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Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Board of Directors

June 16, 2021
7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Heidi Hooker, Allen Yee, M.D., Robert Trimmer, Rodney Newton, Willoughby Hundley, M.D., Cary Strosnider, Pier Ferguson, Greg Neiman, Walt Bailey
Board Members Absent: Ray Mason, Lisa Baber, Kathe Ware
ODEMSA Staff: Ryan Scarbrough, Tarsha Robinson, Jessica Goodman, Rick McClure
Other: Catina Downey, CPA, Chris Vernovai
Minutes Scribed by: Heidi Hooker **Reviewed by:** Greg Neiman

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	The quarterly meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Board Treasurer Cary Strosnider. The meeting was held in person at the ODEMSA Office. This was the first in person ODEMSA Board of Director meeting since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic (March 2020). A web-conference option was also available, and will continue to be available for all future meetings. Introductions were made and Cary welcomed guests. A quorum was determined. The Agenda was approved. The March meeting Minutes were approved. (00:00-00:54)	<p>Motion by: Robert Trimmer to approve Agenda. Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Walt Bailey to approve the March Meeting Minutes. Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



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<p>President Reports: A. Board President B. PD-13 C. PD-14 D. PD-15 E. PD-19</p>	<p>Rodney Newton- No Report (00:54-00:55) Rodney Newton- No Report (00:56-01:04) Walt Bailey- Reported they are in the process of reorganizing the South Central Sub-Council. He said Covid slowed the progress, but he feels they are back on track. He said he has representatives actively engaged, from each of the counties and the EMS agencies within. He said they are going to try rotating meeting locations between the EMS agencies in hopes of enhancing attendance. Host agencies have agreed to provide meals during the meeting. (01:05-02:04) Robert Trimmer- Reported Metro-Richmond’s last meeting was virtual, but they plan to begin in person meetings during the next meeting. (02:04-02:39) Cary Strosnider- Reported the Crater Sub-Council did meet in person, during their last meeting, at Southside Medical Center. They also had a virtual options available. He said they reviewed the various air medical programs. Bryan from HCA’s VA Medical Flight Program (ACE) was in attendance to speak about their program. Cary spoke on behalf of the LifeEvac program. (02:40-03:18)</p>	
<p>Advisory Board Report:</p>	<p>Pier Ferguson said the Advisory Board was able to meet. She said the majority of attendees were in person, but a virtual options was also available and utilized. The said there have been quite a few changes in the Boards composition, due to members transitioning out because of term limits. There is a new Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and Preparedness. Robert “Bob” Hicks replaces Dr. Parham Jaber. She said there was discussion around the changes from Image Trend to ESO. She said it was announced that the EMS Symposium will occur this year. It will be a downsized version of what we’re used to seeing. She said there were also announcements regarding more hybrid EMS Councils developing. Heidi said she received notice from Gary Brown (OEMS) that ODEMSA, once again, had to submit our nominees to represent</p>	



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	<p>ODEMSA on the EMS Advisory Board. Pier was eligible for re-nomination. After discussing this with Rodney, we submitted the same three names as voted on by the BOD last cycle (Pier Ferguson, Rodney Newton, and Allen Yee). We named Pier as our first choice, and requested she remain our representative. (03:19-05:09)</p>	
<p>Executive Director Report:</p>	<p>Heidi said staff have been ready preparing the office for in person meetings and visits. She said they were also been busy marketing the Regional EMS Awards Program in hopes of soliciting nominations. That process is now closed. She said the selection committee will choose the winners soon. She said staff will present a virtual ceremony, much like last year. (05:10-6:32)</p>	
<p>OEMS Report: Chris Vernovai</p>	<p>Chris Vernovai reported OEMS is opening the process for special project modifications. He said, after polling the Council Directors, it was decided the OEMS/Council Directors bi-monthly meetings will now be monthly. Pier Ferguson asked for an update on Symposium. Chris said the target date to begin accepting registrations is mid-July. He said rooms will be available online only and would only be available to those who register for the symposium. OEMS will no longer allow large blocks of rooms to be reserved in advance. (06:33-11:21)</p>	
<p>Financial Discussion: A. Quarterly Financial Statement – Action Item B. Annual Budget – Action Item</p>	<p>Catina submitted the financial report to members in advance of the meeting. She said she had no outstanding information to report. She asked if members had questions. Cary said he reviewed the report w/Catina prior to the meeting with no concerns arising. Allen Yee asked how we’re doing with agency donations, Catina responded not well. Both Yee and Downey suspected Covid may be a factor. A motion was made to accept the financial statement prepared by Catina Downey and reviewed by Treasurer Cary Strosnider. The report was unanimously approved. (11:22-13:30)</p> <p>The Finance Committee met before the BOD meeting to review and discuss the proposed budget that was submitted to members in advance of the</p>	<p>Motion by: Pier Ferguson to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. Seconded by: Allen Yee Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



