

Board of Directors
Zoom
7/10/2024
1900

Members Present:	Members Absent:	TJEMS Staff:	Others:
John Lye , President, LMVRS	Pete Davidson , Treasure, CARS	Peppy Winchel	Chris Vernovai , OEMS
Hal Schaffer , Vice President, LCRS	Melanie Welcher , WARS	Alecia Hamm	
Noah Hillstrom , Secretary, MEMS By Proxy	Michael Thomas , Charlottesville Fire Department		
Jim True , Fluvanna County EMS	Troy Dillard , Lake Anna Rescue Squad		
Mike Riddle , Wintergreen Rescue Squad	Dr. George Lindbeck , Regional Operating Medical Director		
Melissa Meador , GCEMS	Dr. Sean Brooks , SMJH Emergency Phy.		
Billy Hamm , LCFEMS	Sandy Hurly , University of Virginia Medical Center		
Macon Walz , Roseland Rescue			
Tony Reid , Rockfish Volunteer Fire Department			
Meade Whitaker , Albemarle County Fire & Rescue By Proxy			
Lilly Bramble , Holly Grove Rescue Squad by Proxy			
Courtney Lambert , Sentara Martha Jefferson			
John Adkins , Nelson County			
Dustin Dawson , Madison County			
Will McLaughlin , Louisa County			

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I. Welcome and Introductions	Order Meeting commenced at 19:00 with a quorum present Recognition of Proxy Members and Guests: Courtney Lambert for Meade Whitaker Melissa Meador for Noah Hillstrom Hal Schaffer for Lily Bramble New Director Ratified: Macon Walz was ratified in as the new board member from Roseland Rescue	
II. Review and Approval of prior	No changes or corrections were suggested minuets were approved	

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III. OEMS Update – (OEMS Staff)	<p>Training Opportunity: Announcement of "Drive Smart" training on August 8th and 9th in downtown Richmond</p> <p>General Updates- No significant updates; proceeding day by day.</p> <p>Fitch Report Status: No new information since the last update. Expected release of the report is either in July or early August. Anticipated that the report will be available by the time of the Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p>RSAF: Is opening up August 1st all applications are due September 15th .If anyone is needing help please contact the office</p>	
IV. Advisory Board Melissa Meador	<p>Draft minutes from the recent EMS workgroup meeting have been sent out. Expectation for more timely dissemination of information in the future. Next meeting scheduled for August 2nd. Meeting is on Wednesday, July 31st. Regional Council Directors and OEMS joint meeting at 10 AM. Regional PI Coordinators meeting is on Thursday, August 1st: Various committee meetings as previously communicated via email. Noah Hillstrom , Mike Riddle, and Ali Akbar from Greene will attend some meetings. Emphasis on the importance of having representation at these meetings. Encouragement for more members to volunteer if available Expect an email with more details within the next 5-7 days. Call for additional volunteers to attend meetings. Interested parties can respond during the meeting or via email afterward. Update on Executive Director of OEMS Position. Out of 71 applications for the executive director position, no suitable candidates were found. More information expected at the next Advisory Board meeting. Will keep the group posted on further developments.</p>	Meador to follow up with an email for volunteers for attending meetings
V. Executive Director Report	<p>Tuesday at TJEMS: Held on the first Tuesday of every month with two sessions: Daytime: 9 AM to 11 AM Evening: 1800-2000 or 2100 depending on the class. Different topics in each session to accommodate varying schedules and interests. Emphasis on pediatric and geriatric components due to upcoming requirements. In-person classes at the TJEMS classroom. Option to arrange on-site training at individual agencies by contacting Dusty.</p> <p>EMS Expo 2025: Dates and Location: March 13th through 15th, 2025. Held at PVCC in Charlottesville, in their new Net Zero building. Event Focus: Emphasis on mental health and wellness. A complete level dedicated to mental health and wellness services. Vendors: Vendors will be screened to cater specifically to on-the-street EMS providers rather than administrators. Aim to provide relevant products and services for EMS personnel. Target Audience: Diverse group, including EMS providers, ED nurses, and other related professionals. Focus on the connection and collaboration between ED nurses and EMS providers.</p>	

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	<p>Training Environment: Opportunities for EMS providers and nurses to train together before interacting in emergency departments. Enhances understanding and cooperation between different roles within emergency services</p> <p>Community CPR: We are excited to announce the launch of our community engagement outreach program for CPR and First Aid training, currently focused on the downtown mall area. If you know of any businesses, groups, or organizations that are interested in CPR and First Aid training but are unable to manage it internally, please let us know. We are equipped to provide CPR and First Aid classes through the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. Your assistance in spreading the word is greatly appreciated, as we aim to enhance the safety and preparedness of our community.</p> <p>Performance Improvement: We are currently in the process of updating all our protocols. We've collaborated with EMS physicians to compare practices across different regions. There are a few areas where differences exist, and we are working to determine whether these can be standardized or if they should remain distinct based on the individual medical director's discretion and specific patient presentation. We continue to follow guidance from OEMS, and tomorrow's MDC meeting will focus on patient presentations and numbers. As long as the criteria have not changed with the transition from Nemesis 3.4 to 3.5, Alicia will incorporate these updates into our quarterly PI data generations.</p> <p>Alecia will contact agencies if there are any spikes, trends, or other significant findings you need to be aware of. We aim to ensure our data matches yours, as discrepancies have been noted between our trauma system data and what is recorded in the PCR. Our primary goal is to focus on obtaining accurate data and ensuring it is correctly documented</p> <p>Community Outreach MIH/CP: TJEMS has received a \$138,000 grant from Sentara Cares. With this funding, we will be extending our outreach into communities, particularly those without MIH/CP programs, as well as areas such as Madison, Wintergreen, Charlottesville, and Albemarle. Our goal is to identify existing programs and protocols in these areas and explore ways to standardize them.</p> <p>We will leverage insights from SCOPE meetings and bring on board a new team member dedicated to deeply analyzing community resources in each county. This will help us provide valuable resources to our providers for various care transitions, including refusals, treat-and-release scenarios, transports, and follow-up care post-discharge.</p> <p>Our efforts will also include enhancing Region 10's outreach to ensure EMS providers can offer relevant information to future patients, particularly focusing on mental health and wellness. This component of the Sentara Cares grant will address both agency support and community resource availability.</p> <p>A significant aspect of this new project will address the behavioral and opioid crisis, a pressing issue in our area. We aim to ensure the data we collect in PCRs is accurate and appropriate, and to find ways to reduce non-urgent 911 calls by connecting patients with community resources for follow-up care, especially in cases of overdoses.</p> <p>Pharmacy transition: Medication Transition Work Group developing tools and resources. Information being made available on the web page and through spot training.</p> <p>Pixis Units: Coordinating bulk orders for Pixis units with potential discounts.</p>	

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	<p>Ongoing communication to share updates and facilitate group purchases.</p> <p>Drug Boxes: Non-medication supplies to be removed from drug boxes as of July 1st. Supplies available at the Council Office for agencies in need. Encouraging agencies to start their programs before November to work out nuances. Contacting pharmacy hub points for readiness confirmation.</p> <p>Lastly, during the budget review, it was discussed the IT cost situation with OEMS. The councils will need to absorb these costs for the upcoming year, which amounts to \$12,500 per council. This includes hardware, software, and hopefully a new website.</p> <p>To ensure we get a more user-friendly interface for effective communication, we have been reaching out to identify potential website developers and working with the Executive Committee. We currently have two proposals for the TMS app: one for a revision of the current app and one for a complete overhaul. The pricing reflects the scope of work for each option. We are evaluating these proposals with the Executive Committee and plan to incorporate one in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Additionally, we are working with the EMS Physicians Group on updating protocols. This includes accommodating any specific protocols for individual agencies or jurisdictions. The new app will allow personnel to easily access their standing orders, even if they differ slightly from regional standards.</p>	
<p>VI. Treasures Report</p>	<p>Pete was not in attendance but Peppy shared. One of the initiatives we've undertaken is to take advantage of the higher interest rates available for short-term CDs. We've invested small amounts, specifically \$50,000, into 10-month CDs. The first of these will mature in December, followed by another in February. We plan to continue this strategy, which allows us to maintain a substantial amount of cash on hand. As the CDs mature, we can either withdraw the funds if needed or reinvest them for another 10-month term, depending on the fluctuation of interest rates.</p> <p>We are collaborating with Blue Ridge Bank, which has been instrumental in helping us optimize our finances. At the next meeting, I will provide a report on the interest earned over fiscal year 2024. The difference in returns from July to October last year, compared to what we've achieved with the money market and CD investments, has been substantial and beneficial for our finances.</p>	
<p>VII. Agency Updates a. Fluvanna County</p>	<p>County/Fluvanna EMS: Fluvanna Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a promotion to Director of Emergency Services on July 3rd. They've also provided a chain of command type of environment to lighten the load a little bit. Transition of personnel, Fluvanna Emergency Management coordinator left, Director of Emergency Services will serve as Acting EM. John reminded about the new staff at Kent Store. That has been a huge help.</p> <p>LMVRS: AEMT training just finished up, and folks are starting to test. Some of them are passing. Hasn't heard of anybody failing. Also working with Jim on the pharmacy end.</p>	

