

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294  
March 10, 2022  
9:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>Victoria Smith</b> , VENA, Chair	<b>Rebecca B. Griffin</b> , Consumer	Gary Brown	Cody Jackson, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport
<b>Dwain Rowe</b> , Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport	<b>Chad Gainey</b> , LifeEvac	Adam Harrell	Brian Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle
<b>Lt. Shawn Rivard</b> , VSP	<b>Burt Bogue</b> , VCU LifeEvac	Wanda Street	Sid Bingley, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard
<b>Chris Shaffer</b> , PHI Air Medical	<b>Ryan Morgan</b> , Fairfax County Police Aviation	Chris Vernovai	Ryan Hite, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard
<b>Gabe Elias</b> , VDEM	<b>Denise Baylous</b> , Nightingale	Melinda Carter	David Long, TEMS
<b>Al Thompson</b> , Non-trauma Center Rep, Bon Secours	<b>Rick Cohen</b> , PHI Air Medical	Daniel Linkins	
	<b>Susan Rivers</b> , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Charles Feiring	
	<b>Tim Ryan</b> , U.S. Park Police	Mohammed Abbamin	
		Ron Passmore	
		Debbie Akers	
		Tim Perkins	

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The Chair, Victoria Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A moment of silence was held for fallen Medevac and EMS service members.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the August 5, 2021 and November 12, 2021 minutes:</b>	The minutes will be approved at the May 2022 meeting, as there was no quorum. There was a change on the November 12 meeting minutes. On page 2, under the Drone Workgroup topic, change to Virginia Fix and flight information exchange should go in parenthesis per Gabe Elias.	<b>The minutes will be approved at the May 2022 meeting.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Victoria Smith:</b>	No report at this time.	

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<b>OEMS Report:</b>	<p>Mr. Brown yielded to Tim. Adam Harrell stated that we are still accepting and encouraging people to contact us about courses for symposium as well as sponsorship opportunities.</p> <p>Gary advised committee members to see the quarterly report on the OEMS website for other office updates.</p> <p>Ron Passmore mentioned that the Scope of Practice Document will be brought forward tomorrow at the Advisory Board meeting. If it passes tomorrow, it will be posted on the website next week.</p> <p>Adam introduced Mohammed Abbamin, new Sr. Policy Analyst. He will be working board members and staff on compliance issues.</p>	
<b>Drone Safety Updates – Susan Rivers:</b>	<p>Chris Shaffer gave a shout out to Greg Jones due to drone activity. He reached out to all the local programs and made sure they had all the numbers they needed to contact which made everything work smoothly. There was a drone over Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital.</p> <p>Gabe spoke about the Virginia Fix and will have more updated information coming soon.</p>	
<b>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:</b>	<p><b>a. Statistics Report</b></p> <p>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 316 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in Q4 of the 2021 calendar year. 71% of those entries (227 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 409 entries in Q4 of 2020. For the 2021 calendar year, there were 1,282 entries into the system, which was a decrease from the 1,695 entries for the 2020 calendar year. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and to maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p>	
<b>Air Medical Communications Workgroup – Gabe Elias:</b>	<p>There is a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee meeting on March 29 at VDOT in Richmond.</p> <p>Another project that we are working on is a radio subject matter expert group of state communications agencies. In May, they are traveling to far Southwest Virginia to meet with localities who are building new radio systems and have a lot of questions. OEMS is represented on the group with Sam Burnette. This is not to replace engineering consultants or commercial services.</p> <p>They are also addressing the difficulty of Air EMS intercommunications and are working on a number of cross border projects both locally and state to state.</p>	
<b>Program Announcements and Updates:</b>	<p><b>Shawn Rivard, VSP</b> – MedFlight One will get a new Bell 412 next month after a long wait. Had an incident where an airbus had a hard landing after it slid off the dolly. The pilot sustained a spinal injury that is not very serious.</p> <p><b>Brian Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Dwain Rowe, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue &amp; Transport</b> – Thanks to Gabe for his report. He will take a tease over crickets. We are preparing for CAMTS survey coming up in the Spring.</p>	

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	<p><b>Chris Shaffer, PHI</b> – PHI has a couple of GPS approaches being installing. The installation still takes about 18 months. They have transitioned over to Flight Vector for dispatch. It includes an app for tracking that the patients’ family can use and it will be rolled out shortly.</p>	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	<p><b>a. Legislative Updates</b> – Tim stated that there was no Medevac related legislation this General Assembly.  <b>b. Medevac Resource Guide</b> – RGIS can be used by OEMS to create the maps needed to update the Resource Guide. Possibly by the May or August meeting, Tim will have an updated version of the Guide.</p> <p>Ron Passmore stated the Rules &amp; Regulations Committee will meeting on April 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Office of EMS, the Medical Direction Committee is April 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites.</p> <p>Brian Solada mentioned regulatory language that was in a former draft that has since been removed or replaced, according to Ron Passmore.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Al Thompson reported that Bon Secours is opening Free standing ED in Chester on May 25 with a helipad. He will get the coordinance to Tim for the Resource Guide. Bon Secour’s is also looking to redo the St. Mary’s pad and potentially put it on the roof. St. Francis is in an expansion phase with extensive growth work. It has a grass pad about 30 yards to the west. Beginning May 16, the grounds will have one to two cranes and they will be up for approximately 18 months and ending approximately November 2023.</p> <p>David Long reported that the Tidewater EMS Council region has hosted a whole blood task force meeting. Nightingale will be carrying whole blood later this year.</p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>		
<b>Adjournment:</b>	The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 a.m.	<p><b>2022 Meeting Dates:</b>  May 5  August 4  November TBD</p>