



BOD Meeting
March 10, 2025
3:30 pm

Attendees: Janet Blankenship, Michelle Turner, Jason Ferguson, Robert Lipscomb, Brad Beam, Tim McConville, Bruce Stratton, Lori Meadows, Len Cohen, Mary Kathryn Allen, Greg Woods

Absent: Sara McConville, Susan Walton, Lisa Aiken, Danny Williams, Kayla Long, Danny Williams, Jeff Tanner

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Both maps proposing the boundaries for the Regional EMS Councils were presented, and Janet Blankenship asked for feedback. The maps indicated that BREMS would align with either WVEMS in Roanoke or CSEMS in Staunton. Janet also mentioned a third map that was presented in their last meeting. The Council Presidents were not in favor of the third map, so it was removed.

Brad Beam asked which council that currently aligns with each map is more progressive. Mary Katherine Allen felt they were relatively equal, but noted the following:

- CSEMS is further along with the blood program
- Both have AHA set up
- Both own their building
- WVEMS is closer in proximity to our region

Jason Ferguson wanted to know if VDH wants them to align with the Health Districts. He believes that would be what VDH Leadership would like.

The CVCC Paramedic Program is collaborating with New River Valley Community College and Virginia Western Community College. Jason Ferguson also stated that CVCC is going to become a testing site again for AHA.

No matter who we join with, the councils or regional offices will still have core missions, and we would have a seat or seats on the Board of Directors.

The members were asked to vote on the two maps.

- Brad- Western Va Option 2
- Robert- deferring to localities-comment Option 2
- Bruce- CSEMS Option 1
- Michelle-Western Option 2
- Jason-Western Option 2
- Tim-deferring to localities
- Janet-Western Option 2
- Len-Western Option 2

The vote was 6 to 1 with two members abstaining in favor of Option 2 which aligns us with WVEMS.

Janet asked if there are any insights regarding the third option in the event it came into play again. That third option would split our region up.

There was a consensus that our region should stay together no matter which map is chosen.

Approval of Minutes

Dec 19, 2024

Motion to approve was made by Bruce Stratton.

Seconded by Michelle Turner.

All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Jan 16, 2025

Motion to approve as submitted was made by Michelle Turner.

Bruce Stratton seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimously approved.

Jan 30, 2025

Motion to approve made by Bruce Stratton.

It was seconded by Tim McConville.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

We will vote on Feb minutes and financial reports at next meeting. A doodle poll will be sent out to choose the next meeting date/time.

Mary Kathryn Allen will send the Transition Plan to the board that was shared with OEMS.

BREMS had taken care of Handtevy to July or August. With not much time for localities to come up with that money, Janet recommended BREMS cover one more year of Handtevy to give agencies one more year to add that to their operating budgets.

Bruce Stratton made a motion to pay for Handtevy as recommended.
Robert Lipscomb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mary Kathryn Allen gave an update on items that BREMS is working on:

Training-APP Academy

Wrapped up Pediatric Academy March 1st and 8th

Ventilation Class on March 21st

STEMI on April 10

Food Truck reserved for EMS Week

Greg Woods doesn't have much to add for discussion. He stated that Dr. Maria Beerman-Foat has started as the State EMS Director. The EMS Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2025. Please reach out to Greg if you have any questions or need any support.

Janet will reach back out to schedule another meeting once she has the meeting tomorrow.

Motion to adjourn: Jason Ferguson at 4:35pm.