

State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Courtyard Marriott
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059
May 8, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Anita Perry , Chair	Mark Smith , Fairfax Co. Police	Tim Perkins	Heather Menzies
Brian Solada , LifeEvac/Air Methods	Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/GAB Member (BREMS)	Adam Harrell	Dwain Rowe
Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police	Alva Rose , Life Evac Virginia	Michael Berg	Maggie McCauley
Denise Baylous , Nightingale	Mindy Carter , CJW Medical Center	Wanda Street	Tim Hodge
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS		Bruce Edwards
Kelly Keener (for Chris Shaffer) , PHI Medical/AirCare	Dave Hurley , U.S. Park Police AVN		Devon Clary
			Rich Biondi
			Holly Mason
			Krista Henderson
			Gregory Jones
			Bert Bogue
			Jon Kaminski
			Peter Martin
			Jim Perry

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the February 6, 2014 minutes:	Anita asked if anyone had any input on the meeting minutes. No input was given. The minutes could not be approved because there was no quorum. The minutes were tabled until the August meeting. No official business can be voted on at today's meeting.	The February 6, 2014 minutes were tabled until the next meeting in August.
Chair Report – Anita Perry:	No formal report, but will chime in on topics as discussed.	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:	<p>Tim congratulated Anita on her recent marriage to Jim Perry.</p> <p>The committee chair had requested to change the committee composition but the original request was not accepted. Another proposed change was submitted and the Executive Committee is meeting today and will hopefully approve it today. Anita said that the first requested change would have enlarged the committee membership, because there was so much interest. However, the second request was a bit smaller. Once the decision has been made, an email will be sent out before the next meeting.</p> <p>Tim congratulated Susan Smith who was appointed the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) Region 6 Representative.</p> <p>Michael Berg reported that the FBI Background Check Fingerprinting Process will become effective July 1 of this year. Twelve thousand fingerprint cards will be distributed to the Regional Councils today. Notifications will be sent out and information will be posted on the OEMS website. This process will not be backdated.</p> <p>From a regulatory packet standpoint, the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) regulatory packet will go before the Board of Health for review in June as a Fast Track. The Practitioner’s Signature packet is still waiting to be signed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>Michael Berg also updated everyone on the K specs which will expire on September 30, 2015. The information regarding this will be posted on the OEMS website.</p>	<p>An email will be sent to the committee once a decision has been made about the committee composition.</p>
Model State Guidelines Update – Tm Perkins:	<p>Tim stated that an email about the FAA rules was sent out on April 21 to inform everyone that the rules governing air medical services that were to be effective on April 22 has been delayed for a year. So stay tuned until April 22, 2015.</p>	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Bert Bogue/Greg Jones/ Denise Baylous:	<p>Susan, Greg, Bert and Denise are working on a new project synergy and two conference calls have been held since the February meeting. The new project synergy will look at stroke and STEMI patients. From the first conference call, they decided to limit their focus and start with STEMIs by comparing time from ground and air from time of first EMS contact to the time the patient reaches PCI. Susan has been in touch with Carol Pugh of OEMS and they will continue to work with Carol on future projects. They want to ensure that the data submitted in VPHIB is as accurate as possible in order to compile accurate reports.</p> <p>Greg said they plan to give Carol one call to try to extract the data from and see if a report can be created.</p>	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Development – Tim Perkins:	<p>The WeatherSafe application continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. Tim reported that there were 585 entries in the first quarter of 2014, and 70% of those entries (415) were inter-facility transports. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 603 entries in the first quarter of 2013. This data continues to show dedication to the program and to maintaining safety of Medevac personnel & equipment.</p> <p>Tim requested that all hazard information is entered in the VHEMS system before being emailed to him.</p>	<p>Agencies are asked to submit all hazard information into the VHEMS system prior to emailing Tim.</p>

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
	<p>As for the Landing Zone information, Tim has Googled all of the landing zones and posted pictures of them on the WeatherSafe site.</p> <p>He also stated that if you are unable to see an agency's base information, you have to subscribe to them.</p> <p>a. Presentation of letter for EMS agencies, dispatch centers and referring facilities A letter was drafted by Tim and Anita reminding hospitals, Medevac dispatch centers and 911 centers of what Helicopter EMS is, why data is collected and why the need for notifying agencies of previous turndowns. Anita gave the letters to the respective area agency committee member for distribution.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – Navy aircraft communications have improved with training.</p> <p>Kelly Keener, PHI Air Medical – Erik Rohde has resigned as the Regional Director of the North East. He has left the air medical industry and working for AMR in California. Fairfax helipad –two cranes are due to come down this month and the south patient tower is scheduled to reopen in June.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, VSP – Nothing new for State Police, but Virginia Guard has starting operations out of Chesterfield Airport. It has become a very busy heliport. Be advised that there is more helicopter activity. State Police is now participating in WeatherSafe and Anita thanked Jay for his role in getting the agency on board.</p> <p>Brian Solada, LifeEvac/Air Methods – VCU will be hosting a TNATC/TPATC class in October. In early 2015 an online didactic version will be available.</p> <p>Tim Hodge, UVA Pegasus – No report.</p> <p>Devon Clary, LifeEvac – No report.</p> <p>Peter Martin, CentraOne – No report.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – No report.</p> <p>Rich Biondi, MedStar – No report.</p> <p>Holly Mason, Wake Forest BH Air Care – No report.</p> <p>Bruce Edwards, State Board of Health – Bruce stated that there is nothing going on at the Board of Health that will impact the Medevac community. Tim stated that since the last meeting Dr. Marissa Levine was appointed the State Health Commissioner. She was serving in the role of Acting State Health Commissioner after Dr. Romero's resignation.</p>	<p>Brian will send Tim the information on the class so that it can be sent to the committee.</p>
Unfinished Business:	Gary Critzer was scheduled to speak on the Central Shenandoah collaboration efforts, but he is the Chair of the	Gary Critzer will share

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
	Executive Committee which is meeting at this time. This item will be shared at the next meeting.	collaboration efforts in the Central Shenandoah area at the next meeting.
New Business:	<p>a. East Coast Helicopter Operations Group – Jon Kaminski Jon is with Fairfax County and Fairfax hosted a barbeque for area agencies last year and ended up with 13 aircraft in the area. While they were all together they decided to start the ECHO Group. It grew by word of mouth. On April 29, 2014, Helicopter Association International (HAI) hosted the Inaugural Spring Conference. There were more than 70 members of ECHO present from more than 2 dozen law enforcement, military and EMS agencies from North Carolina to New Jersey. Currently there are about 300 members from approximately 30 agencies and membership is free. Florida has also recently joined the Group. Many training opportunities will be held. Maryland State Police has agreed to hold the next conference in September which will be a fly in. There is no registration fee. They are also doing a flight crew exchange program. And they are working with the military to do water egress training. Another conference will be held January 2015 in the DC area.</p> <p>More information can be found on the following websites: http://www.eastcoastheliops.com, https://www.facebook.com/eastcoastheliops</p> <p>Jon plans to attend the meetings from this point forward and Anita asked him to do a program announcement at the next meeting. He was also asked to keep Tim informed of any trainings that will be held by emailing him at tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov. Anita also asked Jon to list the top five topics that have been requested and bring that list back to the next meeting. Some of these topics may lead to items that this committee can work on. He said the one that really stands out is Communication for Mass Helicopter Response.</p> <p>b. Other – Tim Perkins The National EMS Memorial Bike Ride for the East Coast is May 17 – 24 from Boston, MA to Washington DC. Tim will be participating and donations are being accepted.</p> <p>The National EMS Memorial Service will be held June 27 – June 30 will be held in Colorado Springs. This is Tim’s last year on the Board of the Memorial Service and he will not seek reappointment. The air medical memorial will be held on the 26th in Littleton, CO.</p>	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a .m.	The next Medevac Committee meeting is August 7 at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen.