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## Training and Education Committee

August 8, 2024

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Chair:** Marquita Whisonant, VCU CTCCE

**Vice Chair:** Damien Coy, Brightpoint

**Members and Guests Present:** Marquita Whisonant, Jen Reese, Jessica Goodman, Greg Neiman, Ray Mallory, Amanda Bryant, Amy Stewart, Al Thompson, Adam Alford, Jay Gould

**Conference Line:** N/A

**ODEMSA Staff:** Megan Middleton, Tarsha Robinson

**Minutes Scribed by:** Megan Middleton

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

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<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Chairman Marquita Whisonant. Quorum present. May minutes and August agenda were approved.	<b>Motion:</b> To approve the minutes of the May meeting and August agenda  <b>Made By:</b> Al Thompson <b>Second:</b> Jessica Goodman  Motion passes unanimously
<b>EMS Reports</b>		
<b>RAA</b>	Ray Mallory – Richmond Ambulance continue to maintain back-to-back EMT classes. We're currently running one that will go through September. Most likely we'll do two more before we do another AEMT in the clinical department we have discussed opening it up. It is dependent on how many providers we	



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	<p>need and how many in-house people we are moving up into the EMT position, so that will continue. As far as people coming to do their field internship here. It is 100% dependent on whether the class agency or organization has an affiliation agreement with Richmond Ambulance that will have to go through Wayne Harbour. If we do have an agreement, the availability of staffing will be dependent on whether your students will get in as employees in preception for employment are priority. We will open it up to a first come first serve. I don't have a lot of paramedics for people to ride with. I have about twelve paramedics that have less than a year experience. They came through our paramedic program so they wouldn't even qualify to precept for your paramedic program. So, I'm very limited that way. Otherwise, we're doing good. We're still in discussion in house about opening our ACLS classes. I'm currently in a discussion about doing a TCCC with RPD, we may reach out and under letters of recommendation, open some of that training.</p>	
<b>Accredited EMS Programs</b>		
<b>VCU CTCCE</b>	<p>Adam Alford – We are expanding or revamping the way we do some programs we've got a couple of Federal grants, and we are now offering reimbursement or tuition assistance to underserved groups for all of our EMS classes. So, looks like we'll be able to fund at least some spots in our fall EMT class. We were able to cover our spring and summer EMT classes and that's in addition to the AEMT and the paramedic vouchers that we were offering for the spring and summer classes. I do want to mention that Damian Coy has been selected by NAEMT as the educator of the year. He'll be presented that award at the EMS World expo in Las Vegas in September. So, if you see Damian, or you go to our Facebook page, and you'll see a post. You can congratulate him for that national award.</p>	
<b>ECPI</b>	<p>Amanda Bryant – So I'm just going to recap a couple of things. Back in May, we had a class that graduated. Right now, we have five paramedics that are finishing the capstone, and they're trying to test national registry paramedic. We had a group of EMTs that were halfway through. They have now finished and are getting ready to test their national registry for EMT. Some of them are</p>	



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	<p>coming back in for the paramedic program. Unfortunately, we did not get enough participation for the flip flop program in July. So, we're still trying to get that out there so that we can get enough so that we can, you know, afford to have it. We do have a new group of EMTs that just came in. I believe there's about 20 or 22 that started this term three weeks ago. We also have a group of eight paramedics that are in the middle of everything and another group of four paramedics that are towards the end. And then we'll have another cohort starting up in August of paramedics. So, it's just a whirlwind of things, other than that, we are just working on accreditation.</p>	
<b>Hospitals</b>		
<b>HCA</b>	Jessica Goodman – No report.	
<b>VCU</b>	Greg Neiman – No report.	
<b>Bon Secours</b>	Al Thompson – No report.	
<b>ODEMSA</b>		
<b>Megan Middleton</b>	<p>The AEMT class ended with ten students, testing their psychomotor successfully. We are having a Powhatan EMT class that will be starting August 26th that's going to finish in December. Tarsha will be the main instructor and Jessica Goodman will be helping. Right now, we have 15 applicants, and I expect we might get more.</p>	
<b>Preceptor Training for Accredited Programs</b>		
<b>Megan Middleton</b>	<p>I believe last meeting it was asked to get together some data on the program by year and present it at this meeting (Attachment A). I pulled it by year from 2021 to 2024, and there are two separate metrics I was looking at, one is by provider level and the next is agencies by provider. It was asked if the program has any type of evaluation, which it does not. Another question was which schools are using PTAP. I reached out to all the schools, and the only one that said no, was Southside Community College.</p>	<p>Megan will add a 5-star rating to the PTAP program along with a comments section.</p>
<b>Stop the Bleed Coalition</b>		
<b>Greg Neiman</b>	<p>The local coalition is continuing to do some work. I think we're all kind of picking up on our individual courses as we go into the fall. I know that VCU</p>	



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	has gotten several schools that have reached out to us that want us to do something this month. As far as the state Stop the bleed coalition, I think that's still in development. I haven't heard back from Dr. Rossi on that, and we haven't had a meeting in a couple of months. So, I know it's continuing, I just don't have a current update.	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>Regional Education Needs Assessment</b>	The ODEMSA Annual Agency Update was sent out and is 92% complete. We have 74 agencies that are done and 11 pending. I'm expecting it to be completely done within 2 weeks. Which means that we can then send out the Regional Education Needs Assessment to those updated Training Officer lists.	Once ODEMSA has the updated list of Training Officer contacts, Megan will send out the survey.
<b>Provider Safety and Wellness – Contract Obligation</b>	If you all remember we have a line in our contract that stated that we had to have some type of, mental health resource support on our website, and so I started working on what I'm calling the Provider Wellness Hub. This is based on the eight dimensions of wellness which this group talked about last time. Something else that we would like to do is, every quarter we want to spotlight one dimension of wellness. For example: give insights, tips, resources, etc. If anyone on this committee has any suggestions for things that you want to add to this, please reach out. <a href="https://odemsa.net/welcome-to-the-provider-safety-wellness-hub/">https://odemsa.net/welcome-to-the-provider-safety-wellness-hub/</a>	The group chose the “Social and Cultural Dimension” as a focus for this upcoming quarter.
<b>Protocol Review</b>	These were the protocols that were presented to Medical Direction from this committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>3-1 Adult Medical Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MDC added a statement on scene safety and maintaining situational awareness in the secondary assessment table</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>3-16 Difficult Airway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MDC added a definition in the PEARL about SGA VS EGA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>4-1 Adult Trauma Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MDC recommended a change to pearl one, changing the lethal triad to the lethal diamond.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> MDC approved all protocols with those recommended changes.	



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<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Protocol Review</b>	<p>The committee had three protocols to review with no submitted comments for this meeting. They decided to have the protocol sub-group review these and bring the suggested changes to the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-1: 12-Lead ECG Acquisition</li> <li>• 11-2: Capnography</li> <li>• 11-3: Pulse Oximetry</li> </ul>	Megan to schedule a meeting with the sub group and send out the protocols.
<b>MDC Referral of Education</b>	<p>There was a training and education initiative that was brought up from the Medical Direction Committee this morning. Tarsha presented NEMSQA data comparing agencies to other agencies in their area to see how well they are doing with certain initiatives. One of the initiatives NEMSQA, is looking at this year is respiratory assessment, these are calls that originate from a 911 request. So, it's the percentage of EMS responses from a 911 request for patients with a primary or secondary impression of respiratory distress and had a respiratory assessment completed. The concern was that 98% of our adult population had a respiratory assessment completed, but only 75% of our pediatric patients did. MDC wanted the Training Committee to look at the data and see what can be done to encourage treatment for our pediatric patients.</p> <p>No new business from the floor.</p>	<p>Tarsha to drill down on the data and get the information to Megan who will submit it to the committee.          Megan will also work on a plan for education.</p>
<b>Adjourn</b>		
	The meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.	<p><b>Motion:</b> To adjourn</p> <p><b>Made By:</b> Adam Alford  <b>Second:</b> Amanda Bryant</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p>