



Meeting Minutes February 5, 2016 Courtside Marriott, Glen Allen, VA

Chairperson: Gary a. Dalton

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Attendance: Randy Breton, Steve Higgins, Scott Johnson, Kevin Dillard, Danny Wildman, Darren Clark, Joey King, Ed Rhodes

Discussion:	Action:
<p>Meeting called to order by President Dalton at 1104.</p>	
<p>Approval of November 11, 2015 Minutes</p> <p>Minutes approved as distributed by email.</p> <p>President Dalton asked Dr George Linbeck if he could help to clarify the actions of the medical direction committee.</p> <p>During a discussion held on the actions of the Medical Direction Committee in regards to transports involving IABP devices. On Oct 8, 2015, the OMD committee took the following action:</p> <p><i>B IABP Paramedic Transport – Dr. Marilyn McLeod Gave committee an update on the meeting that was held on July 9th. Feeling of workgroup was that the transport by paramedic level care only was not acceptable. Agreement to attempt to fast track the ability for a perfusionsist, biomechanical technician or Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) to meet the requirements for these transports. Randy Breton stated that if there is going to continue to be a major delay in the ability to accept someone other than an RN that the information be related to the hospitals from OEMS to assist the transport agencies in enforcing this requirement. Motion by Dr. Stewart that MDC supports changes to regulations that a perfusionsist or RCIS tech be allowed to meet the requirements for transport of an IABP. Seconded by Dr. Lane. Unanimous approval.</i></p> <p>Dr Linbeck stated that the Scope of Practice is worded to allow the OMDs to review and make allowances to practices as needed until regulatory process can take place. If the OMD's (written actions taken and noted in the minutes of the OMD Committee of the GAB), make a change to a process then it is allowed to occur and is the same as being written in the scope.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Pre President Dalton OMD committee minutes regarding the IABP are attached to the minutes of the VAA Feb 5, 2016 meeting for complete clarity.</p>

President Report- Gary Dalton

- Palmetto GBA is beginning to conduct webinars quarterly to address compliance and provide Q & A regarding the CMS ruling governing repetitive non-emergency medical transport documentation. More information will be provided as they are scheduled.

Vice President Report- Randy Breton

- Attended the OMD Committee meeting.
- Randy asked the President to speak with the chair of the OMD committee to discuss how they would like VAA to address requests in the future for needs of the organization and to make sure we have clarity on actions taken by that committee
- Additional discussion was held on the actions of the OMD's in regards to IABP devices. Randy stated that his employer will request or wants "something in writing" on what is allowed, if they are allowed or what additional staffing is necessary to take these transports.
- Further discussion noted that the actions of the OMD's are included in the minutes of OMD committee meeting which become a part of the GAB minutes thus can be utilized as "something in writing".

The next OMD meeting is April 7, 2016.

Secretary Report- Karen Wagner

- Minutes will be sent out to all members and will be posted on the VAA website for members to view.
- Thanked Steve Higgins for the work he is doing to maintain and update the website.

Treasurers Report- Steve Higgins

- Full report is attached to the minutes of the Feb 5, 2016 meeting
- The VAA currently has 11 active members with 2 pending applications for dues payment.
- Steve noted that dues statements will begin going out to members for 2016. Dues are billed based on the month in which the agency joined the association.
- Steve asked if he could redesign the logo of the VAA. No objections he will do so and forward out to the board for approval.

GAB Representative- Danny Wildman

- Currently have no actions items to be brought before the board by any of the committees based on the board report. The GAB will meet at 1300 on Feb 5, 2016.

Unfinished Business

Ed Rhodes , VAA Legislative Representative

- Stated the EMT Compact bill should have its last action in the house and be sent to the Governor's office to await his signature.
- The VAA proposed legislation to allow commercial ambulances the use of emergency vehicle tags has passed both house and senate. Legislative services may have some clarifying language to add. Once completed it will go to the Governor for signing and become effective July 1, 2016.

President Dalton will attend the next OMD meeting

Treasurer will post updated application and brochure as well as minutes to the VAA website.

<p>Discussion was held regarding the transport of psych patients by ambulance, The greatest concern of the group was the use of ambulance transportation on patients that are not in need of medical monitoring. These patients do not have injuries or acute illness that requires typical services provided by an emergency medical technician in an ambulance or any level, ie, blood pressure, pulse, respirations, EKG monitoring, oxygen administration, drug interventions, wound maintenance, injury stabilization. These patients are free to refuse care at any time and may request services be terminated leaving the transport provider with concern of abandonment and the safety of the patient being transported. Many insurances including Medicaid are requesting emergent transports of psych patients to clear hospital ER's yet they are refusing to pay acceptable rates and refuse emergent rates all together for transports. Our concern is to get the patient to the facility they need to be for care needed, however, there is a lack of understanding and or communications between the transport services and the medical facilities and ordering physicians.</p> <p>All VAA members were asked to forward their main concerns regarding mental health transports to the VAA secretary Karen Wagner by Feb 29, 2016. These will be combined in a draft document. Please use dates and times if available when psych transports affected your ability to transport emergent patients. Please provide stats on the number of psych patients you transport and the time of day they occurred. Please send the information to kwagner@shentel.net</p>	<p>President Dalton will contact and set up a meeting with the appropriate players who are involved with transportation or transfer of mental health patients.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <p>It was noted that both Ferno and Stryker are releasing new cot attachment equipment in the very near future and more information is available on their respective websites.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Friday, May 6, 2016 at 1100 at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen VA. Room location to be announced</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1208.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner

Attachments: October 7, 2015 Minutes of the Medical Direction Committee
 VAA Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and list of membership