



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
Richmond, VA 23235-4730
804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
www.odemsa.vaems.org

Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Board of Directors

March 16, 2016

7 p.m.

Southside Community, Farmville (PD-14)

Board Members Present: Rodney Newton, Allen Yee, M.D., Ellen Buchanan, Pier Ferguson, Heidi Hooker, Bryan McRay, Robert Trimmer, Al Thompson, Chip Decker, Bill Hogan, David Norman, Kathi Manis

Board Members Absent: Helen Compton, Willoughby Hundley, M.D., Jessica Goodman, Sean Moore

ODEMSA Staff:

Other:

Minutes Scribed by: Heidi Hooker **Reviewed by:**

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	The quarterly meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Board President Bryan McRay following dinner provided by Southside Community. A quorum was determined. The Agenda was approved with the addition of two items, EMT Pass Rate and Electronic Charting System, under Current Business. The December meeting Minutes were approved. Introductions were not needed. Bryan thanked Kathi for arranging dinner. (00:00-01:53)	Motion by: Allen Yee to approve Minutes. Seconded by: Al Thompson Vote: Unanimously approved Motion by: Rodney Newton to approve the Agenda. Seconded by: David Norman Vote: Unanimously approved



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
Richmond, VA 23235-4730
804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
www.odemsa.vaems.org

<p>President Reports:</p> <p>A. PD-13</p> <p>B. PD-14</p> <p>C. PD-15</p> <p>D. PD-19</p> <p>E. Board President</p>	<p>Rodney Newton reported the CEU super weekend in January was a success and 30 people attended. (01:54-02:19)</p> <p>David Norman said South Central met in February, they chose new officers. All officer positions remained the same except the Secretary/Treasurer. Karen Giles is the new Secretary/Treasurer. An EMT class, instructed by ODEMSA staff, will finish up next month in Prince Edward. Kathi Manis reported the Cath lab in Southside Community will open up on April 1st. She reminded members the STEMI Roadshow is on April 12th. Dr. Peter O'Brien and Dr. David Burke from UVA are leading the event. A Rural Trauma/TNCC/PHTLS class will be June 3-5 at Southside, in partnership with VCU. Dr. Yee asked if the cath lab is interventional, Kathi replied it is and it will be open Mon-Fri only. (02:20-4:26)</p> <p>Bobby Trimmer said the officers for Metro-Richmond remained the same. He said many agencies in PD-15 are being affected by overdoses. Police and EMS are strengthening communication. Police narcan administration is being discussed. Bon Secours, Henrico and Chesterfield held the Central VA EMS Expo. Al Thompson reported it was well attended, with nearly 600 participants. The anatomy cadaver lab was a popular class with 145 students attending that alone. Al described the BLS and ALS skills that were observed and practiced by the students in the lab. (04:27-07:29)</p> <p>Pier Ferguson reported they also held elections in February. All officers remained the same except the President. Jessica Goodman will replace Brad Owens as President. Pier said members were glad to have Dr. Wickizer in attendance. He had been out with health issues. She said Dr. Wickizer recommended Crater work on an OMD mentoring project. So, a small workgroup is working on a plan. (07:30-09:19)</p> <p>Bryan McRay said that from his perspective, the ODEMSA committees have been working very diligently and are providing good work product. He complimented committee members for their hard work and staff for getting minutes and information out quickly. (09-20-10:27)</p>	
---	--	--



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
 Richmond, VA 23235-4730
 804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
 www.odemsa.vaems.org

