



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2017 Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Other Officers in Attendance: Randy Breton, Vice President, Danny Wildman, Danny Wildman, BOD & GAB Representative, Kevin Dillard BOD, Ed Rhodes, Lobbyist.

Member Agencies in Attendance: Physicians Transport Service, LifeCare Medical Transports, Valley Medical Transport and Woodstock Rescue

Discussion:	Action:
<p>Meeting called to order by President Dalton @ 11:00.</p> <p><u>PRESIDENTS REPORT</u> No additional report</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT</u> No additional report</p> <p><u>SECRETARY REPORT</u> Minutes were distributed and approved.</p> <p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u> Report approved as submitted. There was a request to have our website updated to display current minutes and applications within the next 10 days. There are some vendors interested in supporting our organization.</p> <p><u>GAB SEAT REPRESENTATIVE</u> The only action item that Danny is aware of is for the Advisory Board approving the TCC's recommendation to allow accredited programs to test practical within their program and not require the participants to go to a consolidated test sight.</p>	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was brief discussion regarding any progress on waiver of tolls and the issuing tags without stickers for expiration. Ed Rhodes will set-up meeting with the Department of Transportation to discuss allowing commercial ambulances to be exempt from paying tolls and inquiring if the language needs to change to accommodate.

Also discussed pushing forward the Healthcare Provider's bill. Presently Health Professions pays the bill for the rehabilitation training through dues. It is believed that we need to move forward and suggest a path for funding the rehab for all healthcare professionals. We will look to other organizations for guidance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Berg, Regulations and Compliance Officer for the Virginia Office of EMS presented a report from an alternative transportation study workgroup.

We discussed the Mt Rogers' pilot program that has approximately 1,000 transports, 21 transported by ambulance and the remainder by a private security company. There were no problems reported other than communications issues and having to rent space on someone's communications network for dispatching calls. \$35.00 reimbursement per call for transport.. There was a straw vote of the workgroup on how to contract.

A second model in the Shenandoah area utilizes off duty jailers to transport patients in unmarked vehicles. This is working for that area.

A 3rd model was the hospital receives a patient that needs transport they call a transport company. They convince the patient to go voluntary rather than being transported by the Sheriff's Department and not obtaining a TDO.

There is need to provide the numbers of time transport companies have to be rerouted, or held because patient cannot be accepted. Please use bullet points to spell out our concerns regarding these transports. Give the information to Mike so he can present at the May 30 meeting.

Summary

It appears there is going to be a contract with a vendor somewhere...statewide or regional...to take these transports and how will funding be handled. Law enforcement wants out of the process.

#1 Goal of HJR 1426: Develop a model for the use of alternative transportation providers to provide safe and efficient transportation of individual involved in the emergency custody or involuntary admission process as an alternative to transportation by law enforcement.

<p>There was discussion on changes of the submission of data to the OEMS. Prior policies that were in place were not the same across the board, thus the policies are being corrected to assure all data is correct and the same across the board. The VAOEMS must have accurate data to advocate for the system and the date reported is the only way in which that can be gathered. All agencies now report every call they are toned, called or sent to transport or stand by to include cancels if you are canceled when you arrive...anytime your resources are being utilized.</p> <p>For a vehicle to be permitted it has to meet the GPS specs. The standards for re-mounts are being reworked. NFPA stated that they based standards on emergency use only and did not consider commercial usage standards.</p> <p>Audit on background checks found that 65 agencies had not reported any back ground checks but this is actually only 25 agencies that had no new employees since the change. There is 93% compliance. Checks show 5 to 8 % are not eligible for certification in VA.</p> <p>There was brief discussion regarding our contract for lobbyist services with Rhodes Consultants. Motion to accept the new contract from Ed Rhodes, Lobbyist. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion to accept the contract with Rhodes Consultants for lobbying services. Motion seconded and carried.</p>
<p>Next Meeting: 11:00a.m. on August 4, 2017 - Glen Allen VA.</p>	
<p>There being no other business...meeting adjourned at 1230pm</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen D Wagner