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	<p>meeting. Catina said there were not many changes made from last year's budget. She said the only issue ascending from the discussions were regarding the ODEMSA contract with VHHA for the CVHC. Heidi said she was contacted by VHHA and CVHC within the past 30 days to discuss bringing on part-time staff for the Coalition. She said from there she learned of concerns raised by VHHA regarding staffing classifications and staff oversight. Heidi informed members that the VHHA has had recent administration changes having Matthew Merry replacing Kelly Parker. Prior to the BOD meeting VHHA did meet with Catina, Heidi and Cary, but further discussions need to occur to determine what VHHA is expecting of ODEMSA. Heidi said that meeting has already been set with VHHA and members of ODEMSA's Finance Committee for the following week. Dr. Yee asked if legal counsel can weigh in once all issues are resolved. Heidi asked any other members that want to attend the meeting to let her know and she'll send them the electronic invite. Members decided to table the Annual Budget until more information is learned regarding the VHHA contract. Catina asked permission to continue the current budget. Members agreed to continue the current budget. A special meeting will be called once the Finance Committee feels they are able move forward. A motion was made authorizing Heidi to seek legal counsel regarding the contract once all issues are resolved. The vote passed with unanimous consent. (13:31-45:46)</p>	<p>Motion by: Allen Yee to table the Annual Budget until after the VHHA/CVHC contract is resolved. Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Greg Neiman to authorize Heidi to seek legal counsel once the VHHA issues are resolved. Seconded by: Rodney Newton Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Current Business: A. Bylaw Proposal</p> <p>B. Law Enforcement Position - Update</p>	<p>Prior to the pandemic, the Board established a Bylaw workgroup to work on the sub-council and BOD bylaws. Heidi forwarded the workgroups language proposal to members prior to the meeting. The proposal was discussed during this meeting and can be voted on the next. (45:47-52:05)</p> <p>Cary reminded members that the Law Enforcement Position Description was approved at the last meeting. There were two candidates for the current open position vacated by Sean Moore. Pier Ferguson spoke on behalf of Jimmy Lee Pair, and Cary Strosnider spoke on behalf of John Vasquez. After discussion a vote was taken via secret ballot. After a lengthy discussion Dr. Yee</p>	



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	<p>made a motion to accept both candidates. The motion passed with unanimous vote. It was decided having two positions will not be the norm. If in the future the position is vacant, there is only one Law Enforcement position, as per the ODEMSA Bylaws. However, at this time the BOD wishes to have both candidates. Cary said he knows both candidates and he'll reach out to both of them to inform them of the decision to welcome both to the ODEMSA Board of Directors. (52:06-1:10:42)</p>	<p>Motion by: Allen Yee to accept both Law Enforcement Candidates Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>New Business:</p> <p>A. Regional Protocols – Action Item</p> <p>B. Diversion Plan – Action Item</p>	<p>Heidi reminded members that they updated a protocol at the last meeting. There were no additional changes made. A motion was made to continue the current protocols. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (1:10:43-1:14:25)</p> <p>Heidi said the Diversion committee is working on an update, but it is not ready for vote. Heidi asked members to approve the current plan until the committee completes their work. A motion was made to approve the current Diversion Plan. The motion passed with unanimous vote. There was discussion surrounding a staff re-write of the committee voted plan. Heidi explained the staff had no intention of trying to circumvent a committee decision. She said she asked Dr. Yee to cancel a sub-committee meeting so staff could present Dr. Yee with an alternative. Heidi said the meeting was only between Dr. Yee, herself, Tarsha and Ryan. She said staff did it to present of possible alternative solution with every intent that it would circle back to the committee for their consideration. Heidi acknowledged Dr. Yee's perception that staff was making changes to a plan not voted on by committee, but Heidi said she again only wanted to present the committee with an alternate solution. The vote taken by committee is controversial. There are legal questions regarding whether or not ODEMSA can place hospitals on diversion and there are questions regarding whether or not the plan is operationally feasible. The committee still has to meet to approve the</p>	<p>Motion by: Pier Ferguson to approve the Regional Protocols Seconded by: Robert Trimmer Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Rodney Newton to approve the Diversion Plan Seconded by: Walt Bailey Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Allen Yee to approve the Regional Drug Box/Restocking Plan Seconded by: Rodney Newton Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



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<p>C. Regional Drug Box/Restocking Policies – Action Item</p>	<p>sub-committees work. The plan has officially not left committee. It is hoped a final plan will be presented at the next BOD meeting. (1:14:26-1:35:51) The Regional Drug Box and Restocking Policies had no changes since the last BOD vote. Dr. Yee said a hospital system has approached asking if they have to exchange goods in the one-for-one program. Dr. Yee asked if a hospital can decide to not to restock based on whether an agency is billing or not. Heidi said legal opinions have been expressed in the past that allow restocking to agencies that bill. Dr. Yee said the question is do they have to restock not can they. Heidi said the signed contracts say the hospitals will restock but she then said a hospital can end the contract at any time they wish. So, they can stop restocking if that's their will. Heidi and Dr. Yee will craft language to respond to the hospitals question. (1:35:52-1:43:25)</p>	
<p>Business from Floor</p>	<p>There was no business from the floor. (1:43:58-1:44:20)</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>September 15, 2021 (Location – TBD)</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm</p>	