

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23059
May 4, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Anita Perry , Chair	Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police	Tim Perkins	Shawn Rivard
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical	Wanda Street	Greg Hamilton
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue	Jennifer Lescallett , Fairfax Co. Police	George Lindbeck	Bruce Edwards
Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB	John Bianco , VA Beach EMS	Michael Berg	Mack Tolbert
Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale	Donna Hurst , Augusta Health	Scott Winston	Allan Belcher
Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police		Gary Brown	June Leffke
Jay Lovelady , VCU LifeEvac			Peter Martin
Terry Austin , Air Methods			Kelly Keener
Kate Challis , Johnston-Willis Hospital			Tracy Orfield
			Chris Parker
			Gary Critzer
			Doug Middlebrooks

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 9, 2016 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Dwain Rowe. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The November 9, 2016 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Anita Perry:	Anita will incorporate her report throughout the meeting.	
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins:	<p>Tim's report will also be incorporated throughout the meeting.</p> <p>Michael Berg reported that the Quarterly Report has been posted on the newly, revised OEMS website. In regard to Regulation and Compliance, the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action has been submitted to VDH Executive Management for their approval for us to initiate the comprehensive review of the EMS Regulations. The intent is to write up a whole new chapter and edit the existing language. The Rules and Regulations Committee has been working on this document and will continue to do so.</p> <p>Cam Crittenden reported that the ImageTrend conversion is undergoing phase two of the modules. There had been some intermittent provider connectivity issues. December 31 was the conversion deadline.</p>	

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Project Synergy Work Group Update – Anita Perry:	Project Synergy will be meeting briefly following this meeting to decide on the direction of the project and possibly revise the goals for this year. Anita stated that if anyone wants to stay for the workgroup meeting, you are more than welcome. The meeting won't take longer than 15 minutes. She also thanked everyone for submitting their stemi data for the past year.	
Drone Workgroup:	Susan reported that a Drone presentation was held at symposium and was attended by about 25 people. LZ Control donated an iPad as a prize for the #LandTheDrone campaign that was going on at symposium. The providers had to post pictures of themselves on social media holding the #LandTheDrone sign. Carilion also presented a drone safety presentation at AMTC in Charlotte, NC in December and AAMS provided time and resources for a public service announcement (PSA) for #LandTheDrone. Senator Julia Marsden stated that Senate Bill 873 was sent to another committee due to concerns about the FAA regulations. However, it is moving through with no objections.	
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 447 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the fourth quarter (Q4) of the 2016 calendar year. 59% of those entries (297 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 681 entries in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2015. For the 2016 calendar year, there were 1,990 entries into the system. 64% of those entries (1,289 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is a decrease from 2,333 entries (1,481 interfacility) for the 2015 calendar year. This data continues to show dedication to the program itself, but also to maintaining safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p> <p>b. LZControl Nothing new to report. Tim has been trying to schedule a meeting with John and Mark and their schedules have not allowed them to meet. But he will keep trying.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Denise Baylous, Sentara Nightingale –There is still ongoing construction at Norfolk General with three large cranes. Nightingale will be celebrating 35 years of service this month. If you are having issues calling the 800 number for SYSCOM in the Maryland area, use the following numbers: 1-410-706-7813 or 1-410-706-8080.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – No report.</p> <p>Anita Perry, Wellmont One/MedFlight II – No report.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – Dwain reported that Kim Lovingood should be going back to work on a full-time basis on March 1. She is doing quite well after experiencing cardiac arrest.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Tim Ryan, US. Park Police – No report.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, Virginia State Police – After many months of delay, they will finally have a 1st Sergeant for the</p>	

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	<p>unit, Shawn Rivard. He will be Sergeant of MedFlight I and leaving his post of Assistant Commander and Training Officer. VSP will soon advertise for that position. In other news, the Bell 407 refurbish program is almost complete. The last one is due to come out the end of this month.</p> <p>John Bianco, Virginia Beach EMS – No report.</p> <p>Brian Solada, Air Methods – No report.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU Health – At the end of the month they will start a helipad construction project. They will construct a bridge that connects to another set of elevators to the ER to improve operations. Community Memorial Health Center in South Hill is opening another hospital this fall. VCU will take delivery of a new EC145 in March.</p> <p>Julia Marsden, Consumer Rep. – Julia asked if Virginia will support or assist when Maryland's aircraft is out of service? Tim Ryan responded that Park Police has a standing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Maryland to provide Medevac services and Fairfax is in the loop also.</p> <p>Jennifer Lescallett, Fairfax County Police – No report.</p> <p>Greg Jones, MedFlight I – No report.</p>	<p>Tim will send out the AMTC information to the committee.</p>
Unfinished Business:	<p>Symposium Tim stated that he sent out a few emails in the past weeks about symposium for Call for Presentations which ended on Tuesday, Jan 31. He is sad to announce that there are no presentation related to air medical being taught at symposium. He is at a loss. He is not sure what we can do from the Office standpoint to encourage people to enter HEMS presentations. He is open for suggestions. This is very disappointing. If anyone is still interested, please send the information to Tim today and he will try to get it in before the last Symposium Program Committee Meeting which is February 17th. Kevin Kissner said they would like to have feedback as to why their presentation was not selected and then it can be tweaked. Tim also explained that the symposium will change to a one-hour presentation format instead of an hour and a half.</p>	
New Business:	<p>HEMS Data a.) Tim will send out an email to the committee asking what HEMS specific data fields they would like to be added within VPHIB.</p> <p>Committee Composition b.) Anita thanked everyone who has submitted letters to Tim to serve on the committee. The committee composition request has been submitted to the Executive Committee for approval. Tim will inform everyone once a decision has been made by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>HB 1728 c.) This bill was passed by the house on January 24 and was referred to the Committee on Education and</p>	<p>Tim will send an email to the committee about HEMS data.</p> <p>Tim will inform everyone of the committee composition decision when he receives it from the Executive Committee.</p>

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	<p>Health on January 25. Some of the committee members were familiar with this bill and discussed some of the specifics. They feel strongly that the bill will pass.</p> <p>Michael Berg stated that Gary Brown, Director of OEMS, sends out weekly legislative grid updates during the General Assembly. Tim agreed to forward the grid to the Medevac committee. Michael mentioned a few of the bills concerning mandated mental health training, EVOC training, DNR signatures, and reciprocity. He encouraged everyone to stay aware and get involved in the legislative bill process.</p>	<p>Tim will send out the weekly legislative grid to the committee.</p>
<p>Public Comment:</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>The February, May and August meetings will be held at Richmond Marriott Short Pump, 4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:43 a.m.</p>	<p>2017 Meeting Dates: May 4 August 3 November 8 - Norfolk Waterside Marriott</p>