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<p>b. Nelson County</p>	<p>County – Nelson is working on a project to map all the people with mobility issues, special needs, and refrigerated medicine and add that into the database. going to try to work with the paramedic program that's ongoing to get flyers out to these people so they can opt into this program. Also transitioning to a new alerting software. The county is switching from Everbridge to Rave, which we believe is a better and easier product for us to use. had a large event over the weekend, the Stars and Spurs event. We'll see how that comes out in the after-action report. It was pretty hot out there for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday</p> <p>Wintergreen – Still looking for staffing. They have activated the 24/72 crews. Looking to also go to a 24/72 schedule for the fire suppression in January. Still working through the Board of Pharmacy and DEA. Just received the Schedule 2-6 CSRE will be working on DEA registration. Vending machines have been ordered and will hopefully be in soon.</p> <p>RVFD- Annual carnival held at Rockfish. Rockfish did get their CSR license for Schedule 6 and have some supplies ordered, so they will have at least IVs</p> <p>Gladstone</p> <p>Rosedale-continuing to work on recruiting more volunteers and recently had a couple of providers have been released at the advanced level. This is a significant step, especially since many of our ALS providers have been stepping back. Celebrating any victories, they can. Roseland is also looking forward to hopefully starting an EMT class in the next few months. We have several members eager to advance their skills and contribute more to the agency</p>	<p>Winchel/Macon/Humbles/Adkins: Deb Akers had given permission for the EC to be at one site and Zoom into another site at the same time for two classes to be taught at the same time. Concern right now what to do if the internet goes out. But TJEMS should be able to run classes late summer early fall</p>
<p>c. Greene County</p>	<p>County/Greene EMS: Had a successful July 4th event although needing to shelter in place due to the storm. Fully staffed with the help of the Greene County board of supervisors. Means Greene can now run 24/7. Looking voluntary water restriction right now may mandatory due to the county being in a severe drought. Hired Ethan Clark as a part time Training Officer to help Ali out.</p>	

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<p>c. Louisa County</p>	<p>County: Things have been a little wild in the county lately, with the busy season at the lake and various drills. Louisa ECC is doing well. In the process of filling our last position, which will bring ECC to 21 staff members: 18 full-time and 3 part-timers.</p> <p>Louisa County Fire and EMS: The mitigation teams at Station 8 have been working hard and definitely earning their keep Today, our water authority announced mandatory water restrictions until further notice due to dry conditions. They did get some rain, but it's still quite dry.</p> <p>On a positive note, Louisa funded six new positions starting July 1st and are currently hiring. Three of these are at the supervisor or captain level, and we're also hiring for a training lieutenant. As of last Monday, he will no longer be involved in recruitment and retention and now fully focused on training as the new training coordinator for the county.</p> <p>Next week, Louisa has a big NAPS VPEX drill for the North Anna Power Station, scheduled for Tuesday. This will involve a lot of activity in the county and surrounding jurisdictions. We had a few practice drills recently and another meeting today.</p> <p>Louisa is growing and moving forward with various projects, including our drug-related initiatives. While nothing is set in stone yet, we are making progress.</p> <p>Louisa Rescue Squad:</p> <p>Lake Anna Rescue Squad</p>	
<p>d. Madison County</p>	<p>County: The fair is next weekend, so that will have EMS buzzing, and they'll be there for that. But things are pretty quiet currently.</p>	
<p>e. Martha Jefferson Hospital</p>	<p>SMJH will be changing the security code for the entrance to the ED and the free-standing Ed In August. This hasn't been done in 12 years and the previous code has been flagged multiple times in the security and risk assessments. Please let the crews know about this upcoming change. At the main hospital, visibility and security are well-managed with 24/7 desk staffing. The freestanding ED poses a bit more of a challenge, but we are working on solutions to ensure no one is left outside trying to get in.</p> <p>The incident of the lock down of SMJH was talked about. Staff responded appropriately, taking immediate security precautions and no injuries. There was a brief discussion about whether to divert ambulances during the lockdown. We decided to continue providing care by routing all the ambulances through the front entrance of the ED, ensuring one controlled entry point. In the future SMJH will work with ECC and contact relevant dispatch to reroute accordingly. If there is any feedback or suggestions on how SMJH can improve just contact Courtney.</p>	
<p>IX. New Business</p>	<p>Peppy: confirmed that the Board of Pharmacy has contacted the federal level point of contact to trickle down information to make all the supervisors in Virginia aware of what's going on with the drug kit transition and to ensure consistency across their inspections. Everybody does need at least their CSR (Controlled Substance Registration) Class 6. Moving forward, if you want to pursue your DEA license, ensure that the CSR includes the</p>	

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X. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on September 11, 2024 1900 on Zoom	
XII. Adjourn	A motion was made by John Lye and seconded by Courtney Lambert to adjourn the meeting. adjourned the meeting at 1955	