

State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
1041 Technology Park Drive
Glen Allen, Virginia
May 12, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee, Chair	Erik Rohde	Gary Brown	Glen Sostak
Paul Davenport		Scott Winston	Denise Baylous
Ed Brazle		Tim Perkins	Susan Smith
Brian Solada		Wanda Street	Anita Ashby
Mark Smith		Michael Berg	Devon Clary
R. N. Possumato		George Lindbeck	Allan Belcher
Mindy Carter			Jay Lovelady
Carol Lee Fisher Strickler			David Poulson
			Kathy Baker
			H. Jay Cullen
			Gregory Jones
			Bruce Edwards
			Shawn Rivard
			Heather Everly
			Maggie McCauley

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Call to order:	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Allen Yee.</p> <p>Greg Jones of MedFlight thanked everyone for their emails, calls, text messages, etc. last week during the loss of Bobby King in a car accident. Greg stated the support and love that everyone expressed meant a lot to him, Bobby's family and friends.</p>	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the February 10, 2011 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The motion was moved by Paul Davenport and seconded by Brian Solada.	The minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	Dr. Yee thanked the committee members that worked on Project Remley and it seems to be going well. It will be presented a little later on the agenda. This is the first phase of the project and there's more to come.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff/Other:	Tim explained where to go in the event attendees need to make or receive a phone call; either outside the back door or front door areas so as not to disrupt the OEMS staff. The Medevac Resource document has been posted on the website. If you haven't reviewed it, please do so. Also, if you have any EMS week events that you want sent out please send them to Tim today, by the close of business. Tim will be out of the office next week to participate in the EMS Memorial Bike Ride.	

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	<p>Michael Berg gave an update on the regulations. The DDNR Regulations 12VAC566 have resided in the governor’s office for 252 days. The EMS Regulations 12VAC531, which have been approved by the Commissioner, have been residing in the Secretary of Health and Human Services Office for the past 56 days. Met with the legislative liaison for VDH last week and was advised that all regulatory activity is halted to address all the General Assembly activity and the redistricting issues. The Northern Virginia Program Representative position has been filled by Adam Harrell of Halifax and he will start May 25.</p> <p>Gary stated that the Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service is being held Saturday, June 4 at the Richmond International Raceway. He also mentioned that the Obama administration is planning to establish a Federal EMS Office and he has attended a couple of webinars concerning this and NASEMSO has conducted a survey on this matter. It will be located under the Department of Health & Human Services. More information to follow.</p> <p>The Atlantic EMS Council will no longer administer testing. OEMS will be using National Registry for testing beginning January 1, 2013. Please see the OEMS Quarterly Report on the website for this and other current updates.</p> <p>Board of Health Update – Bruce Edwards The State Trauma Triage Plan was finally approved. One of the agenda items at the Board of Health meeting was the legislation for VDH to regulate abortion clinics in becoming licensed facilities.</p>	
<p>Project Remley Update – Dr. Allen Yee:</p>	 <p>Project remley.physicians.ppt</p> <p><u>Physicians Guide to Helicopter EMS Use in Virginia</u> The team did not address fixed wing air medical transport, this is strictly rotary wing. The helicopter dispatch center pages were edited during the meeting. On the Utilization page, it was agreed to list the position paper websites for utilization/allocation. The team also discussed showing 30-35 minute flight time map to show that the entire state is covered; the length of time is just a bit longer. It was also suggested to list the Regional Councils. Tim will include the links to the State EMS Plan and the Medevac Resource Document also. Tim will make the suggested changes and send to the committee members before sending it to the Commissioner.</p> <p>On the next phase of the project we have an opportunity to recommend changes to the system. What would it take to sustain our systems? This is one of Dr. Remley’s questions. The health care climate is changing rapidly. Is a 30-40 minute response time acceptable in those three areas that are not covered? The committee discussed the state coverage and decided to do another map which shows 30 or 35 minute rings. Dr. Yee suggested highlighting the uncovered areas without the rings. It was also suggested to do the map by zip code and color code the times in 15 minute increments.</p> <p>One of the other things that Dr. Remley wants to address is safety. They also discussed centralized dispatch. Is</p>	<p>Tim will make the suggested changes and send to the committee members for review before sending it to the Commissioner.</p>

