

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
August 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Jason D. Ferguson , WVEMS, Chair	Donna Hurst , Augusta Health	Tim Perkins	Jason Post
Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical	Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police	George Lindbeck	Katie Rodman
Kate Challis , Johnston-Willis Hospital	Terry Austin , VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods	Wanda Street	Greg Cassis
Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB	Jay Lovelady , VCU LifeEvac	Cam Crittenden	Jermaine Clayborne
Jennifer Basham , Fairfax Co. Police			Joel Atwell
Shawn Rivard , VSP			Maggie McCauley
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard			Mike Garnett
Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale			Sid Bingley
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue			

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Call to order:	The Chair, Jason Ferguson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A moment of silence was held for fallen Medevac service members.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the May 2, 2019 minutes:	A motion was made to review and approve the February meeting minutes. Dwain Rowe had a correction to the May minutes. Under Mitchell Hathaway's program update, the Health System should be "Ballad" and not "Valley" in the first and last sentences. Also, "some" should be changed to "same" in the last sentence. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Chris Shaffer. The minutes were approved as amended.	The May 2, 2019 minutes were approved as amended.
Chair Report – Jason Ferguson:	The chair yielded to the OEMS report.	

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OEMS Report:	<p>Tim Perkins stated that the symposium registration opened on July 15. He looks forward to seeing everyone in Norfolk.</p> <p>There have been a few staffing changes at OEMS. Debbie Akers has been selected and hired as the new Division Manager of the Division of Accreditation, Certification and Education (ACE). There will be a recruit for an Accreditation Manager as well.</p> <p>The Office is still in the middle of renovations and should be completed by the end of August. The flyer that has been distributed is a Mobile-Integrated Healthcare Community Paramedicine (MIH-CP) Summit. This is being put on with the Office of Health Equity. It will be August 16 in Charlottesville at the Holiday Inn. Tim encouraged everyone to sign up and there is no charge for this event.</p>	
Drone Workgroup – Susan Smith:	<p>a. Drone Safety Update Susan sent Tim a zipped file and Tim is working with IT to get it posted on the website.</p>	
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The amount of data submitted to the Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to grow. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 508 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the second quarter of the 2019 calendar year. 57% of those entries (291 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 717 entries in second quarter of 2018. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and to maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p>	
Program Announcements and Updates:	<p>Jennifer Basham, Fairfax Co. Police – Fairfax has one paramedic in training. They are down to one helicopter, two are being significantly upgraded. They expect to have them back in September.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – Ballad Health desires to change their name, so at the next meeting Wings may have a new name. Dwain does not know what the name will be at this time.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Sentara Nightingale – The rooftop helipads are now open and operational and all the information has been sent out to everybody. If anyone has any questions or issues, please let Denise know. They will be starting some construction to expand ER parking, so the C-Pad that is on the ground will still be operational. Nightingale has just passed their full accreditation for CAMTS reaccreditation.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic Lifeguard – Susan followed up on the discussion from the last meeting about the medications that were excluded from the Scope of Practice and Formulary. She spoke with Ron Passmore and this was addressed at the last Medical Direction Committee Meeting. Dr. Lindbeck stated that these medications will be added back into the Scope of Practice. Susan stated that she has also spoken with Mr. Passmore about applying for a variance about space issues for bulky supplies. If anyone is interested in more about the variance, see Susan after the meeting. Susan also reported that there will be new infrastructure at Carilion. A 10-story building is going up that will house cardiac and the ER. It will include a rooftop helipad and will be completed in 3 to 4 years. Susan also spoke about training for the flight crew in the event of an incapacitated pilot. Carilions’ Director of Operations has sent a letter to the FAA informing them of their intentions to implement this training. See Susan if interested in more information or if you already have a</p>	

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	<p>training program, please share.</p> <p>Shawn Rivard, VSP MedFlight I – MedFlight I has a new Bell 412EPI that will be in service in the spring of next year. They hope to buy another one for MedFlight II in Southwest Virginia next fiscal year. They also have a new Belfour 7 being completed now to replace one that crashed in August 2017. Shawn stated that all critical staff is trained in basic operations such as how to shut aircraft down and everything short of flying the aircraft. They know how to turn autopilot on. The NTSB final report for the crash may be released next year as some new developments have come about this week. Shawn asked that everyone keep Jay Cullens’ and Berke Bates’ families in your prayers, this is still a tough time for them. August 9-12 will be another Unite the Right Rally and two aircraft will be there those four days.</p> <p>Katie Rodman, VCU LifeEvac – Katie reported that there has been a change to the helipad process and this has been communicated to everyone. There may be some tweaks to the process as they go along.</p> <p>Jermaine Clayborne, UVA Medical Transport Network – Jermaine is the new manager and Greg took over as the Pegasus and Critical Care Supervisor. The new ED will be opening on October 15th. The helipad will not be opening at this time. It is due to open in the first quarter of 2020.</p> <p>Kate Challis, Johnston-Willis – No update.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – No update.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. Legislative Updates – No update.</p>	
New Business:	<p>Many of the committee members are unable to attend the November 6 meeting. There was discussion of moving the meeting to the week after symposium.</p>	
Public Comment:	<p>None.</p>	
Adjournment:	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.</p>	<p>2019 Meeting Dates: To be determined.</p>