

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA
November 6, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Allen Yee , Former Chair	Mark Smith , Fairfax Co. Police	Tim Perkins	Barbara Brown
Anita Ashby , New Chair	Mindy Carter , CJW Medical Center	Wanda Street	Dwain Rowe
Ed Brazle , Virginia Beach EMS		Adam Harrell	Allan Belcher
Marilyn McLeod , Centra Health/Adv. Board Member (BREMS)			Brad Fields
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard			Garrett Wymer
Denise Baylous , Nightingale			Bruce Edwards
Jay Cullen , Virginia State Police			Bev Harris
Chris Shaffer , PHI Medical/AirCare			Devon Clary
Alva Rose , Life Evac Virginia			Skip Hall
			John Bianco
			Holly Mason
			Maggie McCauley
			Gregory Jones
			Bert Bogue
			Cody Jackson

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by the Chair, Dr. Yee.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August 8, 2013 minutes:	A motion was made to approve the August minutes. The motion was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Ed Brazle. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The August 8, 2013 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Dr. Allen Yee:	<p>a) Symposium Medevac Track</p> <p>Dr. Yee stated that the Medevac Track is still on for 2014; however, some of the classes this year were relatively small. More class topics and submissions are needed for next year. He feels that the Case Review courses are popular and some Critical Care classes would also be great (Chris). The Medevac Track is at risk of being removed from the symposium if the number of courses is not increased.</p> <p>Tim explained that at the last Symposium Program Committee meeting, it was proposed that the Medevac Track be removed. He is doing everything that he can to keep it. The worst case scenario is that the Medevac content will be put in other tracks. If anyone saw a great instructor/presenter at AMTC, pass their name and information on to Tim. The deadline for submissions is January 1 for the 2014 symposium.</p>	

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<p>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</p>	<p>Tim welcomed everyone to the 34th Annual EMS Symposium. There is a lot of great content and a lot of fun to be had. He attended Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC) in Virginia Beach last month and it was very enjoyable. It was interesting to see what other states are doing and what Virginia could possibly incorporate into its programs.</p> <p>Adam Harrell, the Northern Virginia Field Representative, mentioned a recent aircraft spot inspection. While doing the inspection, it was noted that 50% of the medications on the aircraft were found to be out of date. Various other supplies were also expired such as catheters. As a result, the agency was cited and an active permit was not granted. They were given a temporary permit for 90 days. He wants to make the Medevac committee aware of this. The crew did not take the inspection seriously. Adam feels that this is very serious and fines could be given up to \$1,000 per day per occurrence. All of the medicines and supplies that were expired were there at the base. There is no reason why expired medications should have been on the aircraft. What would the FAA have done in a case like this?</p> <p>The question was asked if agencies are familiar with OEMS’ roles concerning regulations. Tim said yes they should be aware. Education sessions were held at each facility. Agency inspections are scheduled ahead of time; while spot inspections are not.</p> <p>Tim announced that Anita Ashby has been selected by the nominating committee as the next Chair of the Medevac Committee as Dr. Yee transitions off of the committee.</p> <p>Also, Tim mentioned that in order to have fair representation of the committee, the current members will be rotating off and new members will be brought on. If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member, please email him at tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov. Committee appointments will be made in December or January.</p> <p>About a month ago Tim, Mike Berg and Scott Winston reviewed the updated Medevac regulations from this committee and also reviewed the AAMS Guidelines. There are things in the AAMS document that the Office of EMS cannot do. This document will need to be reviewed again before the next committee meeting. A meeting could be held in January or the day before the next meeting in February. Tim will send out an email.</p> <p>It is time for the yearly update of the Medevac Resource Document. Tim will send out an email within the next few weeks for any system changes/closures, etc.</p> <p>Susan asked Tim for a list of names and emails of Medevac committee members/attendees.</p>	<p>Another planning meeting will be held in either January or February to review the AAMS Guidelines. Tim will send out an email.</p> <p>Tim will send out an email to update the Medevac Resource Document.</p> <p>Tim will provide Susan with a list of all Medevac agencies.</p>
<p>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Ashby:</p>	<p>Susan reported that 277 trauma patients flown from the scene were reviewed and 66 of those were discharged in less than 24 hours (24%). Of those 66, 19 of them did not meet criteria (7% of total patients studied).</p> <p>Of the 47 that did meet criteria and were discharged in less than 24 hours; 16 of them had a GCS of less than 14, two were penetrating injuries, one was a flail chest, three were crush injuries, one was a pelvic fracture, two</p>	

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	<p>were skull fractures, one was due to paralysis, eight were due to adult falls greater than 20 feet, seven was MVC with intrusion greater than 12 in., one was an ejection, three was auto vs. pedestrian or bicyclist and two were significant burns.</p> <p>Tim received this information from Susan just before leaving for symposium and will share this data with the committee.</p> <p>Susan stated the data has been gathered the same way for several years now and she, Anita and Denise are open for suggestions. They also need more people to contribute data. The committee also discussed gathering data from the State Trauma Registry. Tim will invite Carol Pugh to join the February meeting. They also discussed looking at under triage data as well. Susan, Tim, Anita and Denise will make a list of the type of data they need to give Carol a heads up.</p>	<p>Tim will share Susan's email with the committee.</p> <p>Carol Pugh will be invited to the next meeting to discuss trauma data.</p>
<p>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Development – Tim Perkins:</p>	<p>Tim reported that for the third quarter of 2013, there were 603 entries and two thirds of those were inter-facility. There were only 476 entries in the 3rd quarter of 2012. From January 1 to September 30, 2013, there were about 1800 entries; which is about 400 more than this time last year.</p> <p>There is so much more that Tim would like to do with this program. There is more that it can do. He is hopeful that in 2014, the agencies will be able to create their own reports. More information will be forthcoming on this.</p> <p>Tim requested that all hazard information is entered in the VHEMS system before being emailed to him.</p> <p>He also encouraged everyone to continue to submit information for the LZ Directory. Send information to tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov.</p>	<p>The agencies are encouraged to submit information and photos for the LZ Directory.</p>
<p>Program Announcements:</p>	<p>Alva Rose, LifeEvac – LifeEvac II in Fredericksburg is permanently closed effective October 16.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – Chris said that due to Inova Hospital having a single trauma pad, please give proper and timely notifications for pre planning purposes.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – Please be aware of the three cranes near the helipad due to the Elizabeth River construction.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – Susan reported that LifeGuard 12 has moved and is in their permanent location at Stonewall Jackson Hospital.</p> <p>Anita Ashby, Wellmont Health System – No report.</p> <p>Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach EMS – AMTC was a big success and Ed thanked everyone that attended. The City has gotten tremendous feedback from the organizing agencies. It was a great success.</p> <p>Jay Cullen, VSP – No report.</p>	

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	<p>Dr. Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health – CentraOne has a new training vehicle using high fidelity simulation. They have been going to different agencies to provide education. Allan Belcher added that Centra Health has a new School of Nursing and simulation lab and has acquired a new Bell 222 helicopter to put in the simulation lab for teaching. It should arrive within the next month. Construction is being done on the facility to accommodate the helicopter.</p> <p>Barbara Brown, MedStar – Barbara reported that about 4 months ago they put their aircraft in service for 24 hours. It was 12 hours for the past four years. The aircraft is located in St. Mary’s County in Leonardtown, Maryland. It serves the Rappahannock Region (Northumberland County, Westmoreland County, and King George County). They are doing outreach education with the Virginia regions along the border of Maryland.</p> <p>Greg Jones, Med-Flight – No report.</p> <p>Holly Mason, AirCare – No report.</p> <p>Garret Wymer, Fairfax County Police – No report.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	A question was asked about the motions that were made and passed at the last meeting. Are they in effect now? Tim said that they are not and will not be until the Regulations have been sent to and are approved by the Governor. We are still operating under the current regulations.	
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	Dr. Yee stated that is has been a pleasure working with everyone in this room. You all are the best of the best.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a .m.	The next Medevac Committee meeting is February 6 at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen.