

**State Medevac Committee Meeting  
Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Courtyard Marriott  
10077 Brook Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059  
August 7, 2014  
10:00 a.m.**

| <b>Members Present:</b>                 | <b>Members Absent:</b>                                     | <b>OEMS Staff:</b> | <b>Guests &amp; Other Attendees:</b> |
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| Anita Perry, Chair                      | Marilyn McLeod, Centra Health/GAB Member (BREMS) (Excused) | Tim Perkins        | Lisa Dodd                            |
| Denise Baylous, Nightingale             | Mindy Carter, CJW Medical Center                           | Adam Harrell       | Chris Parker                         |
| Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic Lifeguard  | Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police                                 | Michael Berg       | Maggie McCauley                      |
| Bert Bogue, VCU LifeEvac                | Devon Clary, LifeEvac Virginia                             | Wanda Street       | Bruce Edwards                        |
| Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue            | Chris Shaffer, PHI   | Gary Brown         | Brian Solada                         |
| Ed Brazle, Virginia Beach EMS           | Jay Cullen, Virginia State Police (Excused)                | Paul Sharpe        | Kelly Keener                         |
| Jennifer Lescallett, Fairfax Co. Police |  | Dennis Molnar      | Shawn Rivard                         |
|   |  |                    | Holly Mason                          |
|   |  |                    | Rachel Dillon                        |
|   |  |                    | Gregory Jones                        |
|   |  |                    | Paul Barbee                          |
|   |  |                    | Gary Critzer                         |

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| <b>Call to order:</b>   | The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Chair, Anita Perry.   |  |
| <b>Introductions:</b>   | Everyone around the room introduced themselves.  |  |
| <b>Review &amp; Approval of the February 6, 2014 and the May 8, 2014 minutes:</b> | A motion was made to review and approve the February and May meeting minutes. The motion was moved by Ed Brazle and seconded by Bert Bogue for the February minutes. The motion was moved by Brian and seconded by Denise Baylous. Both minutes were approved.   | <b>The February 6, 2014 and the May 8, 2014 minutes were approved.</b> |
| <b>Chair Report – Anita Perry:</b>  | Mrs. Perry asked the committee members to think about new projects that the committee can start such as LZ presentations/templates that could be used statewide or some other project that is more elaborate.<br><br>She also advised everyone that the Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC) is coming up on September 22 in Nashville, TN.   |  |
| <b>OEMS Report – Tim Perkins/OEMS Staff:</b>                                      | Tim announced that after the changes were made to the committee composition, a health system in the State contacted him about the selection process and a face to face meeting was held. Tim explained the process to them.<br><br>Tim sits on the NASEMSO Air Medical Committee and they are still working on the AAMS Guidelines. He expects this to be completed soon, so stay tuned. |  |

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|   | <p>He also reported that registration for the Annual EMS Symposium is open. The symposium is November 5-9 in Norfolk, VA. Also, the Call for Presentations for 2015 is up and running. Please submit your course presentations as soon as possible. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a Medevac Track, see or email Tim and he will provide more information.</p> <p>Tim sent a picture from Colorado during the Air Medical Memorial with the six helicopters and he thought it great to see the camaraderie. Susan was also in attendance. He informed everyone that this was his last year as a member of the National Air Medical Memorial Service Board and may be his last trip to Colorado for a while.</p> <p>Michael Berg gave an update on the status of regulatory packages. The FBI Fingerprinting Background Check process is moving along. Ninety-eight percent of the background checks are good, only two percent have some issues. OEMS is in the process of advertising for a part-time wage employee to handle this process. Any new providers coming in after July 1, 2014 will need a background check. As of now, there are about 300 background checks being performed per month. Michael expects the number of background checks to increase.</p> <p>Paul informed everyone that the EMS for Children Committee (EMSC) is looking to purchase at least one child restraint or immobilization device for each licensed EMS vehicle that need them. A demonstration of three different devices was performed at the last EMSC meeting in July. Paul also reported that the Trauma Committee is working towards pediatric trauma designation and hopefully this will be effective soon. He will keep everyone updated. The EMS data collection is moving to Version 3 (VAV3) and information has been distributed the past few weeks. Paul stated that if there are things that air medical does that are not in the system, please let OEMS know so that they can be added as soon as possible. More information on this can be found in the May Quarterly Report under the Trauma and Critical Care Section.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Medevac Response Plan for CSEMS between Pegasus, LifeGuard, AirCare &amp; CentraOne – Gary Critzer:</b></p> | <p>About two years ago, the Central Shenandoah Region was primarily serviced by Pegasus. PHI came into play, then LifeGuard came to Lexington and then CentraOne came to Lynchburg. Suddenly there were four air medical systems in the area and the communications systems were struggling with which agency to call. They all met and developed a system based on nautical miles. It has worked out very, very well. It took the guesswork and competitiveness out of it and puts the patient first. In Waynesboro, there is an early activation program and that is tied into this as well. There are 7 dispatch centers in the region and all of them adhere to the Medevac Response Plan. It is completely based on who is closest. The system automatically tells the dispatcher who is closest. A brief question and answer session was held. Anita encouraged other regions to establish the same type of system.</p> <div data-bbox="506 1227 569 1284" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Medevac Response Plan for CSEMS Area.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Project Synergy Work Group Update – Susan Smith/Anita Perry/Greg Jones:</b></p>                             | <p>Susan reported that at the last couple of meetings, it was discussed that the workgroup will move away from the scene response trauma patients discharged in less than 24 hours. The focus will now be on STEMI comparing HEMS times to ground times. The ultimate goal is to find areas for improvement in transports from scene to rural hospitals by ground transport instead of HEMS. We want to educate the providers on best possible</p>  |   |

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|   | <p>transport times.</p> <p>The teams met with Carol Pugh at OEMS, but she does not have the capability to pull the data require, for each HEMS program licensed in Virginia to collect all patients either from a scene or from a rural hospital to a PCI. They would need the first time of medical contact from the provider to the PCI and compare transport by ground and by air. Greg Jones said that he has the ability to do this at his agency in Chesterfield. Bert Bogue also stated that VCU has the ability to extract this data as well. I t was asked if she thought about partnering with VHAC. Susan saw on the VHAC website that John Dugan is the point of contact. She has tried to contact him unsuccessfully, but will try again. If anyone else is interested in assisting with this project, let Susan know. She will try to establish a conference call with Mr. Dugan. Each program should check with their IRB to see what is required in order to gather the information. Susan will submit to Anita and Tim a write up of the project along with the intended goals.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:</b></p> | <p>The WeatherSafe application continues to grow in the amount of data submitted. Tim reported that there were 480 entries in the second quarter of 2014, and 62% of those entries (297) were for inter-facility transports. The total number of turndowns is an increase from 604 entries in the first quarter of 2013. To date, there have been 1,065 total entries into the system in 2014, a decrease from 1,233 entries for the same timeframe in 2013. This data continues to show dedication to the program and to maintaining safety of Medevac personnel &amp; equipment.</p> <p>As discussed at the last meeting, facilities and agencies should advise of previous turndowns. For the second quarter, of the 480 entries, 371 of them were not advised of a previous turndown. Twenty-six of the 371 where the caller did not advise the service of the previous turndown. Out of those twenty-six only one had multiple instances where this happened. A letter will be sent to that agency as a reminder of what should be done.</p> <p>Tim is still waiting on Site Vision to give him permission to put the LZ pictures in the application.</p> |   |
| <p><b>Safety Brief – Jon Kaminski:</b></p>                          | <p>Jon was not in attendance; however, Anita reported that an East Coast Helicopter Operations Group (ECHO) Conference will be held on September 2 in Maryland. Tim will forward the information to the committee.</p> <p>Jon will do the safety brief at the November meeting.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Program Announcements:</b></p>                                | <p><b>Brian Solada, LifeEvac/Air Methods</b> – VCU will be hosting a TNATC/TPATC class October 10-12.</p> <p><b>Bert Bogue, VCU LifeEvac</b> – One staff member and one physician has been nominated for ODEMSA awards.</p> <p><b>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue</b> – As of June 2, Med Trans Corporation owns all employees and the medical equipment of Wings.</p> <p><b>Anita Perry, WellmontOne/MedFlight II</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Denise Baylous, Nightingale</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic LifeGuard</b> – The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual StarPoints Conference is September 13 and on</p>   |   |

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|                             | <p>October 18, the New River Valley Fall Symposium will be held. She will send this information out.</p> <p><b>Ed Brazle, VA Beach EMS</b> - No report.</p> <p><b>Greg Jones, MedFlight I</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Holly Mason, Wake Forest Baptist Health</b> – No report.</p> <p><b>Kelly Keener, PHI Air Medical</b> – PHI is well on their way to preparing for the CAMTS re-accreditation and the inspection is scheduled for late fall early winter. The Fairfax Helipad will be ready the last week of August or the first two weeks of September. Updates will be sent.</p> <p><b>Shawn Rivard, VSP MedFlight I</b> – No report.</p>   |   |
| <b>Unfinished Business:</b> | <p>At the last meeting, Michael gave an update on ambulance stretchers, Change Order #6 was implemented on July 1 and Change Order #7 may be coming out soon. He will keep everyone up to date on this.</p>  |   |
| <b>New Business:</b>        | <p>Per Mrs. Perry, Dr. McLeod could not be with us today due to a death in her family, but she wanted to discuss the management of infectious patients. She wanted remind everyone and reinforce to your crew members to wear PPE particularly with everything that is going on right now. She also stated that Dr. McLeod will add a travel question to all 911 calls for fever/fever rash to be sure to wear proper PPE.</p> <p>Greg asked about how many agencies fly on 407 aircraft. It has a big impact on the larger patients. He wants the crew to effectively treat the patient while in route. Sometimes they just have to turn them down. The committee had a short discussion on this issue.</p> |   |
| <b>Public Comment:</b>      | None.  |   |
| <b>Adjournment:</b>         | The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:05 a .m.   | The next Medevac Committee meeting is November 5 in Norfolk at the 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium. |