

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA  
August 8, 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b>
<b>Allen Yee</b> , Chair	<b>Denise Baylous</b> , Nightingale	Tim Perkins	Anita Ashby
<b>Ed Brazle</b> , Virginia Beach EMS	<b>Chris Shaffer</b> , PHI Medical/AirCare	Gary Brown	Rich Biondi
<b>Susan Smith</b> , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	<b>Mindy Carter</b> , CJW Medical Center	George Lindbeck	Allan Belcher
<b>Mark Smith</b> , Fairfax Co. Police	<b>Marilyn McLeod</b> , Centra Health/Adv. Board Member (BREMS)	Michael Berg	William Aiken
<b>Jay Cullen</b> , Virginia State Police			Gary Critzer
			Bruce Edwards
			David Poulsen
			Alva Rose
			Ron Passmore
			Tim Hodge
			Dwain Rowe
			Krista Henderson
			Greg Jones
			Tony Raymond
			Brian Solada

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<b>Call to order:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair, Dr. Yee.	
<b>Introductions:</b>	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
<b>Review &amp; Approval of the May 9, 2013 minutes:</b>	A motion was made to approve the previous minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.	<b>The May 9, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:</b>	A second planning meeting was held on yesterday to review the Model State Guidelines that was created by AAMS, NASEMSO and other organizations. In summary, the group thought it was a very good document. On page 8, #9 Deemed Status. The group agreed to the following: "...a national accrediting body with reoccurring accreditation at an interval of no more than every three years." This could be used in lieu of the state inspection. The group agreed to adopt this document into regulation with the one accreditation change. Per Michael, the next step in the process is to review the document and make necessary code language changes. The Chair stated that some parts of the document can be used for best practices.	

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	 <p>AAMS Model State Guidelines 2012.pdf</p> <p>Per Gary Brown, from a NASEMSO perspective, they are expecting every State to review this document and incorporate these standards to have some consistency across the country. The annual NASEMSO Conference will be held in September and a question and answer session will be held about this. More information will be forthcoming at the November Medevac meeting.</p>	
<p><b>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</b></p>	<p>Tim had no report.</p> <p>Michael Berg gave an update on the Board of Pharmacy final exempt legislature (HB 1499), which was approved by the Board of Pharmacy. This will be published in the Virginia Registrar on August 26 and become effective on September 25, 2013. A fast track regulatory packet will be submitted. This still requires the Secretary of Health &amp; Human Services' signature and the Governor's signature.</p> <p>He also stated that a fast track Test Waiver Removal packet will be submitted as well. It has been approved by the Commissioner of Health and will also need the Secretary and Governor's signatures. There is a tentative date for September.</p> <p>The FBI Background Investigations will begin as soon as the software and equipment arrives. Everything has been ordered and the Office is waiting on delivery. This is not a retroactive process. It will be for new volunteers or employees of EMS agencies.</p> <p>Adam Harrell left OEMS and will be returning to the position of Program Representative for the Northern Virginia area and will start officially on August 10.</p> <p>NFPA 1917 Standards – Michael met with representatives of the technical review committee to talk about issues and challenges of the current ambulance standards and is waiting to hear about the recommended changes that were presented. There is only one EMS representative on the committee and Michael has requested to be a part of this committee of about 19 people.</p> <p>Warren Short reported that in 2016, the National Registry will be changing its' recertification requirements so the Office of EMS will make changes accordingly. The number of hours will be reduced.</p> <p>Gary Brown stated that the Trauma and Critical Care Division has been releasing information of the NEMSIS v3 Dataset implementation. This information can be found on the OEMS website.</p> <p>Gary also reported that within the next 30 days, there will be a grant initiative for agencies to purchase laptops, notebooks, Tough Books, etc. The Tough Books are coming up on the 5 year life cycle. Be on the lookout for this. A survey will be sent out first, and then a short, one-page application will need to be submitted.</p>	

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	<p>Bruce Edwards had no report from the Board of Health. However, he stated that he is very proud of the way the committee works together.</p> <p>Gary Critzer stated that the Advisory Board is still waiting on several board appointments from the Governor.</p>	
<b>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</b>	Susan, Anita and Denise need a little more time to gather the data and will definitely give the presentation at the November meeting.	<b>A Project Synergy presentation will be given at the November meeting.</b>
<b>Helicopter EMS Program (WeatherSafe) – Tim Perkins:</b>	<p>Tim reported that in the second quarter of 2013, there were 607 entries. This is a significant increase of the 2012 second quarter entries of only 229.</p> <p>He also encouraged everyone to continue to submit information for the LZ Directory. Send information to <a href="mailto:tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov">tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov</a>.</p> <p>Also, if you have LZ alerts, please continue to send the information to Tim and also put this information into the LZ hazard section of WeatherSafe.</p>	<b>The agencies are encouraged to submit information and photos for the LZ Directory.</b>
<b>Program Announcements:</b>	<p><b>Jay Cullen, VSP</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Mark Smith, Fairfax County Police Dept.</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach EMS</b> – Air Medical Transport Conference will be in Virginia Beach, October 21-23, 2013.</p> <p><b>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> – Susan reported that LifeGuard 12 had been at their temporary location for a little over a year and they expect to move into their new hangar and quarters at Carilion Stonewall Jackson on September 1.</p> <p><b>Tim Hodge, Pegasus</b> – Tim reported that a large crane is on the northeast side of the hospital at UVA. Also they just went through CAMTS accreditation.</p> <p><b>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Anita Ashby, Wellmont Health System</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Allen Belcher, Centra Health</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Brian Solada, Air Methods</b> – No report.</p>	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	The committee started working on the Air Medical Regulations Article 4 last month and there were some minor changes. At yesterday’s meeting a couple of other suggestions were made. Some of the changes discussed were RN education to remove the EMT requirements. <b>A motion was made to remove the EMT requirements. The motion was passed unanimously.</b>	

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	<p>In addition, all flight nurses, within two years of hire, should obtain their CFRN, CEN, CTRN or CCRN certification. This is for HEMS programs who do inter facility transports on a regular basis. <b>A motion was made for this education requirement. The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>There were also some suggestions concerning paramedics. A paramedic should have a certification of CCEMP from University of Maryland (Baltimore County) or Tennessee, FPC or CCPC. <b>A motion was made to accept the above change. The motion was passed unanimously.</b></p> <p>The Medevac Committee will work with the Office of EMS on the correct legislative language. Brian will draft the language as to why the Medevac Committee wants these certification changes.</p> <p>Michael Berg does not plan to do any regular regulatory action changes until January.</p>	<p><b>Brian Solada will draft the language as to why the Medevac Committee wants these certification changes.</b></p>
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Gary Brown stated that the Call for Presentations link for the 2014 symposium is on the OEMS website and a number of courses have already been submitted. If anyone has any course suggestions, please submit them. Dr. Yee suggested that an Air Physiology course would be good. Also, you may register to attend the 2013 symposium now.</p> <p>A Transport Nurse Advanced Trauma Course (TNATC) will be held September 27, 28 &amp; 29 at VCU.  <a href="https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ASTNA&amp;WebCode=EventDetail&amp;evt_key=ac7a08f3-4424-4aa8-a23a-ae4149532ac5">https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=ASTNA&amp;WebCode=EventDetail&amp;evt_key=ac7a08f3-4424-4aa8-a23a-ae4149532ac5</a></p>	
<b>Public Comment:</b>	<p>A committee member thanked his colleagues for working together and for the respect they have for each other. Other committee members agreed. Dr. Yee said that this group is the best of the best and gave a hats off to the committee, the Office of EMS staff and the past Chairs.</p>	
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 a .m.</p>	<p>The next Medevac Committee meeting is November 6 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.</p>