

**Workforce Development Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294  
August 04, 2022  
10:30 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Valerie Quick</b> , Chair	<b>Chris Payne</b> , At-Large	Chris Vernovai	Joey Hundley
<b>Cody Jackson</b> , Commercial Ambulance Association, Vice-Chair	<b>Paul Hoyle</b> , At-Large	Tim Perkins	Charles Feiring
<b>Dreama Chandler</b> , VAVRS	<b>Mike Watkins</b> , VAGEMSA	Ron Passmore	R. Jason Ferguson
<b>Christina Smith</b> , VACO	<b>Laurie Hill</b> , VA Recruitment & Retention Network	Mohamed Abbamin	Debbie Smith
<b>David Tesh</b> , VA Recruitment & Retention Network		Dave Edwards	Jenny Wilson
<b>Byron Andrews</b> , VA State Firefighters			Matt Lawler
<b>Gene Dalton</b> , WVEMS			Sid Bingley

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<b>I. Call to order/Welcome:</b>	<b>Valerie Quick</b> called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.	
<b>II. Review and Approval of May's Minutes:</b>	A motion was made to review and approve the May meeting minutes.	
<b>III. Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>IV. Chair's Report- Valerie Quick:</b>	No report currently.	
<b>V. OEMS Report:</b>	<b>Tim Perkins</b> - Symposium Registration opened Monday.	
<b>VI. EMS Officer – Chris Vernovai:</b>	EMS Officer was taught at Rescue College in June. Twenty-four were registered only ten attended. The other majority reported nonattendance due to leave time not being approved, registrations were cancelled, and some were sick. Leaving only ten people to complete the program. An EMS Officer I class will be held in September at Tri- City Fire EMS School.	

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	<p><b>Dreama Chandler-</b> If there are a lot of interest in the classes, it was suggested to have one at the beginning of the week and then another one at the end.</p> <p><b>Chair Quick-</b> Recommended possible Zoom classes for future EMS Officer class.</p> <p><b>Chris Vernovai-</b> The committee has visited the online delivery and due to the group activities/collaboration required for in class portions, full virtual option is not an option at this time.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Standards of Excellence:</b> <b>Tim Perkins</b></p>	<p>With the ramping up of SOE we have been working with agencies who have agency of excellence designation to help them go through the process again. We currently have two volunteers <b>Byron Andrews</b> and <b>Dave Edwards</b> that will serve as site reviewers to help with the process. There is a logo established for the decals, there just needs to be a discussion about operationalizing them.</p>	
<p><b>VIII. Virginia Recruitment and Retention Network – Dave Tesh:</b></p>	<p>Reiterated, about the last meeting and changes that were made to the January OEMS background check process. The next meeting is scheduled for EMS Symposium in November.</p>	
<p><b>IX. Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p><b>A. Keeping the Best Tool Kit- Dave Tesh</b> There is a class scheduled for Aug 20<sup>th</sup> in Virginia Beach Dave Tesh and John Bianco will be working more on the formalization of the program.</p> <p>The next class will consist of two sessions where the attendees can come in for 4 hours in the morning and then another 4 hours in the afternoon. Make sure to announce the class schedule at the GAB. We're looking to have multi-agencies come in from Jurisdictions in the Tidewater area to share ideas, and information. The counsel has approved the advertisement idea and the next offering will be after August at the symposium. There is a plan to have an instructor training session before November.</p> <p><b>B. State EMS Plan- Chris Vernovai</b> A meeting was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> to go over several changes, and updates. A collection of the rest of the modifications and suggestions from all other committees and staff will be provided in a couple of weeks. As well as a meeting with Legislative and planning to schedule the November Advisory Board meeting.</p> <p><b>C. Needs Assessment- Tim Perkins</b> OEMS staff continue to work on cleaning the data from PNG and connecting the dots between the 2012 and the current assessments.</p>	

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<b>X. New Business:</b>	No new business was brought before the committee	
<b>XI. Public Comment:</b>	There is a concern with the Workforce and staffing issues with a significant challenge to come up with creative ways to support training and certification. UVA hospital has a program called Earn while you learn for EMS and non-EMS providers where they would be certified as an EMT but also receive on the job training in other departments they would be matriculated into. A thanks was given to Ron Passmore by Dave Tesh for coming to the EMS Advisory Council Meeting and for helping the volunteer members coordinate the background check process and how it works.	
<b>XII. Adjournment:</b>	Meeting was concluded @ unknown time.	