

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
OEMS Offices – 1041 Technology Park  
Glen Allen, Virginia  
February 11, 2010  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>Allen Yee, Chair</b>	Chris Perkins	Tim Perkins	<b>Allan Belcher</b>
<b>Terry Austin</b>	Dr. James Dudley	Wanda Street	<b>Gregory Jones</b>
<b>Jonathan Collier (phone)</b>	Jason Hefner	Michael Berg	<b>Christopher Stevenson</b>
<b>David Poulsen</b>	Mark Smith		<b>David Grimsley</b>
<b>Carol Lee Strickler</b>	Ed Brazle		<b>Susan Smith (phone)</b>
<b>Paul Davenport</b>			<b>Anita Ashby (phone)</b>
			<b>Bruce Edwards</b>
			<b>R. Possumato</b>
			<b>J. W. Ratliff</b>
			<b>Shawn Rivard</b>
			<b>Don Childs</b>
			<b>Perry Benshoof</b>
			<b>E. Catherine Cleaveland</b>
			<b>Brian Solada</b>
			<b>Steve Ennis</b>
			<b>Kim Nash (phone)</b>

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Bruce Edwards.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the May 14, August 6, and November 11, 2009 minutes :</b>	A motion was made to approve the November minutes. A motion was also made to approve the May and August minutes.	<b>All three minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report:</b>	<p>Dr. Yee gave the immediate past Chair, Bruce Edwards, the floor. Bruce stated that he will try to attend the meetings as much as he possibly can. He, Dr. Yee and Tim met to update Dr. Yee on the committee and they discussed the retreat. With the budget cuts, the retreat was suppose to occur in January but had to be postponed. Along those lines, the number of meetings may change to two per year instead of quarterly. As discussed at the last meeting, workgroup teleconferences are no longer being held. A letter will be sent to the Governor this week concerning this.</p> <p>Dr. Yee's vision for the group is that this is your committee; you own the committee. He is just a conduit to the Governor's Advisory Board. So the bulk of the work and decisions will clearly rest upon the members of the committee. He stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone.</p>	

