

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
 Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
 Embassy Suites Hotel
 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
 May 5, 2022
 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Victoria Smith , VENA, Chair	Chad Gainey , AirLife Virginia	Gary Brown	Cody Jackson, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport
Dwain Rowe , Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport	Burt Bogue , VCU LifeEvac	Adam Harrell	Brian Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle
Lt. Shawn Rivard , VSP MedFlight	Ryan Morgan , Fairfax County Police Aviation	Wanda Street	Dempsey Whitt, VCU LifeEvac
Rick Cohen , PHI Air Medical	Denise Baylous , Nightingale	Chris Vernovai	Jermaine Clayborne, UVA
Susan Rivers , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Gabe Elias , VDEM (Excused)	Melinda Carter	Valerie Quick, TJEMS
Al Thompson , Non-trauma Center Rep, Bon Secours		Daniel Linkins	Jason Ferguson, Advisory Board
Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police		Ron Passmore	Greg Neiman, VCU Health
Rebecca B. Griffin , Consumer		Tim Perkins	Jay Lovelady, HCA
			Carlie Smith, AirLife Virginia
			Miranda Landrum, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard
			Ethan Dressler, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard
			Dr. Paula Ferrada, Inova Health
			Daniel Norville, VAGEMSA
			Chris Montera, ESO
			Jenny Wilson, ESO
			Greg Jones, MedFlight
			Andrew Fletcher, Centra One
			Robbie Conner, Centra One

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Call to order:	The Chair, Victoria Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A moment of silence was held for fallen Medevac and EMS service members.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the November 12, 2021 and March 10, 2022 minutes:	The November minutes were approved without change. The March minutes were approved with a typographical error change.	
Chair Report – Victoria Smith:	Chair reported to the group about meetings attended on behalf of the committee to the State Rules and Regs Committee, and the State Medical Direction Committee to discuss changes to the <i>Virginia EMS Regulations</i> that have been proposed by the committee.	
OEMS Report:	Mr. Brown advised committee members to see the quarterly report on the OEMS website for office updates. Mr. Harrell reminded the group about the 2022 Virginia EMS Symposium, and sponsorship opportunities. Adam also let the committee know that the ESO staff that were present were there to answer questions relative to the ESO transition. Tim mentioned that there will be some air medical services (AMS) related content offered at Symposium, but not enough for a track. Hopefully there will be enough content in the future to have an AMS track.	
Drone Safety Updates – Susan Rivers:	Susan asked about the status of two projects: fixed flight information exchange, and Mission Go. For fixed flight information, Tim, Jay and Gabe have not have had the opportunity to meet and discuss further. Rick reported that there can be a Mission Go demonstration at a future committee meeting, and will work with Tim to arrange.	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	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 396 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in Q2 of the 2022 calendar year. 65% of those entries (259 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 173 entries in Q2 of 2021. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and to maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment.	
Air Medical Communications Workgroup – Gabe Elias:	Gabe was not available for the meeting. Time reported that he, Jay and Gabe have not have had the opportunity to meet and discuss further.	
Program Announcements and Updates:	Susan Rivers, Carilion – Susan announced two new flight program managers, Ms. Landrum and Mr. Dressler. Tim Ryan, US Park Police – No report. Rick Cohen, PHI – No report. Jermaine Clayborne, UVA – No report. Brian Solada, HCA – On May 1, AirCare Eagle is transitioning from Chippenham Hospital to John Randolph Hospital. Brian will provide aerial views of the secondary helipad.	

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	<p>Dempsey Whitt, LifeEvac – We’ve been working to transition the LifeEvac 4 aircraft to Bon Secours Southside Medical Center. The aircraft is parked on the primary pad there, with an alternate landing site at Southside.</p> <p>Robbie Connor, Centra One – Robbie introduced Andrew Fletcher, who will be handling various tasks for the agency.</p> <p>Shawn Rivard, VSP – Shawn described a situation where there was a need to request a variance to operate the aircraft without a searchlight if the aircraft was equipped with night vision goggles, which was granted by OEMS.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. Legislative Updates – Tim stated that there was no Medevac related legislation this General Assembly.</p> <p>b. Medevac Resource Guide – Tim reported that there is still a need for the ArcGIS map needed to update the Resource Guide, and hopes to have the updated resource guide available at a future meeting.</p>	
New Business:	State EMS Plan revision: Tim deferred to Chris Vernovai, who reported that the plan requires a revision. Tim suggested a planning session, and dates for the session were discussed.	Dates for the planning session will be determined for early July.
Public Comment:	A question was raised about the committee composition, and Tim explained that due to the pandemic, and the gap between meetings, it was decided that the composition would stay the same for 2022, and that the composition would be reviewed at the end of 2022, and any potential changes would be based on attendance and participation. The question of why every licensed agency didn’t have a seat was raised, and will be considered. The question of virtual meetings, and the state FOIA policy was also discussed.	Committee composition will be discussed at a future meeting.
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m.	2022 Meeting Dates: August 4 November TBD