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Old Dominion EMS Alliance
Board of Directors

September 25, 2024
7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Heidi Hooker, Lisa Baber, Greg Neiman, Cary Strosnider, Walt Bailey, John Vasquez, Robert Trimmer, Joelle Cramer, Bert Martin, Willoughby Hundley, M.D., Kathe Ware, Allen Yee, M.D.,
Board Members Absent: Pier Ferguson, Jimmy Lee Pair, John Fallen
ODEMSA Staff: Ryan Scarbrough, David Calkins
Other: Catina Downey, CPA, Karen Owens
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 Walt Bailey. The meeting format was virtual. A quorum was determined. The Agenda was approved. The June Quarterly Meeting Minutes were approved. (0:00-01:46)	Motion by: Allen Yee to approve Agenda. Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved Motion by: Allen Yee to approve the June Quarterly Meeting Minutes Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved
President Reports: A. Board President	Walt Bailey- Walt discussed a legal settlement. There were no questions. He said the House Bill, HB2175, was passed with the subsequent	



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<p>B. PD-13</p> <p>C. PD-14</p> <p>D. PD-15</p>	<p>study. He said 150k has been allocated by the General Assembly to hire consultants to validate the data that was submitted and determine if a crises does indeed exist. He said the consultants are with the VCU Governor Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, and that two meetings have been held to date. He said the first public meeting is tomorrow in Richmond. He said additional meetings will follow at various locations throughout the Commonwealth. He said he's pleased with the consultant group, and that the have already validated the findings. He said they are shocked that Virginia is not doing its part to fund its first responders. He said he's looking forward to good things coming from the effort. He said he's been approached by multiple state senators and house members informing him that they didn't know the problem existed till now and asking how they can help. He said momentum is building to help with funding. (01:47-07:14)</p> <p>Bert Martin- Bert said they have a CEU weekend scheduled for January 2025. He said Greg Neiman, and others from VCU, will be helping with the education program. He said they have a meeting scheduled for next month, and noted the meetings are virtual except for their February meeting where they join for a meal and social after the meeting. (07:15-08:23)</p> <p>Walt Bailey- Walt gave his comments in the President Report. He had nothing more to add. (08:24-08:27)</p> <p>Robert Trimmer- Robert said he's been in touch with multiple agencies that are still having challenges with setting up the agency based drug box programs. (08:28-09:11)</p> <p>Cary Strosnider- Cary said agencies within the Crater Sub-Council are experiencing the same struggles obtaining the needed registrations, licenses, and equipment to build in-house medication programs. He asked if grants were submitted from Crater agencies. Heidi said there were but she was unsure of the number of agencies. This led to a discussion about grants for medications and equipment to support the in-house programs. During that discussion Walt asked Heidi about a letter from multiple U.S. Congressman addressed to the FDA requesting an exemption for Virginia. Heidi said she had been in contact with Congressman Bob Good's office and they informed her that they expected a</p>	
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<p>E. PD-19</p>	<p>response within the week. (09:12-12:55)</p>	
<p>Advisory Board Report:</p>	<p>Pier Ferguson did attend the State EMS Advisory Board meeting but was not in attendance for the BOD meeting. Walt highlighted what took place at a Special Called Advisory Board meeting where the VDH Audit Report was revealed as well as the Fitch and Associates Consultant Report. Heidi said the Commissioner of Health, Dr. Karen Shelton and Christopher Lindsay, Chief Operating Officer read the audit results word-for-word. Heidi said it was scathing. She said the Western Virginia EMS Council was mentioned multiple times, as their role was highlighted. Heidi said the Commissioner did say, at least twice, that the Council did nothing wrong and that they believed everything was vetted through VDH. Walt said the Fitch results will be discussed later in the agenda. (12:56-14:13)</p>	
<p>Executive Director Report:</p>	<p>Heidi reported the Regional EMS Award winners have been chosen. She said a date has not been set, but that the award ceremony will be in November. She said they recently completed an AEMT course, and that an EMT class has started in Powhatan. She said staff taught classes at the VAVRS Convention. Tarsha attended a wellness symposium for first responders that was held in Norfolk. Megan attended the National Association of EMS Educators Symposium. She said she interviewed for the CVHC RHCC Manager position and that David would elaborate on that during his report. She said ODEMSA has hosted several meetings including the EMS Next Steps Workgroup, the State Training and Education Committee, the State Medical Direction Committee, an OMD Workshop, and a State EMS Educator Update. She said they participated in a VCU MCI drill. She said staff conducted two agency surveys, both regarding the drug box program. She said they attended multiple meeting to discuss the Fitch results, and assisting in writing a Regional EMS Council White Paper that was distributed at the EMS Advisory Board meeting. (14:14-17:04)</p>	
<p>OEMS Report: Karen Owens</p>	<p>Karen Owens said that she is new to her newly appointed position as an Associate Director with OEMS. She said she is still adjusting. She</p>	



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	<p>complimented Heidi and said it was a pleasure to work with her. She discussed the impending hurricane. She said OEMS will be sharing information with agencies in the coming days. She said OEMS is offering EMS Officer Classes. She said Emergency Operations is doing an MCI drill. She said they are putting out new training for the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). They are also offering Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) courses. She said information on all the mentioned courses can be found on their social media pages, and the OEMS website. (17:05-19:01)</p>	
<p>CVHC Report: David Calkins</p>	<p>David gave a report on the CVHC operations (00:00-00:00)</p>	
<p>Financial Discussion: A. Quarterly Financial Statement – Action Item</p>	<p>Catina distributed the Quarterly Financial Report prior to the meeting. There were no questions regarding the report. A motion was made to approve the Quarterly Financial Report. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (00:00-00:00)</p>	<p>Motion by: Cary Strosnider to approve the Quarterly Financial Report Seconded by: Greg Neiman Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Current Business: A. Drug Box Program B. OEMS Audit and Fitch Report</p>	<p>The Drug Box Program had been discussed under the PD-19 Crater Sub-Council report and the Executive Director report. No further discussion was needed. (00:00-00:00) The Fitch Report was discussed (00:00-00:00)</p>	
<p>New Business: A. Employee Qualifications – Action Item B. Bylaws – Action Item C. RMD Contract – Action Item D. Regional</p>	<p>Heidi said the Employee Qualifications had not changed since they were last approved, it was the same with the Bylaws. She said Dr. Yee is still willing to be the RMD. There were no changes to the Regional Performance Improvement Plan, the Peer Support/CISM Policies and Procedures. The Regional CE Schedule is posted on the ODEMSA Website as classes are announced. There were no changes to the Regional Trauma Triage Plan. Heidi asked members to approve items A-G. A motion was made to approve items A-G. The motion passed with unanimous vote. (00:00-00:00)</p>	<p>Motion by: Lisa Baber to approve items A-G on the Agenda. Seconded by: Allen Yee Vote: Unanimously approved</p>



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<p>Performance Improvement Plan – Action Item E. Peer Support/CISM Policies and Procedures – Action Item F. Regional CE Schedule – Action Item G. Regional Trauma Triage Plan – Action Item H. Regional EMS Councils White Paper</p>		
<p>Business from Floor</p>	<p>No business from the floor (00:00-00:00)</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 11, 2024 (Location – Virtual – Web-Conference)</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm</p>	