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Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Board of Directors

December 13, 2023
7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Heidi Hooker, Allen Yee, M.D., Lisa Baber, Kathe Ware, Greg Neiman, Cary Strosnider, Rodney Newton, Willoughby Hundley, M.D., Walt Bailey,

ODEMSA Staff: Ryan Scarbrough

Board Members Absent: Ashley Andrews, Jean Dellinger, John Fallen, Jimmy Lee Pair, Pier Ferguson, John Vasquez, Robert Trimmer,

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 7:00pm by Board President Rodney Newton. The meeting format was virtual. A quorum was determined. The Agenda was approved. The September quarterly meeting and the October 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes were approved. (00:00-00:35)	<p>Motion by: Walt Bailey to approve Agenda. Seconded by: Cary Strosnider Vote: Unanimously approved</p> <p>Motion by: Walt Bailey to approve the September Quarterly Meeting and October 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes Seconded by: Cary Strosnider</p>



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President Reports: A. Board President B. PD-13 C. PD-14 D. PD-15 E. PD-19	<p>Rodney Newton- Rodney said he did not have anything in addition to subjects that would be covered later in the agenda. (00:35-00:50)</p> <p>Rodney Newton- Rodney reported that the Southside Sub-Council had finalized the schedule for their Super CEU Weekend scheduled for January. He said it will be held at Halifax Regional and he thanked Greg Neiman for his help. (00:51-01:13)</p> <p>Walt Bailey- Walt reported they did not meet in the previous quarter. Further Walt said they have had almost a complete turnover in membership. He said John Fallen, their EMS Representative to the ODEMSA Board of Directors had accepted a job with Duke Life Flight and is no longer in the region. He said Ashley Andrews, their Healthcare Representative on the ODEMSA BOD is no longer with the hospital. He said he is, once again, in a rebuilding process. He followed with the fact that he was encouraged by the newer members who are engaged and want to be involved. (01:14-02:22)</p> <p>Robert Trimmer- No Report (02:23-02:36)</p> <p>Cary Strosnider- Cary said they did not have a quorum at their last meeting. Cary did not have a report, but he did note the meeting dates for Crater Sub-Council, on the calendar Heidi distributed prior to the meeting, were incorrect. Ryan Scarbrough corrected the schedule during the meeting and posted the calendar to the ODEMSA website. (02:37-03:26)</p>	<p>The meeting dates for the Crater Sub-Council were corrected during the meeting and Ryan posted the corrected calendar to the ODEMSA website.</p>
Advisory Board Report:	No Report (03:27-03:33)	
Executive Director Report:	Heidi reported the Commissioner of Health had, just days prior, approved a process to begin paying the Regional Councils their overdue invoices. Heidi said she was expecting to receive the first payment within the week. The Health Department released an initial \$600k for the Councils. That was divided between the 11 Councils to give each Councils at least a partial payment on their earliest invoice. Heidi said ODEMSA could expect to receive	



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\$90k. The remainder of the earliest invoice (Q4FY23) and the other invoices (Q1FY24 – Q2 FY24) can be expected in regular installments. Heidi said the checks from the VHHA have also been delayed, due to an issue with the check numbers. Heidi said she expected to receive the VHHA checks also within 7 days. Heidi said the EMS Advisory Board workgroup that was formed to determine the priority of payments and the restructure of OEMS have determined the Regional Council payments as their highest priority along with the payments to the localities. Walt said that legislatures have also expressed to the Health Department and OEMS that bills need to be paid. Heidi said at the State EMS Advisory Board meeting, in November, a motion was made to support the Regional EMS Councils and to recommend the Councils be funded as a priority. That motion passed unanimously. Heidi said it appears both are occurring, the support and payments. Heidi said the EMS Advisory Board Workgroup established to guide OEMS through their financial crisis has Dr. Yee and a member. She said the workgroup also has two Regional Council Directors, Tracey McLauren and Wayne Perry. Dr. Yee stated the workgroup is trying to prioritize funding. He said it appears money is starting to flow. He said besides the Council invoices, all localities will be funded through FY2024. They are also funding OEMS contractual obligations.

Heidi said Wells Fargo only increased ODEMSA's line of credit by \$5k. She said ODEMSA's credit is excellent. The reason for the small increase was because of a non-profit algorithm used by Wells Fargo. Heidi said she is pursuing a line through another bank, in the amount the BOD approved.

