

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510
November 8, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

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

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Call to order:	The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.	
Moment of Silence:	Tim opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Jay Cullen and Burke Bates, since the committee had not met since the helicopter crash in August.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August 3, 2017 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Terry Austin. The minutes were approved as submitted.	The August 3, 2017 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Anita Perry:	Anita stated that this is her last meeting as the Chair. The Advisory Board is meeting today at 1 p.m. and the new chair will be announced. Tim will send out an email during the Advisory Board meeting to introduce the new chair to the committee.	
OEMS Report:	<p>Tim welcomed everyone to the 38th Annual EMS Symposium and he invited everyone to stay around for all of the exciting things that will be happening between now and Sunday. As Michael Berg stated, in his introduction, he is no longer with the Office of EMS. His position is out for recruit and the BLS Specialist position that was held by Greg Neiman is also out for recruit and the Office may be close to filling the position. The Division Manager of the new division that will be created, Community Health and Technical Resources, is in the interview process stage.</p> <p>Michael Berg stated that before his departure from the OEMS, the Office is up to date on the background checks. As far as regulations are concerned, the DDNR exempt package has been forwarded to the VDH administration for approval and according to Scott Winston of OEMS no information has been received on this</p>	

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Project Synergy Work Group Update – Anita Perry:	packet as of yesterday. Michael gave an update on other regulatory matters such as 12 VAC 5-32. The workgroup is still collecting January to June data so please send to Anita or Tim to incorporate into the report. Anita will have a report by the next meeting.	Submit January-June data for the report.
Drone Workgroup:	Susan stated that the workgroup met in August and the PowerPoint was updated. The changes were approved by the workgroup members and Susan will send it Tim to be forwarded to the committee. As far as education, they wanted to have the same message across the board for everyone across the Commonwealth. If anyone has any specific questions, please feel free to contact any member of the workgroup.	Susan will send updated PowerPoint and education material to Tim.
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 473 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the third quarter of the 2017 calendar year. 63% of those entries (300 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 505 entries in the second quarter of 2016. Additionally, there have been 1,635 entries for the 2017 calendar year, which is a slight increase from the 1,555 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>Shawn Rivard, VSP – MedFlight I & II are very busy. VSP has two pilots in training, trying to get back up to stat. They will also be advertising for civilian pilots in the next couple of weeks. As of August 25, Shawn was promoted to Lieutenant as the new Unit Commander for Aviation. The First Sergeant position is now vacant. They are also working on replacing two helicopters.</p> <p>Terry Austin, VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods – Terry congratulated Shawn on his promotion. Within the last month, the regular EC135 has been put into service at Westpoint.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac – Jay congratulated Shawn and also Anita for her tenure as Chair of the committee. On Saturday, November 22, VCU Community Memorial Hospital will open in South Hill. He will send Tim updated helipad information.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – CAMTS site inspection is December 11 & 12 for the northeast program.</p> <p>Anita Perry, Wellmont One/MedFlight II – Wellmont One’s CAMTS site inspection was in September and they received full accreditation.</p> <p>Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Sentara Nightingale – Still ongoing construction at Norfolk General and will continue for probably another two years. Denise will keep Tim updated on the upper and lower pad changes.</p>	Jay will send Tim the updated helipad information on VCU CMH.

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	<p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard – No report.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, CentraHealth – Allan reported that they are near completion of new helipad. It should be fully functional by the next meeting. He will send Tim the information upon completion.</p> <p>Greg Jones, Med Flight I – No report.</p> <p>Mike Berg, Pegasus – No report. But there will be staff at the Medevac meetings going forth.</p>	<p>Allen will send Tim helipad information.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>House Bill 1728 Workgroup Update Tim stated that the workgroup met on August 24, September 14 and October 4. The report has been submitted to the Commissioner on October 16. Yesterday he received some direction from the Commissioner’s office related to grammatical changes that needed to be made. Changes were made and it is now back in the position of the Commissioner and will go to the General Assembly to be posted and made public.</p> <p>Anita discussed some changes that may occur as a result of the report which include EMS training, fire training, dispatch training, an additional dispatch member on the Medevac (which was voted on at the last Communications Committee meeting). One of the last things that was discussed was for every hospital across the state to have a QA program any time they transport a patient for correct mode of transport and appropriate utilization.</p> <p>Dr. Lindbeck added that two-thirds of our flights are inter facility. He sees this as OFI’s (opportunities for improvement) by incorporating a program that looks at transfers to review whether or not the transfer mode was appropriate, was it an appropriate utilization of resources, and are there opportunities to provide better utilization.</p> <p>Anita stated that once the document is made public, Tim will make everyone aware.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p>	<p>Tim thanked Anita for her tenure as Chair of this committee and whoever the next will be, has some big shoes to fill (although she has tiny feet). He stated that he will miss her.</p> <p>Susan stated that she emailed Anita and Tim about discussing LZ Control. She asked the committee if they are interested in pursuing what they have to offer. She shared her concerns about the public being able to edit information. But it is possible to designate someone from each facility to make edits. She also said that it has a nice App that can be used. Tim stated that he and Cam had communications with John and Mark and for some reason or another, they could not connect to keep the communications going. Jay Lovelady stated that he has had the same results as Tim with trying to reach out to LZ Control. But aside from that he feels it is a good idea. Susan stated that we would need more responsiveness from them before we could move forward. Tim stated that the LZ listing in WeatherSafe is pretty close to being up-to-date with the exception of one or two facilities.</p>	
<p>Public Comment:</p>	<p>None.</p>	

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Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.	2018 Meeting Dates: February 1 May 3 August 2 November 7 –Norfolk Waterside Marriott

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