

Candidate Background Information - Daniel W. Linkins, MPH, NRP, NCEE

Educational and professional accomplishments

Daniel Linkins holds a Master of Public Health in Health Promotion from Liberty University and a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from The University of Mississippi Medical Center (Alpha Eta member) and has an Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic and an Associate of Arts in Secondary Mathematics Education from Holmes Community College, Ridgeland, MS.

His professional experience includes serving as a Regional Director and Director of System Optimization for the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. In this role, he pioneered a new regional system delivery model, implemented a regional Whole Blood program, led an initiative to connect all localities in the region with PulsePoint Respond access, and achieved Stroke Smart designations in 4 localities. He also served in an Acting Deputy Director role of the State EMS Office during a transition of senior leadership and organizational restructuring.

He was previously the EMS Program Director & Department Chair at John Tyler Community College, where he restructured and led the paramedic education program to full state and national accreditation with no deficiencies. He secured and managed grant funding to create a state-of-the-art simulation lab and prototype mobile EMS simulation in Virginia. As a Paramedic, System Status Controller and Training Coordinator for Richmond Ambulance Authority, he gained a broad perspective of the various elements of EMS system operations. In the Training Coordinator role, he led a significant reorganization of the Field Training Program, resulting in an increase in recruit retention through standardized field training officer development, validated assessment tools, and multiple measures assessment of clinical performance.

Awards and recognitions Mr. Linkins' awards and recognitions include:

- ODEMSA Region Prehospital Educator of the Year Award (2012)
- ODEMSA Regional Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety Award (2017)
- JTCC Community, You and Tyler, Too Community Service Award (2017)

Involvement in NAEMT and other EMS organizations Mr. Linkins has been a member of the National Association of EMTs (NAEMT) for more than 15 years. His involvement includes being an Affiliate Faculty for multiple NAEMT programs, including Prehospital Trauma Life Support, Advanced Medical Life Support, and the EMS Safety Program. He was the NAEMT Region I Coordinator from 2013-2016 and participated in EMS on the Hill from 2016-2019, where he secured scholarship funds to bring EMS students to learn about professional advocacy. He has also held numerous other appointments and memberships, including serving on the Executive Committee for the North MS EMS Authority, the EMS Advisory Committees for CJW Medical Center and Blue Ridge Community College, and the Professional Development Committee for the Old Dominion EMS Alliance. He has served in leadership roles for local advocacy associations, and serves on the leadership team for the Mid-Atlantic ADA's Healthcare Peer Group, advocating for equitable accessible healthcare for people with disabilities.

Employment and/or volunteer EMS service

- **Regional Director/Director of System Optimization** (October 2019 - Present): Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Staunton, VA
- **Public Health Practicum** (January 2019 - May 2019): Virginia Department of Health, Office of Health Equity, Richmond, VA
- **Paramedic (PRN)** (March 2016 - August 2019): Emergency Services Solutions, Powhatan, VA
- **EMS Program Director & Department Chair** (August 2013 - October 2019): John Tyler Community College, Chester, VA
- **Paramedic/System Status Controller/Training Coordinator** (June 2007 - August 2013): Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond, VA
- **Paramedic** (October 2005 - June 2007): MedStat EMS, Inc., Winona, MS
- **Paramedic (Part-time)** (October 2005 - June 2007): Choctaw County EMS, Inc., Ackerman, MS
- **Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator (Volunteer)** (December 2003 - January 2007): French Camp Fire Department, French Camp, MS

Other relevant information Mr. Linkins is a Nationally Certified EMS Educator and a certified Virginia EMS Education Coordinator and Paramedic. He holds several certifications as an instructor, including for AHA ACLS, PALS, BLS, and NAEMT PHTLS, AMLS, PEPL, EMS Safety, PTEP, and Community Paramedicine. He is also a designated Infection Control Officer and holds certifications in ICISF and Living Works ASIST. He is a group fitness instructor, and leads weekly classes to encourage people in the community to remain active and healthy through functional exercise.