

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Courtyard Marriott
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059
February 12, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Anita Perry , Chair	Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police (Excused)	Tim Perkins	John Cornett, LZControl
Denise Baylous , Nightingale	Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police	Michael Berg	Mark Bohn, LZ Control
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard			Maggie McCauley
Bert Bogue , VCU LifeEvac			Shawn Rivard
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue			Bruce Edwards
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS			Greg Jones
Jennifer Lescallett , Fairfax Co. Police			Bev Harris
Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/GAB Member (BREMS)			Jay Lovelady
Devon Clary , LifeEvac Virginia			Holly Mason
Chris Shaffer , PHI			Krista Henderson
Julia Marsden , Advisory Board Member			Harinder Dhindsa
			Allan Belcher
			Mike Wall
			Ken Smith
			Steve Peluse

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 5, 2014 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Chris Shaffer and seconded by Denise Baylous. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The November 5, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Anita Perry:	Anita will incorporate her report into the agenda items as the meeting progresses.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	<p>Tim reported that Carol Morrow is retiring on April 1 and he will be assuming some of her tasks until the position is filled.</p> <p>Michael Berg said that since July 1, 2014, there have been 3,488 background checks processed as stated in the Quarterly Report. He also gave a brief update on the current legislation concerning background checks.</p> <p>He also reported that there are two regulatory packets still waiting on reviews and/or signatures.</p>	

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	The NFPA 1917 Ambulance Standards Version 1 is in effect. He also updated everyone on CAAS and other ambulance information.	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Perry/Greg Jones:	Susan reported that at the last meeting it was discussed that everyone would get together with their data with the goal of evaluating the first point of medical contact time and balloon time. Each system was asked to go to their IRB to collect data. Carilion has been collecting the data since January 1, and Susan did not bring the data since it was such a small sample and they have just begun collecting it. Susan wanted to know if any of the systems have started collecting any data. Anita stated that their system will be ready to start collecting data within the next week or so. Dwain Rowe reported that Wings already has an IRB in place. Denise reported that Sentara is gathering data and are working on an expedited IRB review. Chris asked if there was a template for gathering the data and recording it. A template will be sent to Tim for distribution to the committee. Anita stated that the group should have some good data to report at the May meeting. Data will be submitted to Tim on a monthly basis.	A data collection template will be sent to Tim for distribution to the committee.
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 572 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the fourth quarter of 2014. 66% of those entries (378 entries) were for inter facility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 612 entries in the fourth quarter of 2013. For the 2014 calendar year, there were 2,252 total entries into the system, a decrease from 2,416 entries for the same timeframe in 2013. This data continues to show a commitment on the part of Medevac programs to maintaining the safety of personnel and equipment.</p> <p>b. Duplication of Entries The pattern of agencies and facilities that had duplicate entries has dwindled significantly.</p> <p>Tim reported that it is getting increasingly difficult to make changes or extract information in HEMS. Two weeks ago he wanted to look at archive data for two agencies, but was not able to and he still has not received the archive data.</p> <p>c. LZControl John Cornett stated that the LZControl website is a free service for providers and has been in use just over 10 years. They started it at MedStar Transport and branched out from there. The goal was to create a site that everyone can use to share information. There are also international sites in Haiti, Canada, UK, and Australia. The primary site is the US website. The site is geared toward weather, but other items are being added. The next push is to have a mobile app for use on cell phones and tablets. John went through the pages of the website and explained how to navigate through the information. A brief question/answer session was held after the presentation. John stated that this is an open system and that anyone can sign up at any time.</p> <p>Next steps: Tim will continue to talk with John about the things that need to be changed to fit our needs. He will keep everyone updated on the progress.</p>	Tim and John will continue discussions about LZControl.
Program Announcements:	Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard -- No report.	

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	<p>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS - No report.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI – PHI passed their CAMTS inspection and is at full accreditation. Updated helipad operations were sent out and everyone should have received it.</p> <p>Anita Perry, WellmontOne/MedFlight II – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – No report.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – No report.</p> <p>Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health – No report.</p> <p>Bert Bogue, VCU LifeEvac – They have been exploring potential air frames for the past couple of months and will continue to explore this. They also introduced their branded ground ambulance in January in partnership with Richmond Ambulance. Looking forward to growing and expanding services.</p> <p>Devon Clary, LifeEvac – They have made some aircraft changes to better support the phase that Bert just discussed. The red, white & blue aircrafts will be transitioned to black & gold. CAMTS inspection is next week and Devon will be the lead on this. The OEMS inspection is in March.</p> <p>Jennifer Lescallet, Fairfax County Police – No report.</p> <p>Greg Jones, MedFlight I – Beginning July 1, they will work with VCU Health System to incorporate a Flight Nurse on the MedFlight I aircraft. Their mission has not changed and they are excited about this opportunity.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards – Bruce stated that he is happy to see this group work together especially for the safety aspects of air medical.</p> <p>Holly Mason, Wake Forest Baptist Health – No report.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, Centra Health – On December 15, Centra Health opened a stand-alone emergency department called the Centra Gretna Medical Center, in Gretna, VA. It has an FAA approved helipad outside of the emergency department.</p> <p>Steve Peluse, MedStar Transport – MedStar had their CAMTS inspection the end of January and are waiting on the decision in April.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. FAA Rules Extension On February 21, 2014, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released new rules and regulations governing Helicopter Air Ambulance Operations. These regulations were to be implemented on April 22, 2014. On April 21, 2014, the FAA released notification that the implementation date had been extended to April 22,</p>	

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	<p>2015. This will allow certificate holders sufficient time to implement the new requirements based on the regulations. Tim wanted to ensure that all the agencies are in compliance with the new regulations. Michael Berg recommended that a workgroup is formed to compare the new FAA Rules and Regulations with the existing Virginia EMS Regulations to ensure that there is no conflict. Bert Bogue, Shawn Rivard, and Chris Shaffer will work on this project.</p> <p>b. 2015 Virginia EMS Symposium Tim is on the Symposium Program Committee has sent out several emails for Medevac presentations and only three submission have been received for the 2015 symposium. Unfortunately, there will not be a Medevac Track in November. He is seeking submissions one last time. Please send them in as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Bert, Shawn and Chris agreed to form a workgroup to compare the new FAA Rules with the existing Virginia EMS Regulations.</p> <p>Please submit Medevac presentations to Tim as soon as possible.</p>
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:12 a.m.	<p>2015 Meeting Dates: May 7, August 6, November 11</p>

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