Heidi also gave members an update on the Regional Medical Kit program. She said for about 6 years we have been awaiting DEA regulations after the Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act (PPAEMA) of 2017 was passed. She said it was expected that once those regulations were passed a 1 ½- 2 year period would be given for agencies to implement changes, if needed. To date no DEA regulations have come forward. However, catching our entire Commonwealth off guard, the FDA passed a law the Drug Supply Chain Security Act with regulations that take effect November 1, 2024. The



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	<p>Councils learned about the regulations and law the week before Thanksgiving. Heidi said immediately upon learning the information a State workgroup was established to begin working through the details. Each Council is in the process of updating their Pharmacy committees. Heidi said this is a new revelation and there will be more to come in the coming months. (03:34-18:49)</p>	
<p>OEMS Report: Chris Vernovai</p>	<p>Chris Vernovai said that Heidi covered everything that would have been in his report. He offered answered questions but there were none. (18:50-19:30)</p>	
<p>Financial Discussion: A. Quarterly Financial Statement – Action Item</p> <p>B. Annual Financial Report (Audit)</p>	<p>Catina asked if anyone had questions regarding the Quarterly Financial Statement that was distributed prior to the meeting. Catina said the cash flow continues to be an issue, until we begin receiving payments from OEMS. She said the delay in receiving the VHHA payments has created even more concern. She said if ODEMSA receives the funds, as promised, within days then we will once again be fiscally fine. She said the past month had been especially stressful. Rodney thanked Catina for her guidance through the current situation. Regarding the line of credit, Catina said there are three banks that are interested in providing the requested amount that ODEMSA is seeking. She is in the process of determining which bank has the best terms before moving forward. Heidi and Catina will keep the Finance Committee informed of the progress. There were no questions concerning the Quarterly Financial Report. A motion was made to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (19:31-22:11)</p> <p>Heidi said Elaine Ragland has not been able to complete the Annual Audit. There have been numerous delays trying to gather information from OEMS. Heidi said she will most likely have to request a Special Meeting before the end of the month. Chris Vernovai said he understood there were delays and told Heidi to send him an email if a deliverable extension is requested and that he would approve it. (22:11-23:43)</p>	<p>Motion by: Kathe Ware to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. Seconded by: Walt Bailey Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Current Business: A. OEMS Budget</p>	<p>This was discussed during the Director’s Report. (23:44-24:27)</p>	



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<p>New Business: A. 2023 Annual Report- Action Item B. COOP Plan –Action Item C. Regional Bylaws – Action Item</p>	<p>Heidi said a link was provided, prior to the meeting, for members to review the 2023 Annual Report. Heidi said that can be approved pending the financial information and a few other data points being added after the Annual Audit is complete and the year ends. Heidi said there have been no changes to the COOP Plan or the Bylaws since the BOD last voted to approve them. A motion was made to approve the 2023 Annual Report, pending the updates, the COOP Plan and the Regional Bylaws. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (24:28-25:47)</p>	<p>Motion by: Allen Yee to approve the 2023 Annual Report, COOP Plan and the Regional Bylaws Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Business from Floor</p>	<p>Walt gave an update on HB2175. He said a workgroup had been formed to and that he is on the workgroup. He said the workgroup completed a report at the end of September and it was delivered to the Governor’s Office. After numerous delays the report was released, along with a letter from Secretary Terrance Cole which stated they were sympathetic to the issues within the report but in an environment where there are robust opportunities for state and federal funding for fire and EMS they disagreed with the workgroups recommendations. Secretary Cole’s letter recommended funding for fire and ems be at the local level and not a state financial responsibility. The workgroup has written a counter-document. Walt said the study revealed Virginia is far behind other states regarding funding for fire and EMS. It also revealed 70% of the jurisdictions across Virginia cannot meet minimum staffing standards. Close to 70% can no longer, on a regular basis offer mutual aid. Volunteer numbers are down 80% compared to 10 years ago. Response times are increasing, with staffing being the number one reason. He said it appears there is wide and bi-partisan support to move some of the workgroups recommendations forward. Walt will send Heidi the full report and the response for Heidi to forward to the</p>	<p>Heidi will forward document from Walt, regarding HB2175, to the BOD members</p>



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	Board. Heidi mentioned that the ODEMSA Awards Presentation was held since the last BOD meeting. She hoped everyone had an opportunity to watch the virtual presentation, and she invited those who had not to watch it on the ODEMSA Facebook page. (25:48-40:38)	
Next Meeting	March 20, 2024 (Location – Virtual – Web-Conference)	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm	