



# OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE

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## Training and Education Committee

August 28, 2025

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Chair:** Marquita Whisonant, VCU CTCCE

**Vice Chair:** Damien Coy, Brightpoint

**Members and Guests Present:** Ryan Scarbrough

**Virtual Attendees:** Marquita Whisonant, Nakia James, Amy Stewart, Greg Neiman, John Jacobson, Megan Middleton

**ODEMSA Staff:** Ryan Scarbrough

**Minutes Scribed by:** Ryan Scarbrough

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

Topic / Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action / Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	A working meeting was called to order at 10:12 am by Chairman Marquita Whisonant. Quorum was not present. The August minutes and the December agenda were not approved.	<b>No Quorum Present</b> August Minutes to be approved
<b>EMS Reports</b>		
<b>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS</b>	<b>John Jacobson</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chesterfield has a paramedic cohort in their second quarter, moving to the third quarter in the spring, with expected graduation in September.</li> <li>New EMT class starting in January</li> <li>The blood program has expanded with two units now available in the county, in the north and south of the county.</li> <li>Looking to potentially expand peak ambulance program from three units to full 7-day staffing pending funding.</li> <li>Working on EMS Expo.</li> </ul>	
<b>Richmond Fire &amp; Emergency Services</b>	<b>Megan Middleton</b> – Nothing reported	
<b>Hospital Reports</b>		



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<b>Bon Secours</b>	No Report	
<b>VCU Health</b>	<p><b>Greg Neiman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VCU held a successful virtual EMS symposium with over 200 registrants and provided 2,100 hours of CE. Was able to bring in speakers from the Department of State. Had participants from Nevada and California who attended that needed CE.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is thinking about bringing in additional speakers from outside of VCU. Having struggles scheduling due to physicians not knowing what their schedules are with enough advanced notice to schedule them to speak.</li> <li>○ If interested in volunteering to teach, please reach out to him.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Experiencing high patient volumes and working to keep wall times down.</li> </ul>	
<b>HCA</b>	<p><b>Amy Stewart</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCA is doing well with manageable wall times</li> <li>• Hired Juliana as trauma educator at Forest in October and has hit the ground running.</li> <li>• Jessica Goodman left for the BCRA burn program as a physician consultant and outreach.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Filling in for her at Forest, they have:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Devon Tobin, COO</li> <li>▪ HCA Forest is looking for a director of EMS coordinator/liaison</li> <li>▪ Brei is running Chippenham</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Amy just finished her master's program.</li> </ul>	
<b>Accredited EMS Programs</b>		
<b>VCU CTCCE</b>	<p><b>Greg Neiman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jay is retiring from CTCCE at the end of the year</li> <li>• Believes that Ken Williams, who was supposed to retire at the same time as Jay, will be staying on due to a delay in posting the positions.</li> <li>• Knows they have been busy and working on grants with IVPP.</li> </ul>	



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Reynolds CC	<p><b>Nakia James</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently completed a paramedic program with 15-16 students yesterday.</li> <li>• Two active paramedic programs continuing, with completion dates in spring and fall</li> <li>• Completed two EMT programs this semester and starting three more in the spring.</li> <li>• Look at holding a summer EMT program but no details at this time.</li> <li>• Advertising for a full-time faculty position under EMS programs and maybe a little under fire science.</li> <li>• Immersive ambulance simulator project completed, awaiting inspection. Hoping to have it up and running come January 1.</li> <li>• College will be closed December 24th through January 6th. Advised students that they should not be doing any clinical rotations while school is out for their break.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Dominion EMS Alliance Report</b>		
ODEMSA	<p><b>Ryan Scarbrough</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEMS Contract             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contract received last week and reviewed by the board</li> <li>○ New contract may require changes to committee bylaws</li> <li>○ Contract is more focused on MCI and regional efforts than previous contracts</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Education Coordinator Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ODEMSA will hosting/teaching the next Education Coordinators Institute. Hoping Debbie Akers can help teach despite her retirement. She will be the new Executive Director of Western EMS Council.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Committee Roster</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All committee rosters are now posted on their respective committee pages on the website. Please take a moment to look at it and ensure that the information is correct. Only the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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	<p>voting member and their alternate is listed with no contact information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medication Grant Funding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A grant was secured by ODMES from Sentara Health for \$16,677.90 for medications related to the drug box transition. Applications were received, reviewed, and graded, and the recommendations were taken to the Board of Directors last night and approved. Ten different agencies across the region will receive a portion of the allotted monies based on their needs and requests.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Staffing Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shannon Daniel was brought on part-time with the intention to transition her to the full-time Training Director position at the beginning of 2026. We were informed that she can no longer accept the position at this time. She has advised that she will stay on part-time and help in any way that we need her.</li> <li>○ <u>Applications for the <b>Regional Training Director position</b> are open until January 16, 2026.</u></li> <li>○ <u>Applications for the <b>Regional Field Coordinator position</b> are open until December 31.</u></li> <li>○ We have been providing space and equipment for Front Line educators to hold their EMT program at our office, and they will be testing this weekend.</li> <li>○ Working with Andy Inge to teach an ODEMSA hybrid program that may start in January or February.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Preceptor Training for Accredited Programs</b>		
<b>PTAP</b>	No update currently.	
<b>Stop the Bleed Coalition</b>		
<b>Stop the Bleed Coalition</b>	<p><b>Greg Neiman</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He reported that the regional coalition is doing well, and the statewide coalition continues to grow.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QR code used for registrations is being used. Working on giving people access to their own data, which will allow students to register, automatically receive certificates, and provide instructors with access to evaluations and demographic data. Users have provided positive feedback on using the QR code.</li> <li>Kira Shifflett is leaving VCU, opening a trauma outreach position</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>Regional Education Needs Assessment</b>	Due to staffing changes this was placed on hold. Megan advised that this has been completed and that Ryan should be able to pull the results of this.	<b>Ryan</b> to pull the data. Advised that he would send it out to the committee.
<b>Provider Safety and Wellness Initiative</b>	Due to staffing changes, this initiative and potential committee have been placed on a temporary hold and are slated to move forward in the future. There is no time frame currently due to staffing levels.	To be revisited when staffing is sufficient or the workload is reduced.  Need to verify that this is still in the new OEMS Contact.
<b>Protocol Review</b>	Due to staffing changes, this is on hold. Marquita provided a brief overview of what was potentially on the horizon. She reiterated that there was the possibility of the creation of a subgroup of TEC that would work on training providers to be more comfortable, especially when it comes to pediatric respiratory assessments.	To be revisited when staffing is sufficient or the workload is reduced.
<b>EMCE Documentation to PTAP</b>	<p>It appears that an official workgroup still needs to be formed. No one present could advise whether Mike Mayne had created a sandbox schedule in EMCE for hospital representatives to test and explore at the workgroup meeting.</p> <p><b>Marquita Whisonant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still looking at this as a regional scheduling platform</li> </ul>	<p>Need to create the workgroup by sending out invitations and coordinating meeting dates.</p> <p>Follow up with Mike Mayne to create a</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will need representatives from hospitals, agencies, and accredited programs to determine whether a transition from Platinum Planner to EMCE is something the region should move forward with.</li> </ul>	<p>sandbox schedule in EMCE for hospital representatives to test and explore at the workgroup meeting when scheduled.</p>
<p><b>Student Ride Time and Third Rider Restrictions</b></p>	<p><b>Ryan Scarbrough</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitated a virtual meeting with Ron Passmore and Debbie Akers with OEMS, along with Travis Jenkins and Mike Watkins. Prior to the state Training and Certification Committee meeting.</li> <li>Ron Passmore maintained that students cannot serve dual roles</li> <li>Ron encouraged agencies to consult with their legal counsel</li> <li>Restrictions remain in place, but agencies should seek legal guidance for potential workarounds.</li> <li>Will send out a high-level overview of everything to the committee.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ryan</b> to send out a high-level recap of the meeting and correspondence.</p>
<b>New Business</b>		
<p><b>OEMS Rules and Regulation Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Megan Middleton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State committees are reviewing OEMS rules and regulations for changes</li> <li>Significant changes are expected, particularly in training and certification</li> <li>Public comment period will be available</li> <li>Committee members should stay informed and participate in the review process.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>		
	<p>Marquita Whisonant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extended holiday well wishes to the group.</li> <li>Encouraged everyone to take time to rest and spend the holidays with family and loved ones.</li> <li>Expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work and contributions throughout the year.</li> </ul>	<p>With no further business being noted, Marquita Whisonant adjourned the working meeting.</p>



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	The meeting adjourned at 10:50.	

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