

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
4240 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060
February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Jason D. Ferguson , Chair	Shawn Rivard , VSP	Tim Perkins	Michael Berg
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale	George Lindbeck	Brian Solada
Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB			Greg Jones
Jay Lovelady , VCU LifeEvac			Katie Rodman
Terry Austin , VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods			Tony Raymond
Kate Challis , Johnston-Willis Hospital			Chrissy Snyder
Donna Hurst , Augusta Health			Anita Perry
Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical			Allan Belcher
Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police			Chris Parker
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue			Jason Ferguson
Jennifer Lescallett , Fairfax Co. Police			Peter Martin
			Jeffrey Bush
			Dave Schwartzman

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Call to order:	The Chair, Jason Ferguson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.	
Introductions:	Jason introduced himself and gave a brief background history on himself. He has been in Fire & EMS for about 22 years. He is from Bedford County but has worked in Botetort County for the past 17 years where he is currently the Battalion Chief. He has been working in a flextime capacity with Carilion Clinic Lifeguard for the past 2 ½ years.	
Review & Approval of the November 8, 2017 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Donna Hurst and seconded by Terry Austin. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The November 8, 2017 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Jason Ferguson:	Jason did not have a report at this time. Tim stated that he and Jason discussed the committee composition and they decided to leave it as is for this year. They may review it at the end of the year and decide at that time if changes are needed.	
OEMS Report:	Per Tim, OEMS still has vacant positions to fill. The Regulations and Compliance Manager position has not been filled; however, interviews have been held. The manager for the new division, Community Health and Technical Resources has not been filled. Tim stated that he has been getting quite a few questions about the hotel reservations for symposium and he thinks the rooms will be released in March. He does not have the specific date.	

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Project Synergy Work Group Update – Anita Perry:	Anita stated that she has not asked for fourth quarter data with everything that has transpired last month. She stated that she will gladly accept data now. The main focuses of project synergy is to ensure that the processes are running smoothly and benchmarking the facilities against each other. She is not seeing many outliers or anything that should be of concern. Susan asked for a summary of their times. Anita will send it to her.	
Drone Workgroup – Susan Smith:	<p>a. Drone Safety Update Susan reported that on December 13th, President Trump reinstated the Drone Registration Department that was revoked in May of last year. There has been an increase in drone usage by service agencies in this area. The PowerPoint is still available on the VDH template if any wants to use it.</p>	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 519 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the fourth quarter of the 2017 calendar year. 66% of those entries (343 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 457 entries in the fourth quarter of 2016. Additionally, there were 2,165 entries for the 2017 calendar year, which is a slight increase from the 2,032 entries for the 2016 calendar year. This data continues to show dedication to the program itself, but also to maintaining safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p> <p>b. LZControl Tim has no update.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Terry Austin, VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods – Terry deferred to Jay Lovelady for the VCU update. Nothing for Air Methods.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – Dwain apologized for missing the December meeting. It was his first time missing a meeting in five years. He was honored to have been sent to the U.S. Virgin Islands to manage FEMA’s air response and transport of patients. He laughingly stated that was forced to live on a cruise ship for three months. He stated that it was a very interesting experience. He is also excited to report that Kim Lovingood, who suffered cardiac arrest about a year and a half ago, has fully recovered and is back at work. He appreciates everyone’s thoughts and prayers for her.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac – No report.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – PHI just received CAMTS accreditation and is now in-network with Anthem.</p> <p>Kate Challis, Johnston-Willis Hospital – No report.</p> <p>Donna Hurst, August Health – No report.</p>	

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	<p>Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police – No report.</p> <p>Jen Lescallett, Fairfax County Police – No report.</p> <p>Michael Berg, UVA Pegasus – Michael reported that prior to him joining the program, there were three different agency licenses: one for Pegasus, one for Medic 5 and one for the special events group. They now have one license and are all one agency effective today. Also prior to his arrival they had a consultant look at the helicopter situation to decide if they should keep the current helicopter or should they purchase a new helicopter, etc. They will keep the current helicopter as their backup. He is excited to report that they are shopping for new aircraft. He also reported that within the next 30 to 60 days the crane would be coming down at the hospital. The main infrastructure is pretty much in place and a ceremony was held a few weeks ago. He thanked Tim for coming out to assist with where they have not been active and where they can be active from a state perspective. CAMTS accreditation is coming up soon. Michael asked for the committees’ assistance in what to do with an advanced nurse practitioner position. He is seeking help with this from his peers. He is also happy to chair the workgroup.</p> <p>Jason asked the committee if they are interested in forming a workgroup to establish uniformity for the nurse practitioner position. Michael stated that the workgroup could create a white paper or best practice document. George Lindbeck, Dwain, Kate, Tim and others have volunteered to participate on the workgroup.</p> <p>Greg Jones, Med Flight I – No report.</p> <p>Tony Raymond, Air Methods - No report.</p> <p>Brian Solada, Air Methods - No report.</p> <p>Anita Perry, Wellmont One/MedFlight II – No report.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, CentraHealth – No report.</p>	<p>A workgroup will be established to discuss the nurse practitioner position uniformity. Michael Berg will chair the workgroup.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>a. House Bill 1728 Workgroup Update – Tim Perkins Tim stated that the HB1728 final report is complete and was submitted to the General Assembly and accepted by them as well. Tim thanked everyone that participated in the workgroup.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>a. House Bill 777 This HB was introduced by Delegate Ransone and quickly co-patroned by Delegate Orrock. It was passed through the House Health Welfare and Institution sub-committee and then it went to the full house and it was re-referred back. Tim is not sure when it will be put back on the agenda. It was passed over the last time. Obviously, there has been some significant changes to what the original bill language was. Tim feels that people in the system have spoken and the legislators have heard what has been said. There is a group of interested parties meeting with Delegate Ransone today. Tim stated that he cannot take an official position on the bill because the Governor has not taken a position. Jason said that this afternoon</p>	

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	<p>will be interesting. The group will try to shed light, both from a HEMS perspective, but also from EMS in general. There are huge implications involved with this bill. We hope to have some meaningful discussion and open the dialogue to discover the true intent and we hope that it will not require legislation. If anyone is interested in participating in providing their position, as Susan is, please send Tim an email. The committee members discussed this legislative matter and voiced their concerns.</p> <p>b. House Bill 778 & Senate Bill 663 Tim informed the committee that HB778 passed through the house on January 29. On January 30, HB778 was referred to the Committee on Education and Health in the Senate. SB663 was also re-referred to Education and Health after going through Commerce and Labor. Tim is tracking both of these bills and receives emails when there is movement.</p> <p>Tim stated that Gary Brown sends out a legislative grid every Friday during the General Assembly Session and Tim forwards it to the Medevac Committee and will continue to do so.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.	2018 Meeting Dates: May 3 August 2 November 7 –Norfolk Waterside Marriott

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