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**Training and Education Committee**

November 2, 2023

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Chair:** Adam Alford, VCU CTCCE

**Vice Chair:** Damien Coy, Brightpoint

**Members and Guests Present:** Amanda Bryant, Jen Reese, Nakia James, Damien Coy, Adam Alford, Al Thompson, Jay Gould, Greg Neiman, Amy Stewart, Jason Johnson, Seth Zink, Travis Jenkins

**Conference Line:** N/A

**ODEMSA Staff:** Ryan Scarbrough & Megan Middleton

**Minutes Scribed by:** Megan Middleton

**Materials Provided:** Previous meeting minutes, agenda

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<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 10:01 am by Chairman Adam Alford. Quorum present. August minutes and November agenda were approved.	<p><b>Motion:</b> To approve the minutes of the August meeting and November agenda</p> <p><b>Made By:</b> Jason Johnson <b>Second:</b> Amy Stewart</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>
<b>EMS Reports</b>		
<b>Halifax Rescue &amp; Southside Rescue</b>	Jason Johnson – An EMT class started in Halifax Rescue a couple of weeks ago and filled up quick. Southside Rescue doesn't have any classes other than what is going on with the college right now.	



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<b>Lakeside VRS</b>	Seth Zink – They are finishing up a new EMT Academy on January 14 <sup>th</sup> with 10 new EMTs. Three or four of them completed EVOG over the weekend with Tuckahoe Rescue.	
<b>New Kent</b>	Travis Jenkins – Nothing major to report. Working on wrapping up the AEMT students that finished the class in August, getting them ready for their cognitive.	
<b>Accredited EMS Programs</b>		
<b>Reynolds Community College</b>	Nakia James – They are completing two EMT classes in December, and there are two paramedic programs in progress. One of them is in the first semester and will conclude in December next year, while the other is in the second to last semester and will finish in May. They are hosting a testing site for paramedic students on May 18th and have hired two part-time clinical coordinators. Amanda Hillard will handle administrative duties, and Shelby Gettings will serve as a clinical coordinator whom you may encounter in the field.	
<b>VCU CTCCE</b>	Adam Alford –Next week, they will be hosting a mini symposium. You can find information about the classes offered on their website. Additionally, they have received a 4-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to fund several projects. One of these projects will provide paramedic vouchers, and another is focused on offering EMT classes to underrepresented groups in EMS. They have also secured a second year for a rural grant, which builds on the success of the AEMT program they initiated in the first year, but with changes. Instead of a convoluted funding approach, this program will be based on a voucher system, and these vouchers will be provided to students from rural agencies. In addition to these initiatives, they have posted two job positions: one for a full-time Regional Paramedic Program Coordinator in the Roanoke area and another with the same role in the Tri-Cities Crater area. They recently had a virtual site visit from the Commission on Accreditation, and everything went well, so they should be accredited for another 5 years..	



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<b>ECPI</b>	<p>Jen Reese – We have two paramedics who will be graduating in the next couple of months. On February 2nd, ECPI will conduct joint testing with Hampton Fire at their training center.</p> <p>Amanda Bryant – Twenty-one EMTs have just started this term, and two paramedic students will be entering their capstone soon, where they will participate in the joint testing at Hampton Fire. Additionally, we have another seven students who are currently enrolled, and a new paramedic cohort will begin next week, with a few students already signed up.</p>	
<b>Brightpoint</b>	<p>Damien Coy – We will be concluding the fall semester in the near future, including our first AEMT class and two EMT classes, with a total of 20 students between the two classes.</p>	
<b>Hospitals</b>		
<b>HCA</b>	<p>Jessica Goodman – Nothing to report.</p> <p>Amy Stewart – Nothing to report</p>	
<b>VCU</b>	<p>Greg Neiman – They are currently involved in preparations for the marathon scheduled for the 11th. There will be a total of 5 or 6 medical tents set up in the area. He can inquire with the medical tent organizers to see if it's possible for any students to participate and gain patient contacts during the event.</p>	
<b>Bon Secours</b>	<p>Al Thompson – No report.</p>	
<b>ODEMSA</b>		
<b>Ryan Scarbrough</b>	<p>ODEMSA is hosting a cornhole fundraiser on Saturday, November 18, 2023. It begins at 10:00 with cash prizes awarded to the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Please see our website, <a href="http://www.odemsa.net">www.odemsa.net</a>, for more information. The awards ceremony is approaching, with a tentative date of November 14th, but it might be rescheduled to the 21st. We apologize for the delay however with the OEMS budget deficit, we've had to switch our priorities to fundraising.</p>	
<b>Megan Middleton</b>	<p>I have been working on extensive protocol updates with some of the other committees. Eventually, these updates will be presented to this committee for consideration in training initiatives.</p>	