<p>Advisory Board Report:</p>	<p>Chip Decker said the Advisory Board met on February 5th. A report was given about the recently released Trauma System Study. He said the next step will be to work through the study and develop a comprehensive trauma system plan. Chip advised members to keep an eye on this in the future as work progresses. He said it was reported the Ebola crises is officially over. He said the Zika Virus was discussed and experts do expect this to get worse, during the summer, when the mosquito populations are active. He said a presentation was given on EMS as vaccinators that was interesting. The hope is to give a maximum amount of vaccines in a short amount of time. The agency OMD will be the prescriber, the EMS agency will determine which providers will vaccinate, and the Department of Health will provide the “just in time” training. Chip said Gary Brown announced office changes within OEMS. Paul Sharp is no longer with OEMS. With the office changes, noticeable issues have been discovered with data submission. Chip stated the deadline to migrate to Nemsis 3 has not changed and agencies need to have a plan to migrate. He said Dr. Lindbeck discussed EMS fatigue issues. Guidelines are being written to address fatigue. Chip said EMS medications was discussed. The Drug Control Act of 1970 was put in place to deal with the misuse of controlled medications. The writers of the act did not consider what EMS does with medications in the field. Recently the DEA began re-writing internal regulations, but they are still bound by federal law. There is a House Bill introduced that addresses EMS needs. It may require each EMS agency to acquire their license to carry and administer certain medications. For more information visit naemsp.org. Members then discussed data collection and the seemingly random, data scoring issues and the fact that agencies can collect negative scores. (10:28-34:58)</p>	
<p>Executive Director Report:</p>	<p>Heidi reported an issue getting the quarterly payment from OEMS. The problem is a computer communication problem between the states old payment system (Cardinal) and their new system (Eva). Heidi said she and Catina have been in regular contact, at least once a week, with OEMS and the two processing agencies. Heidi said, to date, we have not had to utilize emergency</p>	



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
Richmond, VA 23235-4730
804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
www.odemsa.vaems.org

funding, like our line of credit, but if the payment is not received soon we may have to resort to such measures. Members of the Board that are also venders with the state expressed an awareness of the same issues with other venders. Heidi will keep David Norman and Bryan updated. Heidi said Tim Perkins has cancelled all of the planned regional council accreditation visits. She will wait to hear from him for a reschedule date. Heidi said the online EMT class registration was successful. There was much interest in the class and, in the end, there was a waiting list for entrance. The class has already met and the students have begun the online activities/learning. Heidi explained some of the features of the class for example two tracks for the practical portion (student option). She said she has received calls now from agencies, expressing an interest in participating in the ODEMSA on EMT Course but having the practical portion of the class at their agency. Heidi said with enough student participation, she recommends this route. Heidi said there are requests for EMT classes coming from all Planning Districts, so while there was not a “need” for ODEMSA to participate in EMT classes in the past, there is a significant current need. The concern for instructor pass rate was discussed. Heidi explained this is of concern, however Adam’s pass rate should not be effected. First we expect the students to do well, but also only students that pass through Adam are allowed to test. So, a student that does not participate or one who does poorly in the class will not be allowed to test. The pass rate is determined only by students taking the national registry exam. It was made very clear to students, during registration and on the first night of class, they must pass the class to be eligible to take the nation registry exam and that will be determined by the instructor. Heidi will keep the Board updated on class progress. Heidi said they recently completed a week of day classes at the office, PHTLS, AMLS and a safety class. This was a success and well attended. Heidi informed the Board she has, for years, been thinking about a program that can combine physical fitness with EMS education. She said the idea came after she and her husband participated in a YMCA program called “Lose Big”. Heidi said it would be an EMS Boot Camp. She explained her vision



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
 Richmond, VA 23235-4730
 804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
 www.odemsa.vaems.org

	<p>of the class. The Board was supportive but asked her to explore liability issues as they are realized. (34:59-59:44)</p>	
<p>Financial Discussion: A. Financial Statement</p>	<p>A motion was made and seconded to approve the quarterly financial report submitted by Catina Downey. David said he has been informed of the OEMS payment issue and will work with Heidi and Bryan until the issue is resolved. Dr. Yee asked when Four-4-Life donation requests are submitted to ODEMSA from the localities. Heidi said its different dates, depending on the agency and their release of the funds. The donations usually come throughout the year. There was discussion surrounding the donation from Richmond City via Richmond Fire and Henrico County. Heidi said we cannot depend on locality money. She said we must seek fundraising avenues. Heidi said she has explored this, to some degree, and recommends, in the near future, hiring a professional to assist. The motion was approved with unanimous vote. (59:45-1:06:16)</p>	<p>Motion by: David Norman to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement. Seconded by: Dr. Yee Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Current Business: A. RSAF Grant – Action Item B. EMT Pass Rate</p>	<p>Heidi said when the RSAF grant application was approved, by the Board during the September Board meeting, it was mandated the Board would revisit the purchase of the vehicle requested, if 100% funding was not achieved. Heidi said the OEMS FARC Committee did recommend funding a vehicle for ODEMSA but at the 80/20 rate verses the requested 100/0. Dr. Yee asked if ODEMSA has the funds. Heidi said, because of the unplanned online EMT class, we do have funds available. Chip Decker asked if ODEMSA has a driving policy. Heidi said we do in the Employee Personnel Handbook. A motion was made to purchase the vehicle using up to \$10,000. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (1:06:17-1:14:46)</p> <p>Pier Ferguson said the EMT pass rate in the state remains dismal. This is impacting patient care in that there appears to be a shortage of EMT's coming into the system. She has noticed the impact especially in the rural community as</p>	<p>Motion by: Dr. Yee to purchase a vehicle using RSAF funds and no more than \$10,000 in ODEMSA contribution. Seconded by: Al Thompson Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
 Richmond, VA 23235-4730
 804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
 www.odemsa.vaems.org

