

Virginia Ambulance Association - Meeting Agenda

MEETING	Virginia Ambulance Association
Date/Time	Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 3:00 – 4:00PM
Location/Type	Teams Link sent via email
Attending	General Meeting: Agency Members, Officers, and Board of Directors
Meeting Platform	Microsoft Teams

Agenda	Reports & Comments	Actions & Plans
a. Meeting Called to Order	1. Welcome and Announcements	
b. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Minutes from 8-1-2024	Note – minutes unavailable at this time due to technical problem.
c. Officers Reports & Comments:	President: Steve Higgins	No Report
	Vice President: Curtis Sheets	No Report
	Secretary: Jeremy Cummings	No report
	Treasurer: Tanya Ison	\$717.87 balance w no invoices due at this time The majority of dues invoices will be coming out next month
	Immediate Past President: Joey King	No report

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<p>d. Governor’s EMS Advisory Board Representative:</p>	<p>Kevin Dillard, Chair EMS Advisory Board</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New Director for OEMS – After two rounds of review, 70 applications in first round but no candidate identified, second round included updated job description and increased salary. Roughly 70 candidates again. Narrowed down to 2 candidates. Multiple interviews by statewide stakeholders group, ranked candidates. Top candidate offered last Friday. Will be starting on Jan 10th. Dr. Maria Beerman-Foat PhD/NREMT. 2) Advisory Board Met 11/15 – 3 new members to replace expiring members. 3 Reappointments. 3 appointments since that meeting. 3) Fitch report was voted to be discredited due to inaccuracies. 4) Tasks assigned to determine structure of OEMS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Medical direction – do we need state OMD? What should the role look like? b. Trauma Fund – should accreditation of trauma centers continue to be under OEMS? This is an unfunded and costly mandate. c. Training – what type of ed should OEMS provide, and should it be centralized or decentralized? d. Placement of OEMS – Remain under VDH, move to public safety, or move to HHS? e. Number of GAB committees – currently too many, some overlap of tasks? f. Councils – right number? Coverage areas? 5) Upcoming meetings in 2025: 2/7 5/2 8/1 11/7 6) Grant opportunity for funding of ePCR software for nonprofit agencies 7) Former assoc. director sentenced to 6 years 8) Concerted Care Group – intake for MH all done inhouse. Stafford – spreading to 5 or 6 VA locations. Could affect need for mental health transport.

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		<p>9) Ukraine: Previously donated supplies and equipment are much appreciated. More is needed. Another trip planned for March but additional supplies will be shipped also in January.</p> <p>10) 2025 Tidewater Expo - May 13th-18th – Sheraton Waterside – great opportunity for CE and exposure of the VAA.</p> <p>11) VA Fire Assoc – pushing forward with Medicaid increased payment program. They are discussing this with a different company than the VAA had spoken to.</p> <p>12) Discussion on OMD contract – no problem with actions by the OMD, simply dealing with procuring.</p> <p>13) 11/15/2025 – Wintergreen’s Expo – another opportunity for CE and possibly co-location of a VAA meeting and/or event.</p>
e. Lobbyist / Legislative Activity:	Ed Rhodes, The Rhodes Consulting Group	No Report
f. OEMS Representative	Michael Berg	No Report
g. Unfinished Business	1) Medicaid Increased Payment Program	VA Fire – moving forward investigating this option with a different company than Sellers-Dorsey who we spoke to.
h. New Business	1) 2025 initiatives – requesting input from both board members and member agencies on where we should focus our efforts during 2025.	<p>Poll membership regarding location of the OEMS in state government.</p> <p>Exec comm – open meeting in January. Likely in Richmond at ODEMSA. This meeting will be used to discuss the location of OEMS in the state government. VAA will attempt to have a position statement to present at this meeting.</p>

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		<p>Additional ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tie VAA meetings in with other events like the Wintergreen CE days 2) Billing or insurance info – speaker 3) Dr. Beerman-Faut – speaker 4) Michael Polous – billing expert -- speaker 5) Jay Craft from Catalyst Insurance -- speaker 6) TEMS expo – have membership info available and participate as much as possible.
<p>Next Meeting & Remarks</p>		<p>Thank you for your association of the VAA and for your contributions to our success.</p>