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<b>OEMS Report:</b>	<p>The remaining staff located in the Madison Building downtown will move to this office sometime in March. The retreat that Bruce mentioned will be held here at Tech Park. He has been in touch with the facilitator, Greg Brittingham and will try to schedule the retreat in April. The committee composition was discussed at the meeting with Bruce and Dr. Yee and some changes in representation will be made. The Virginia Pre Hospital Information Bridge (VPHIB) has been launched and the vendor is ImageTrend. It is OEMS' intention to have all the agencies in the Commonwealth submitting data and producing run reports via this program. If you have questions about this program see our website at <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Trauma/EMSRegistry.htm">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Trauma/EMSRegistry.htm</a> or contact Paul Sharpe by email. Paul Davenport and Bruce Edwards have some concerns about the program and will contact Paul about them. Bruce has a meeting with Paul tomorrow.</p> <p>Michael Berg informed everyone that the new Assistant Attorney General for OEMS is Eric Gregory, who will be attending the Advisory Board Meeting tomorrow. Our former Assistant AG, Matt Cobb is now employed as the Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. OEMS personnel updates include a new Performance Improvement Coordinator, Nevena Skoro. Tracy Mason was a contract employee and has now been approved as an Office of Information Management (OIM) employee assigned to OEMS. We have no new updates on the budget as of this time. The Durable Do Not Resuscitate (DDNR) Regulations 12VAC566 are open for public comment on the Virginia Town Forum and there are no public comments posted at this time. As for the EMS Regulations 12VAC531, there will be eight public hearings held this month and there are five public comments posted thus far.</p>											
<b>Virginia WeatherShare Program Development Update/Safety Work Group Update – Paul Davenport:</b>	<p>The following statistics are from the period of November 1, 2009 through January 25, 2010: There were 370 submissions:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>PHI – 151</td> <td>Fairfax PD – 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carilion LG – 129</td> <td>MedStar – 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LifeEvac – 49</td> <td>VSP MFI, II, III – 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UVA Pegasus – 22</td> <td>Wings – 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nightingale – 17</td> <td>HealthNet – 0</td> </tr> </table> <p>There were 20 incidents of multiple requests for the same patient or incident (possible helicopter shopping).  June to August – 1 incident  September to November – 9 incidents (3 of the nine included 3 or more programs)  November to January – 20 incidents</p> <p>Paul continues to see more use of the system. This program is merely intended to notify programs that you have turned down a flight due to weather conditions. It impacts the safety of other Medevac programs when missions are turned down and others are not aware of it. Paul stated that there are CAMTS standards that require you to report weather turndowns. The next step is to work on the draft helicopter shopping letter to the hospital or agency. Dr. Yee asked if anyone objected to Paul drafting the letter. There were no objections.</p> <p>A disaster drill is coming up for the VHHA/WebEOC. Please see Paul for more information on this.</p>	PHI – 151	Fairfax PD – 1	Carilion LG – 129	MedStar – 0	LifeEvac – 49	VSP MFI, II, III – 0	UVA Pegasus – 22	Wings – 0	Nightingale – 17	HealthNet – 0	<p><b>Paul will draft a helicopter shopping letter.</b></p>
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<p><b>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</b></p>	<p>Anita reported that an email was submitted to the entire Virginia Medevac committee and no feedback has been received. The first step is to provide education to the EMS providers.</p> <p>Susan updated everyone on the grant application. They will find out in May whether or not it was approved. The grant will provide funding for website development to upload presentation and include other documentation, printing of criteria, basic supplies and notepads.</p> <p>At the request of Dr. Yee, Anita and Susan attended meeting recently where the Sacco Triage Method (STM) was discussed. The company that sponsors this is called ThinkSharp, Inc. This triage method is an evidence based and outcome driven triage and resource management system that maximizes the lives saved in multiple and mass casualty incidents (MCIs). Using a physiological score that predicts survival, patients are triaged based on expected outcome in consideration of the timing and availability of transport and treatment resources. They were really impressed with the study. This program costs \$25,000. Susan and Anita agreed that this program does not fit in with project synergy’s goals or budget.</p>	<p><b>Tim will email the data collection spreadsheet to the Medevac committee members.</b></p>
<p><b>Communications Work Group Update – Terry Austin:</b></p>	<p>No update. The workgroup has not met.</p>	
<p><b>Regulation Work Group Update – Louis Seay:</b></p>	<p>No report. The workgroup has not met. Louis has gone back to work at LifeEvac. Someone may need to be reappointed to chair this workgroup.</p>	
<p><b>Program Announcements:</b></p>	<p><b>Dave Poulsen, Air Methods/LifeEvac</b> – Nothing new to report.</p> <p><b>Brian Solada, Air Methods/LifeEvac</b> – Has an opening for a paramedic at the West Point base.</p> <p><b>Paul Davenport, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> – Ground transport went through CAMTS accreditation site visit and that went pretty well. A helipad operation procedure policy was sent out. The purpose of the policy is for record keeping and accountability and to have a consistent method of communication.</p> <p><b>Terry Austin, VSP MedFlight</b> – Terry introduced Perry Benshoof. He is the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant in Lynchburg.</p> <p><b>Jonathan Collier, PHI</b> – PHI is working on a similar policy with Fairfax Hospital and working on new radio frequencies.</p> <p><b>Anita Ashby, WellmontOne</b> – WellmontOne has a base change from Greenville, TN to Sullivan County, TN.</p>	
<p><b>Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>In a recent incident in Appomattox, it was reported that a helicopter was shot down. Don Childs was not on a Medevac mission and no crew members were on board. The helicopter was hit by seven bullets but thankfully Don was not injured.</p> <p>The Office of EMS is being asked to cut costs as much as possible and one way of doing that is to scale back</p>	<p><b>Tim will send out an email about the</b></p>

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	<p>on the number of meetings being held. Tim proposes having three meetings a year. The next meeting will be in May and then either October or November at symposium. The committee agreed that October would be the better option. The meeting will be held either October 7<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen. The retreat will possibly be held on a Friday in April. Tim will contact Greg Brittingham to facilitate the retreat.</p> <p>As for the committee membership, it still does not have a level III trauma center representative. Tim will see if anyone on the Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee would like to serve on the Medevac committee also. The committee also needs a non-trauma designated hospital representative. Barbara Brown and Susan Ward of VHHA will be contacted and invited to join the committee. Dr. Dudley was mentioned. Augusta Medical Center was also mentioned.</p> <p>Carol Lee Strickler informed the committee that Rockingham is opening a new hospital in June.</p> <p>Also, a 135 member and a 91 member were selected to serve on the committee but have not been seen in a year. They will be contacted and if they are not going to participate in the committee, they will need to be replaced.</p>	<p><b>October 7<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He will also contact Greg Brittingham about the April retreat.</b></p> <p><b>Tim and/or Dr. Yee will ask if anyone on the Trauma System Oversight Committee is interested in serving on the Medevac committee. He will also contact Barbara Brown or Susan Ward for committee representation.</b></p>
<b>Public Comment:</b>	None.	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:24 a.m.	The next meeting is May 13, 2010 at 10:00 at 1041 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059.