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<b>Preceptor Training for Accredited Programs</b>		
<b>Megan Middleton</b>	While the program itself is fine, I have encountered some issues with a few agencies being able to access it. After troubleshooting with the agency and JotForm, we decided to duplicate the process and host it on Canvas as well. Although this requires students to create a login, it appears to have resolved the access issues. Certificates are still issued through JotForm, allowing us to manage who has completed it in one place. When Adam Alford inquired about updating the program, it was discussed that there have been no changes from in accreditation, so a review will be scheduled for mid-summer.	
<b>Stop the Bleed Coalition</b>		
<b>Greg Neiman</b>	Everyone is currently occupied with teaching. Garrett and he, both from VCU, recently conducted a teaching session at the Overland Expo in the East, where they had 25-30 participants from various locations across Virginia. They are also continuing to teach their class at Greentop and other locations in the area.	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>Protocol Review Change Sub-Group</b>	Megan Middleton - Due to the amount of work needed for the 2024 update on the protocols this has been tabled until the revision is finalized.	
<b>Regional Education Needs Assessment</b>	The regional educational needs assessment was finalized and will be sent out this month. There was a delay due to the OEMS budget deficit as we've had to table some projects to focus on fundraising. We will have a presentation with the information gathered from this survey at the next meeting.	
<b>Stroke Protocol Education</b>	Megan shared her screen and showed the new Pediatric Stroke Protocol that has been approved and the potential changes to the Adult Stroke Protocol. This committee is going to send some representatives (Greg Neiman, Jason Johnson, and Seth Zink) to the stroke workgroup to help facilitate with the training.	
<b>Annual Educator Update</b>	After looking into the OEMS contract it was verified that the requirement for the Annual Educator Update has been removed.	



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<p><b>Nominations for Chair / Vice-Chair</b></p>	<p>Nominations began with Megan listing off the nominations for the positions that were proposed from the last meeting or emailed to her. The voting requirements were sent out to the members via calendar invite along with who is eligible. Nominations for Chair are as follows: Adam Alford and Marquita Whisonant. Nominations for Vice-Chair are as follows: Damien Coy and Marquita Whisonant.            The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chair.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> To open the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair at 10:38   <b>Made By:</b> Greg Neiman  <b>Second:</b> Amy Stewart             Motion passes unanimously</p>
	<p>The floor was closed for nominations for Vice-Chair with no new nominations put forth.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> To close the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair at 10:40   <b>Made By:</b> Amy Stewart  <b>Second:</b> Jay Gould             Motion passes unanimously</p>
	<p>A QR code to an electronic voting form was displayed on the screen and after tallying the nine votes Damien Coy was elected Vice-Chair.</p>	
	<p>The floor was opened for nominations for Chair.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> To open the floor for nominations for Chair at 10:42   <b>Made By:</b> Amy Stewart  <b>Second:</b> Al Thompson             Motion passes unanimously</p>



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	<p>The floor was closed for nominations for Chair with no new nominations put forth.</p> <p>A QR code to an electronic voting form was displayed on the screen and after tallying the nine votes Marquita Whisonant was elected Chair.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> To close the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair at 10:44</p> <p><b>Made By:</b> Jason Johnson  <b>Second:</b> Al Thompson</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>OEMS Site Visits</b>	<p>Greg Neiman – Please be informed that all site visits, whether for accredited or non-accredited classes, have been temporarily suspended. Additionally, all NREMT site visits have been canceled as well. Please make sure to notify Debbie Akers at the state well in advance if there are any scheduled NREMT exams.</p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>		
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> To adjourn</p> <p><b>Made By:</b> Al Thompson  <b>Second:</b> Greg Neiman</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>