

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6531 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA
February 9, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee , Chair		Tim Perkins	Dr. Marissa Levine
R. N. Possumato , Virginia State Police		Wanda Street	Bruce Edwards
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS		Michael Berg	Gary Critzer
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard		George Lindbeck	Rob Logan
Mark Smith , Fairfax Co. Police		Paul Sharpe	Jay Lovelady
Brian Solada , Air Methods/LifeEvac		Gary Brown	H. Jay Cullen
Mindy Carter , CJW Medical Center			Mitch Hathaway
Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/Adv. Bd. Member (BREMS)			Tim Hodge
Chris Cannon , Nightingale			Anita Ashby
Chris Shaffer , PHI Medical			Kim Nash
			Tony Raymond
			Allan Belcher
			Carl Cline
			Maggie McCauley
			Shawn Rivard
			Garrett Wymer
			Barbara Brown
			Jim Miller
			Eric Haapapuro

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Dr. Yee.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 9, 2011 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Brian Solada and seconded by Chris Shaffer.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	Dr. Yee will give his report during the Project Remley topic.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	Tim thanked everyone for attending. Tim stated that OEMS received 9 or 10 Medevac presentations for the 2012 symposium. The Medevac Track will consist of five presentations from the same agency. Please keep this in mind throughout the year. We would like to have more participation in order to keep this track included at symposium. There are lots of talented staff members affiliated with your services and this is your time to shine.	

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	<p>Let's fill up the 2013 track.</p> <p>Tim sent out information last Thursday about the CMS position on air ambulance services and he wants to be sure that everyone is aware of it. This has an impact on Part 135 certification.</p> <p>Michael Berg stated that the Regulations are still sitting in the Governor's office for the 177th day.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards, the Board of Health Chair, commented on the good work that Medevac has done over the past several years and he encouraged everyone to keep it up.</p> <p>Tim stated that the committee members at the table have been appointed by himself and Dr. Yee. He appreciates all the letters of interest he received. He also emphasized that no matter where you sit, you are very important to the committee and your opinion matters.</p> <p>Dr. Yee stated that during the 2012 symposium there will be an American Heart Association (AHA) Airway Class which needs Medevac volunteers. As soon as he receives more information, he will send it out to the committee for volunteers.</p>	<p>Dr. Yee will send out email on AHA Airway class for Medevac volunteers.</p>
<p>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</p>	<p>Susan stated that there is no update but she does have follow up for PHI and Fairfax Co. Police. At the last meeting, updates were given on the statistics from Carilion, Wellmont One and Nightingale. Interest was received from PHI and Fairfax. Following the meeting Tim will send out the PowerPoint and the data collection sheet. Now is a great time to get involved if anyone else is interested. The PowerPoint education is a springboard and can be changed to fit your region. If you have any questions call or email Susan at smsmith2@carilionclinic.org.</p>	<p>Tim will send out the PowerPoint and data collection sheet to the committee.</p>
<p>Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update/Safety Work Group Update – Tim Perkins:</p>	<p>Tim emailed all the agency representatives' WeatherSafe data for both the fourth quarter of 2011 and year to date for 2011. There were 1,750 submissions in 2011 and 186 for January 2012. Tim received an email from one of the WeatherSafe programmers reminding him that they are ready to input pictures of the landing zones. He encouraged the agencies to submit pictures to him. Chris Cannon suggested working together to make sure each program in the EMS regions have posted pictures of LZ's to avoid duplication. Tim will send out information according to the EMS Regional maps.</p> <p>As of today, there is no update on being able to retrieve archive data for your agencies. Tim will continue to provide information as requested.</p>	
<p>Project Remley Update – Dr. Allen Yee:</p>	<p>Dr. Yee stated that there has not been much progress made on this. There is a position paper from Medical Direction that endorses the National recommendations. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is also working on a similar paper with a June 2012 release date. There is a meeting in March to finalize this paper. Drafts have been proposed, but nothing has been made public yet. Dr. Yee asked if we should ask the Medical Direction Committee to delay their white paper until the CDC paper is released.</p> <p>A motion was made to ask the Medical Direction Committee to delay the position paper until after the CDC paper is released. All committee members agreed and none opposed the motion. Motion carried.</p>	<p>A motion was made to ask the Medical Direction Committee to delay the position paper until after the CDC paper is released.</p>

