy	
Clifford, Christiane	Kennedy, Shannon	Seth Craig	
Coffman, Greg (EC)	McClure, Rick	Louka, Amir (EC)	
Erwin, Eleanor	Thurman, Sadie	Player, Michael (S) (EC) (NV)	
Glover, Julie (P) (EC)	Walker, Ed	Steve Pincus	
Harper, Kimberly		Debbie Thomas	
Hunter, Gregory			
Kopczynski, Stephen			
Louka, Amir (EC)			
Masterson, David			
Samuels, Gary			
Sensenig, Jeff			
Sweet, Jason			
Wingfield, Frank			

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order			
1. Introductions	Julia Glover called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The roll was called for attendance.		
2. Attendance	Steve Pincus called the roll for attendance.	Record attendance on roster	Steve
3. Consent Calendar	Jason Sweet moved to accept the consent calendar as submitted. Brad Beam seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Change 12-16-20 Draft Minutes to Final minutes	Steve
4. President's Report	<p>Staff remains busy with COVID issues. Ch. Player is busy attending a lot of meetings in support of the First Responders. Staff has also supported those efforts as well as supporting their own committees. Kevin has been working on the budget and keeping the office open with business operations. Debbie Thomas has returned to work as part of the PEMS staff.</p> <p>The Board does not have anyone who has expiring terms and there has not been any resignations. (New Member – Vacancy for Northern Neck Government) Chief Mitch Paulette who has agreed to serve if accepted by the Board.</p> <p>Motion to accept by Jeff Beasley. Second by Gary Samuels. Motion carried.</p>	Add Ch. Paulette to Board Roster	Steve
5. Vice President's Report	Chief Dent was not in attendance.		
6. Secretary/Exec Director's Report	<p>(Chief Player)</p> <p>COVID-19 Operations and Regional Response Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PEMS Office is continuing to operate virtually with Kevin meeting individuals by appointment • We continue to maintain a supply of PPE/COVID-19 Abbott BinaxNow Ag Card Antigen Tests for agencies • We continue to maintain an Emergency PPE Cache • We continue to participate in vaccination clinic planning with the Jurisdictions, Hospital Systems, Hampton/Peninsula and Three Rivers Health Districts • We continue to serve as a Pandemic information clearing house for EMS agencies and jurisdictions involved in response, testing and vaccinations • Staff are assisting with vaccination clinics when they are available 		

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	<p>Major Program Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Awards nominations are due to the PEMS Council by April 19, 2021 • The Spring RSAF Grant Cycle Application deadline has been extended from its original date of March 15, to March 19, 2021 (this Friday) to accommodate for the increase workload on providers and administrators due to the pandemic. • The State EPPCR contract with ImageTrend ends July 1. The new EPCR contract has been awarded to ESO. PEMS will be part of the effort to help with the rollout and transition to the new system. The new program promises to provide the regional councils with robust analytic capabilities for our PI efforts, something we lacked with the previous product. In addition, the new product will include modules for Community Paramedicine and Mobile Integrated Healthcare. Staff participated in a town hall webinar with OEMS and ESO earlier this afternoon. There will be different implementation phases based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moving from ImageTrend to ESO ○ Moving from another product to ESO ○ Transitioning local contract for ESO to State Contract for ESO • Like ImageTrend, the use of ESO by an EMS agency is not required, however any product used by a licensed EMS agency in Virginia must be NEMSIS compliant and that agency must provide the State with a specific data set download monthly. 		
7. Regional Medical Director Report	<p>Dr. Louka</p> <p>State EMR Contract</p> <p>It was announced on 3/11/21 by the Office of EMS that the state contract for EMS patient care reporting software has been awarded to ESO. The go-live date is currently planned for July 1, 2021. Per OEMS, the benefits of this updated system include: • State of the art, web-based electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) system for easy access to quickly input data. • Detailed analytics to provide insights around injuries, performance and patient outcomes to drive improvement. • Full compliance and integration with NEMSIS 3.4 for easy and automatic reporting of data at both the state and national level. • Integration with third-party ePCR systems to ensure continuity of data collection and reporting. • Expertise, training and consultation to ensure opportunity for success for the state and all agencies. • Comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical system to help reduce death and disability. • Real-time insights and data sharing to improve patient outcomes. • World-class research and insights to drive clinical change.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccination Legislation</p>		

