

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
February 7, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Jason D. Ferguson , WVEMS, Chair	Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police	Tim Perkins	Krista Henderson
Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical	Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	George Lindbeck	Joel Atwell
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue	Terry Austin , VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods	Wanda Street	Vince Mancano
Donna Hurst , Augusta Health		Cam Crittenden	Mike Garnett
Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale			Joe Trigg
Jay Lovelady , VCU LifeEvac			Steve Euhus
Kate Challis , Johnston-Willis Hospital			Maggie McCauley
Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB			Katie Rodman
Jennifer Basham , Fairfax Co. Police			R. Jason Ferguson
Shawn Rivard , VSP			Samuel Gerstemeier
			Jeff Tanner
			Greg Cassis
			Jason Post
			Chris Parker

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Call to order:	The Chair, Jason Ferguson, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A moment of silence was held for all recent and past losses of medevac service members.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 7, 2018 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Kate Challis and seconded by Chris Shaffer. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The November 7, 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Jason Ferguson:	The chair report will be incorporated in Unfinished Business with the HB1728 workgroup and other legislative updates.	

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OEMS Report:	<p>Tim stated that the Office of EMS will soon have a vacant position, a BLS Training Specialist. Billy Fritz will be leaving next Friday for a position in Prince William.</p> <p>The Office of EMS is going through a renovation project and everyone that was located at 1001 will be moved right next door to 1041 and we will all occupy one large office space. We are getting new paint, carpet, lighting and office spaces/cubicles. The best way to reach anyone at the office will be by emailing them or calling on cell phones. Some staff members will be working in alternate workspaces or telecommuting from home. Many will not have access to office phones.</p> <p>The Call for Presentations for symposium has been extended to the 15th.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck stated that a workgroup has finally been formed under the Medical Direction Committee (MDC) to look at critical care transports which intersects with air medical and includes ground transports. This is a function that hasn't received a lot of attention over the years but has become increasingly important as we try to look for ways to get critically ill and injured patients where they need to be in a timely manner. There has only been one meeting since the last MDC meeting. It won't impact air medical services that much, but will have more of an impact on ground services.</p>	
Drone Workgroup – Susan Smith:	<p>a. Drone Safety Update Susan is currently in Haiti, but she recently sent Tim the updated drone PowerPoint to be posted on the OEMS website. Tim will post the PowerPoint to reflect updated legislature.</p>	Tim will post drone PowerPoint to the OEMS website.
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to see an increase in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 591 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the fourth quarter of the 2018 calendar year. Sixty-five percent of those entries (389 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 519 entries in the fourth quarter of 2017. Additionally, there were 2,784 entries for the 2018 calendar year, which is an increase from the 2,165 entries for the 2017 calendar year. This data continues to show dedication to the program itself, but also to maintaining safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – Wings is going through CAMTS renewal, so thoughts and prayers for us please.</p> <p>Katie Rodman, VCU Health – They are also going through CAMTS renewal.</p> <p>Greg Cassis, UVA Pegasus – Pegasus has a new Interim Manager, Jermaine Clayborne. Mr. Clayborne has medevac experience in North Carolina and will be attending the meetings in the future. They finally have liquid plasma for the red blood cells they were carrying and will be changing over in the Spring or early summer.</p> <p>Jeff Tanner, CentraOne – CentraOne is under new management and Mr. Tanner is the Interim Director.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – Nightingale has fully transitioned to an IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) program</p>	

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	and has 9 routes. The rooftop helipad is due to be operational in April. She will send this information out for the committee.	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. HB1728 Recommendations Update The workgroup has had one conference call and worked through some of the initiatives that we started with in November. They reviewed educational material that was already out there and discussed how to prioritize it and congeal it into a generic statewide presentation of HEMS System for the Commonwealth. This was one of the primary goals from the report concerning when and how to utilize HEMS appropriately.</p> <p>The Chair attended the Training and Certification Committee Meeting in early January and brought the topic of incorporating this education into entry level EMT training. There was good conversation among the committee. The only area of caution given by Warren Short was that it is already built into the program and there is not a need to add specific hours to the base EMT curriculum but rather have a coordinated effort to educate the Commonwealth.</p> <p>b. HB778/SB663 Update Tim stated that we have a form, but he is not able to release it yet. It is still under review by VDH Executive Management. He appreciate everyone who submitted information. He hopes that the form will be released soon. This is a working document of the General Assembly, so they will post it and then we will post it on the OEMS website.</p> <p>c. HJ694 This bill requested that State Police study the availability and affordability of air medical services throughout the Commonwealth. We were not a part of these discussions. On the 29th of January this was tabled and will not be discussed again this session, but certainly can be brought up at the next General Assembly session. The patron was Delegate LaRock.</p> <p>d. Budget Amendment SB1100</p> <p>i. Item 420#1s The chief patron of this is Senator Newman. The Virginia State Police (VSP) shall resume MedFlight operation from its base Lynchburg. There are monies attached to this. OEMS is not involved in this budget amendment. This is just an informational item. There was an update on this and there is no longer funding. The MedFlight 3 language has been removed. The only language that remains is for VSP to evaluate steps necessary for billing of services.</p>	
New Business:	<p>Tim stated that we will review the EMS State Plan.</p> <p>Cam explained that this is the first meeting of the Trauma System Committees so if you see unfamiliar faces or names of new meetings don't be alarmed. They have been incorporated with the EMS Advisory Board. There are two meetings at 1 p.m. and two at 3 p.m. today and some going on tomorrow.</p> <p>Sentara Norfolk has been designated a burn hospital and is the only other hospital along with VCU.</p>	

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	The May and August meetings will be here at the Embassy Suites.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:21 a.m.	2019 Meeting Dates: May 2 August 1 November 6 –Norfolk Waterside Marriott

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