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<p>Program Announcements:</p>	<p>Brian Solada, LifeEvac – Next week will be the third CAMTS inspection for reaccreditation.</p> <p>Chris Cannon, Nightingale – The dispatch center has successfully moved back to Norfolk General where it was originally. A couple of new frequency options are coming out soon and as soon as they are licensed the information will be released. From a leadership standpoint, Chris will be stepping down as Program Manager effective the end of the month. He will assume leadership at one of the local Emergency Departments. Maggie McCauley will move into this committee seat. A selection process is currently being conducted for the Program Manager position. Chris is working on WeatherSafe entry compliance. The objective is 100% compliance on the dispatch part of the project. They are using information from the WeatherSafe entries to compare to their database on missed & aborted flights due to weather.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion – Krista Henderson, the new Senior Director has been hired effective February 1. Tim sent out information about the vendor change; they will be with MedTrans effective March 1. LifeGuard 12 arrived yesterday in Roanoke and will be in service in April. Pending the approval of Franklin County, LifeGuard 10 will move out of the City of Roanoke to the Westlake Franklin County area.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI – PHI just received CAMTS reaccreditation. Front Royal/Winchester move will be in March. Fairfax hospital’s new cardiac tower helipad should be operational this Spring. The women’s tower should also have a helipad in operation soon.</p> <p>Mark Smith, Fairfax Co. Police –The Bell 429 is in service as of the end of December. The second one will be delivered the end of March. The 407 goes out for IFB and will be sold in about 30 days. They will be down one aircraft for about a month. Fairfax is meeting with the area OMD’s and providers every two months to discuss cases to come up with solutions and talk about whether they should or shouldn’t have flown, etc. They are also setting up trainings on the new aircraft.</p> <p>R. N. Possumato, VSP – No announcements.</p> <p>Ed Brazle, VA Beach – No announcements.</p> <p>Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health – Carl Cline reported that they have one certified pilot; all four pilots will be certified by the end of the month.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac – No Announcements.</p> <p>Mitch Hathaway, Wings – Mitch is the interim director and a director has just been hired.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, VSP – No announcements.</p> <p>Tony Raymond, Wake Forest AirCare – Tony is the Outreach Coordinator for AirCare1 based at Davidson County Airport in North Carolina.</p>	

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	<p>Allan Belcher, CentraOne – He reminded everyone to notify the communications center when entering Centra Health.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, Wellmont Health System – Trauma/Critical Care Symposium will be held on March 9 at Bristol Regional. This will be an excellent opportunity to obtain 8 hours of CME credits.</p> <p>Eric Haapapuro, U. S. Park Police – No announcements</p> <p>Tim Hodge, UVA/Pegasus – UVA rooftop helipad still under construction, completion expected med to late April.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>At the last meeting Dr. Lindbeck discussed dispatch and utilization and has asked Gary Critzer of Waynesboro to share their dispatch plan. They started a program about 3 months ago with AirCare and Pegasus where status checks are used and put them on standby if necessary. This program has been expanded to about six categories specifically related to trauma. The aircraft is actually launched on the initial assignment to a pre-designated LZ. This is an early activation program. A lot of research has been done over the past couple of years. The objective is to get the patients to the trauma center as quickly as possible. The Eastern Shore is also doing a similar program. This program is built into the EMD protocols. Since starting this program there have been four early activations. In three of those, the aircraft was cancelled before it got off the ground. This is a pilot program which will be done for 12 – 18 months. Gary Critzer is willing to share criteria with anyone who needs more information. He can be reached at critzergp@ci.waynesboro.va.us.</p>	<p>For more information on the early activation program, email Gary Critzer at critzergp@ci.waynesboro.va.us.</p>
New Business:	<p>Dr. Yee stated that the Medevac Committee should be looking at upcoming projects such as Clinical, Aviation and Administrative tracks. The committee discussed including the medical directors and using the State’s Best Practices in finding out what drugs each agency is using with a data collection/survey method. Brian Solada also brought up the training and proficiency aspect of providing care. Some procedures may not have been done in 10 or more years. Dr. Yee & Dr. McLeod will work on this. Tim will get more information out and try to schedule a planning session.</p> <p>Susan mentioned the recent crashes involving providers trying to get back to the base quickly. She calls it “get home-itis”. She would like the agencies to get together to create a video with a positive message to prevent and change “get home-itis”. An article could also be written. If interested in participating, see Susan or email her at smsmith2@carilionclinic.com.</p> <p>Dr. Yee and others have commented on how well the Medevac committee works together and thinks it is fantastic.</p> <p>Tim stated that the National EMS Memorial Service has announced their honorees this year and there are four from the Medevac system. The Memorial Service is held in Colorado on June 23. Also, Tim will once again participate in the National EMS Memorial Bike Ride in May. Tim serves on both Boards of Directors.</p>	<p>If interested in participating in the video or article, email Susan at smsmith2@carilionclinic.com.</p>
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:02 a .m.	2012 Meeting Dates:

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