

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
 Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
 Embassy Suites Hotel
 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
 February 2, 2023
 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Victoria Smith , VENA, Chair	Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police	Ron Passmore	Cody Jackson, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport
Rick Cohen , PHI Air Medical	Rebecca Branch Griffin , Consumer	Wanda Street	Brian Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle
Gabe Elias , VDEM	Lt. Shawn Rivard , VSP MedFlight	Daniel Linkins	Kate Davenport, CHKD
Al Thompson , Non-trauma Center Rep, Bon Secours		Kelsey Rideout	Jay Lovelady, HCA
Dwain Rowe , Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport		Linda Harris	Sid Bingley, Carilion Life-Guard/Blacksburg
Susan Rivers , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard		Devin Chinault	Ryan Hite, Carilion Life-Guard
Carlie Smith , AirLife Virginia		George Lindbeck	Cody Main, LifeEvac
Denise Baylous , Nightingale			Bev Harris, LifeEvac
Dempsey Whitt , VCU			Mike Watkins, Goochland Fire & Rescue
Brian Bowman , Fairfax County Police			Autumn Davis, Winchester Trauma
			Robbie Conner, CentraOne
			Jermaine Clayborne, UVA
			Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical
			Maggie McCauley, Nightingale

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Call to order:	Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A moment of silence was held for those we lost since the last meeting. A flight crew was lost in Hawaii.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	

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Review & Approval of the August 4, 2022, and November 17, 2022, minutes:	Revise the member names on both sets of minutes and remove the reason Tim was absent from the November minutes. The August and November 2022 minutes were approved with the noted changes.	The minutes were approved with the noted changes.
Chair Report – Victoria Smith:	No report.	
OEMS Report:	Tim announced that the Call for Presentations for symposium is open. There is more Medevac content than we've had in the past few years, but it is still nice to have more. He will send out an email reminder soon. He has not given up on the idea of having at least a mini track in the future. Please submit Medevac content. It was asked if Tim could send out a list of topics that have been submitted so far. Tim doesn't think there has been any Medevac submissions yet. Tim stated that Gary and Adam were at the General Assembly but should be here soon.	
Drone Related Items:	There has been a decrease in drone activity, but an increase in laser strikes. It was suggested to put more focus on laser education which could be a focus of the safety program.	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The amount of data submitted to the Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to be robust. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 354 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in Q4 of the 2022 calendar year. 68% of those entries (244 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 316 entries in Q4 of 2021. For the 2022 calendar year, there were 1,445 entries into the system, which was an increase from the 1,282 entries for the 2021 calendar year. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment. Every agency is consistently submitting information.</p> <p>b. Turndown reporting See above for turndown information.</p>	
Air Medical Communications Workgroup – Gabe Elias:	We have not made a lot of motion on the ID plan for the radios. We should have more movement on this by the next meeting. Tim wants the workgroup to meet before the next Medevac meeting. He will reach out with a date. Denise Baylous asked if they have considered the military aspect of this? She explained an example of radio contact with the military fleet and not every aircraft having the same capabilities.	
Program Announcements and Updates:	<p>Dwain Rowe – No report.</p> <p>Susan Rivers – No report.</p> <p>Carlie Smith – No report.</p> <p>Robbie Conner – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous – Nightingale celebrated their 40th Anniversary last year and they appreciate all the partnerships with everyone. Thank you. A comment was made about the great social media posts from Nightingale.</p>	

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	<p>Brian Bowman – Brian stated that Fairfax County Police has suffered some immense transition over the past few years. We are hoping to smooth some of that out and have some continual representation of the same folks. He will be acting as Commander as far as the unit goes. Craig DeAtley is up for a well-deserved retirement, and they have onboarded Dr. Kari Scantlebury on a part-time, contractual basis as our Medical Director for the program. Her day job is INOVA Fairfax ER Physician.</p> <p>Jermaine Clayborne – UVA will be switching aviation partners in July and will also be switching air frames to NC-125-C2E.</p> <p>Brian Solada – No report.</p> <p>Cody Jackson – No report.</p> <p>Dempsey Whitt – Mr. Whitt apologized for being late. VCU’s Children’s Hospital is scheduled to open on April 30th. There is a new helipad associated with the new children’s hospital and we are still waiting on the final FAA approval to open the helipad. The new information sheet has been completed and is ready to go pending the approval. Adult patients may also be taken to this helipad as there is a bridge that goes to the main</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. Medevac Resource Guide – Tim is still waiting on the license for RTIS to be updated so he can recreate the map in a higher definition.</p> <p>b. Committee Composition Updates – This afternoon, Tim is going to present the Advisory Board Executive Committee with the list of the new Medevac Committee representation for the remainder of 2023. We are expanding the committee by four members. If this is approved this afternoon, please do your best to attend the meetings so that quorums are met and know that your participation is expected at each meeting. The dates for the remainder of the year are on the agenda. We are not sure about the November meeting date, which is tentative. Tim also spoke about proxies, which was discussed at the last meeting. The seat belongs to you, so no one else can fill your seat. They are welcome to attend the meeting, but if you are not here, your vote does not count. There will be a total of 18 committee members including Tim. There must be at least 51% of the members present to have a quorum according to Robert’s Rules. There is still a vacant seat for a Level III Trauma Center on the committee. Tim will speak with Mindy Carter about someone to fill the seat.</p>	
New Business:	<p>Quarterly Safety Topics Carlie Smith stated that we still need to get together to solidify some safety ideas and we will be able to give some exciting updates at the next meeting. We will add drone and laser strikes to the table as well. Nothing new as of right now.</p> <p>Susan Rivers stated that the National EMS Memorial Service will be in July in the Washington, DC area in Crystal City on July 21st and 22nd. Tim and Dwain will be participating in the memorial bike ride. They are always looking for sponsors for the bike ride. Dwain will send out sponsorship packets. Tim stated that this is one of the most rewarding things he has ever done, and it is fun to pedal alongside Dwain.</p>	

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Public Comment:	<p>Air Medical Transport Data Mike Watkins presented data from the 2nd Quarter of 2022. He reported that there were 362 trauma patients transported by an air medical unit, 34 of which were pediatric transports; 19 went to a Level I trauma center and 15 went to a pediatric trauma center so more than half went to non-pediatric designated facility. Sixty-four were geriatric transports, of which, 89% went to a Level I trauma center, 6 went to a Level II trauma center and one was taken to a non-trauma hospital. We are looking at outliers like that one patient that went to a non-trauma hospital. Two-hundred and sixty-three were adult transports, most went to a Level I trauma center, nine went to a Level II, one was transported to a Level III and 5 was transported to a non-trauma hospital. This data allows us to review the outliers and may or may not identify the reasons behind them.</p> <p>The last thing that Mike wants to mention is that the Trauma Triage Guideline is changing. A Virginia guidance document is being prepared to reflect the American College of Surgeons (ACS) changes.</p> <p>Regulations Update A committee member asked about an update on the Regulations that were revised some time ago. Mr. Ron Passmore, OEMS, gave an update on the status saying that the final draft of the Regulations has been reviewed by all the committees. It will be submitted at the next Advisory Board meeting for approval. If approved, it will then go to the State Board of Health for final approval in September. Then it will go to stage 2 of the regulatory process, once it clears the Executive Branch review, it will be publicly posted for comments which may be two years from September.</p>	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:41 a.m.	2023 Meeting Dates: May 4 August 3 November 16 (Tentative)

Transcribed by Wanda Street, Executive Secretary, Sr.