<p>C. Electronic Charting</p>	<p>seasoned providers are aging out. Pier said she wanted to bring this to the agenda to assure the issue remains on the Boards radar. There was much discussion. The group generally agreed: It appears more students passed and completed the testing process when the tests were given as a group (class) and both tests (practical and written) administered the same day, and the process of registering for the test is more cumbersome. OEMS is aware of these issues and are trying to resolve them. In the meantime ODEMSA will do what it can, for example by making the online EMT class a success. (1:14:47-1:24:29)</p> <p>Pier shared her frustration with the fact that desired data is unable to be entered into the data system. There's confusion when an agency meets all Medicare billing requirements, and has a successful billing process, but can't meet the state data set requirements. Members had discussed topic during Chip Decker's report above as well. (1:24:30-1:28:02)</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p>A. Stroke Triage Plan – Action Item</p> <p>B. MCI Plan – Action Item</p> <p>C. Air Medical Request – Action Item</p>	<p>Dr. Yee said the Stroke Triage Plan was updated. A few hospitals were added, contact information was cleaned up, some inconsistencies were clarified, and a sample transfer form was added. (1:28:03-1:28:58)</p> <p>Bryan said the MCI Committee is still working on their MCI Plan update, so the request is to continue to approve the current MCI Plan. Bryan expects the committee will present an updated plan at the Boards next meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Stroke Triage Plan and the MCI Plan. The motion was approved with unanimous vote. (1:28:59-1:30:06)</p> <p>The Air Medical Committee requested the Board sign a letter, submitted by the Air Medical Committee, requesting medevac participation on the regional radio group committee. After much discussion, the Board did not approve the letter, as written, as the letter was interpreted the committee appeared to be requesting a seat at their table. The Board recommended the medevac services work through their representatives that are already assigned to the committee. They expressed they would table the request, and entertain a</p>	<p>Motion by: Allen Yee to approve the Stroke Triage Plan and the MCI Plan</p> <p>Seconded by: David Norman</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Dr. Yee to table the Air Medical Committee request</p> <p>Seconded by: Al Thompson</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

1463 Johnston-Willis Drive
 Richmond, VA 23235-4730
 804-560-3300 • FAX: 804-560-0909
 www.odemsa.vaems.org

<p>D. Sepsis Protocol – Action Item</p> <p>E. STEMI Guidelines – Action Item</p>	<p>letter that more clearly conveys the committees intention of only offering subject matter expertise, if requested by the radio group. (1:30:07-1:42:06)</p> <p>Dr. Yee said the region does not currently have a sepsis protocol. This is a new protocol introduced by Medical Control. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Sepsis Protocol. The motion was approved with unanimous vote. (1:42:07-1:43:03)</p> <p>Housekeeping changes were made to the document and the VA was added. A motion was made and seconded to approve the STEMI Guidelines. The motion was approved with unanimous vote. (1:43:04-1:44:23)</p>	<p>Motion by: Dr. Yee to approve the Sepsis Protocol</p> <p>Seconded by: Pier Ferguson</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Allen Yee to approve the STEMI Guidelines</p> <p>Seconded by: Rodney Newton</p> <p>Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Business From Floor</p>	<p>Dr. Yee announced Chesterfield will be holding a NDMS drill April of 2017. He said they will likely ask for participation from other EMS agencies. (1:44:24-1:46:54)</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>June 15, 2016 (PD-13 - location – TBA)</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.</p>	