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	<p>this something that we want to bring to Dr. Remley? It was suggested that a feasibility study be performed. A workgroup will meet to work on this.</p> <p>Utilization review is another issue that Dr. Remley wants addressed. It was suggested that Anita and Susan submit what they have been doing along with the obstacles that they faced and overcame or are continuing to see. Susan will send Tim a copy of the patient follow up template. This is for all patients not just trauma patients.</p>	<p>Susan will send Tim the template of the flight crew patient follow up.</p>
<p>Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update/Safety Work Group Update – Paul Davenport:</p>	<p>Paul has no update at this time. He reported that the WeatherShare LZ directory testing went fine and there were no server crashes or anything. He will put together a presentation to be sent out to the committee. VHHA has funded a lot of this work and the LZ directory has become a part of the WebEOC facility. All of the hospitals in Virginia have entered their LZ directory information. As an incentive and requirement to keep their information current, they will receive federal disaster funding. This site will also include pictures. The status page was also added to click your availability.</p>	
<p>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</p>	<p>Susan and Anita continue to do local presentations. They will also teach at the 2011 OEMS Symposium in November. Last year they presented to about 70 people from 15 different agencies. This is a good avenue to reach more people. They also presented at the last Trauma System Oversight & Management Committee meeting on March 3 and it went very well. The TSO&MC were very supportive.</p>	
<p>Program Announcements:</p>	<p>Heather Everly, MedStar – Seeking a new Educator/QA to fill Allen Wolfe’s position.</p> <p>Brian Solada, Air Methods/LifeEvac – All position has been filled that he mentioned at the last meeting. Will have full NVG capability by the middle or end of June.</p> <p>Mark Smith, Fairfax Co. Police – They have a new 429 and should take delivery the end of August. The second one will be delivered in December. One of the 407’s has been sold to a Medevac company in California. Hired a new Pilot and a new Director of Maintenance.</p> <p>Paul Davenport, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – There is a weekend concert series across from the hospital called “Down by the River”. The 25th Ground Anniversary and 30th Air Anniversary will be celebrated there in conjunction with the concert and other events on Saturday, May 14 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. June 4th is the 7th Annual StarPoints Symposium with lots of presentations.</p> <p>R. N. Possumato, VSP – As of the end of last week, we took possession of our second new EC145. They will be the primary EMS aircrafts for MFI and II. Pilots have completed the factory transition training last year and everyone is going through the recurrency training right now and the aircraft should be online soon. The medical crews are doing their configuration training. The aircrafts are NVG capable and also include 600 pound hoists for rescue missions.</p> <p>David Poulsen, Air Methods – No report.</p> <p>Maggie McCauley, Nightingale – Chris is in Louisiana to acquire the new EC145. As of May 1, they are with Metro Aviation and not with Omni Flight anyone. Everyone is now NVG certified. New aircraft will arrive</p>	

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	<p>around June 1 and a months' worth of PR and training will be done, so they will be back online around July 1.</p> <p>Mindy Carter, CJW Medical Center - No report.</p> <p>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach Police – Hired two pilots a while back and they have completed all their commercial licensure requirements.</p> <p>Devon Clary, LifeEvac – We will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary in Virginia in September. Gearing up for possibly 25 events for EMS week.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac - Chris Stevenson has left LifeEvac, but is still with VCU Health Systems. The tower crane is still there and we anticipate that it will be there until 2012.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, Wellmont Health System – Just traveled back from Nashville yesterday and Wellmont One was awarded the Star of Life Award and an award for Exemplary Patient Care.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, CentraOne – Celebrated 1 year anniversary on April 30. Will participate in the Blue Angels Air Show next weekend. This will be a training exercise for the team. Open position for a Manager of Grounds & Air Transport for CentraOne and a Ground Transport for Centra Health. A national recruiting firm is searching for candidates.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	None.	
New Business:	<p>Line of Duty Legislation – Dr. Yee opened the discussion on the coverage and the gap of those who are not covered and is it something that needs to be addressed. Scott Winston of OEMS explained the legislature and how it affects the public service agencies.</p> <p>There is an open hospital seat that needs to be filled. (Dr. Dudley's seat) If you know someone from a non-designated hospital, please bring suggestions to the next meeting.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:58 a .m.	The next meeting will be August 11, 2011 at 10:00am at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059.