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	<p>SB1445 / HB2333 has been passed into law. This bill aims to facilitate the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations across the state. Relevant sections are provided below and full text is available at lis.virginia.gov. § 1. As used in this act, "eligible health care provider" means any of the following who, due to their education and training, are authorized to administer drugs: (i) any person licensed by a health regulatory board within the Department of Health Professions whose license is in good standing, or was in good standing within the 20 years immediately prior to lapsing; (ii) any emergency medical services provider licensed or certified by the Department of Health (the Department) whose license or certification is in good standing, or was in good standing within the 20 years immediately prior to lapsing; and (iii) any health professions student enrolled in an accredited program in the Commonwealth who is in good academic standing with such student's school and provided that the school certifies that the student has been properly trained in the administration of vaccines. Eligible health care providers may also be employees of localities, pharmacies, or hospitals. Localities, pharmacies, or hospitals that offer their employees to support vaccination clinics shall (i) verify employee certification or licensure, (ii) document completion of the required training, and (iii) provide a list of qualified and available vaccinators to the Department. § 7. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, any eligible health care provider or entity overseeing any eligible health care provider who administers the COVID-19 vaccine pursuant to this act shall not be liable for (i) any actual or alleged injury or wrongful death or (ii) any civil cause of action arising from any act or omission arising out of, related to, or alleged to have resulted in the contraction of or exposure to the COVID-19 virus or to have resulted from the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.</p> <p>Protocol Updates Each of the clinical committees and the Medical Advisory Committee have been hard at work reviewing and updating the regional patient care protocols and policies. Utilizing the new SharePoint virtual workspace, the regional OMDs have been able to collaborate more effectively and efficiently than in the past, allowing for a large number of important updates. Training materials are being finalized, prior to going into effect April 1, 2021. Moving forward, the MAC has approved moving to twice-per-year protocol updates, a change from the current annual process, to allow for increased clinical and operational adaptability. Clinical committees (PPP, Stroke, Trauma, STEMI, Pediatric Care, and Pharmacy) will be asked to review protocols under their purview at regular intervals (to be decided by the individual committees) and provide recommendations for updates to the MAC. It is my goal that the entirety of PEMS protocols will be reviewed on a repeating and scheduled cycle lasting no more than two years. In addition to any outstanding protocol updates, the next major update will involve a complete review of the pharmacology reference pages.</p> <p>MAC Membership and Protocol Approval Process.</p>		

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	The MAC has voted to approve a requirement that regional OMDs participate in at least 25% of scheduled quarterly meetings within the previous 12 months to be considered an “active” member, and that a simple majority of active physician members will be required to approve patient care protocols, policies and procedures. An OMD who has not attended four consecutive quarterly meetings will be considered “inactive,” and notification will be provided to their agency or agencies for situational awareness.		
8. PEMS Staff Reports	PEMS staff presented brief overviews / updates of what they have been working on and the status of their various projects.		
9. OEMS Report	Wayne Berry announced that he is retiring from OEMS on June 1 st . He thanked everyone for their responsiveness in working together. Chris V The bi-weekly webinars with the councils are still going on. Cam from OEMS will be moving to VCU as of Friday, March 19, 2021. Trauma and Critical Care issues may take a little longer to get a response. Until Cam’s position is filled inquiries, phone calls, and requests will be funneled to other staff within OEMS.		
10. Old Business	Chief Player <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are preparing to interview candidates for the EMS Field Coordinator - Operations (Jeff Bendit’s) Position on March 30 and 31 and should be able to onboard by Mid-April • We are also receiving applications for the EMS Systems - IT Specialist position and hope to conduct interviews and begin onboarding that position by the first part of May 		
11. New Business	None		
12. Good of the Order	Next Board Meeting June 16, 2021 at 6:30 Important Dates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March 20, 2021, 12 noon - 2020 Governors EMS Awards Presentation (Online presentation) 2. April 16, 2021 29th Annual Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium (Virtual) 3. April 19, 2021 PEMS 2021 EMS Awards Nomination Deadline 4. May 14, 2021 CHKD 5th Pediatric Trauma Conference (Virtual) 5. June 14-17, 2021 Virginia Emergency Management Symposium (Virtual) Brad Beam Brad made a motion for the Board to develop a resolution to acknowledge and thank Wayne Berry for his contributions to this committee and for all of the things that Wayne has contributed to the PEMS Region.	Write resolution for Wayne Berry	Chief player

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	Gary Samuels seconded Brad's motion. Motion carried unanimously.		
13. Attendance Verification	Attendance was verified.		
14. Adjournment	Chief Barrick moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Jason Sweet. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.		