

**State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
235 E. Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510
November 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Guests & Other Attendees:
Jason D. Ferguson , Chair	Shawn Rivard , VSP	Tim Perkins	Devon Clary
Susan Smith , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard	Julia Marsden , Consumer Rep/GAB	George Lindbeck	Bev Harris
Terry Austin , VCU LifeEvac/Air Methods	Jennifer Basham , Fairfax Co. Police	Wanda Street	Vince Mancano
Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical	Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police	James Burch	Gregory Jones
Dwain Rowe , Wings Air Rescue			Bruce Edwards
Donna Hurst , Augusta Health			Cody Jackson
Denise Baylous , Sentara Nightingale			Allan Belcher
Jay Lovelady , VCU LifeEvac			Joel Atwell
Kate Challis , Johnston-Willis Hospital			R. Jason Ferguson
			Michael Berg
			Greg Cassis
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Call to order:	The Chair, Jason Ferguson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.	
Introductions:	Everyone around the room introduced themselves.	
Review & Approval of the August 2, 2018 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 2, 2018 minutes were approved as submitted.
Chair Report – Jason Ferguson:	<p>The chair stated that Dwain Rowe, Tim Perkins, Dr. George Lindbeck and Jay Lovelady should all be added to the HB1728 workgroup that was established at the last meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Ferguson stated that the discussion from the last meeting centered around the potential for HB777 legislation to resurface in terms of notifying the patient of the ramifications, cost and whether or not insurance would cover the flight. The workgroup met after the last meeting and started with some initial conversations on what they wanted to accomplish. He sent the workgroup a spreadsheet to include a breakdown of what the recommendations were from the published HB1728 document. The breakdowns included actionable items and proposed timelines.</p>	
OEMS Report:	Tim welcomed everyone to another exciting symposium. He stated that he and Dr. George Lindbeck met a couple of times to work on the HB778/HB663 document and are close to completion. He will soon be asking the agencies to provide charges for specific treatment and transports, which will be listed in the document. We will include a range of possible charges, but will not include the specific agency. The deadline to complete the document is fast approaching and Tim hopes to meet with Dr. Lindbeck by the end of the month to complete it.	

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	<p>Tim is happy to announce that the Division of Community Health and Technical Resources has grown by one. Chris Vernovai has filled Tim's previous position. He could not be here for introductions because he is teaching EMS Officer I downstairs. Scott mentioned at the last meeting that a lot of people have rotated off of the Advisory Board and a lot of new members are rotating on. There is a new member orientation meeting being held right now to orient them on their new responsibilities. There a few Medevac presentations being held at this year's symposium and if anyone is interested in teaching next year, the Call for Presentations is open until the 15th of January for the 2019 symposium. Please submit your topics early.</p>	
Project Synergy Work Group Update – Anita Perry:	<p>This agenda item will be removed. This is no longer an active workgroup.</p>	
Drone Workgroup – Susan Smith:	<p>a. Drone Safety Update Per Susan, there is nothing new to report. As stated in the last meeting minutes, Tim will update the PowerPoint with legislative changes and make it a zip file or put it in it on the OEMS website so that it will be downloadable by the agencies. The file was too large to send by email.</p>	<p>Tim will update the PowerPoint with legislative changes.</p>
Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Tim Perkins:	<p>a. Statistics Report The Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to see an increase in the amount of data submitted. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 751 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in the third quarter of the 2018 calendar year. Sixty-four percent of those entries (481 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. This represents an increase in turndowns compared to the 473 entries reported in the third quarter of 2017. Additionally, there have been 2,189 entries for the 2018 calendar year, which is an increase from the 1,635 entries for the 2017 calendar year. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment of our air medical services to maintaining safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p> <p>b. LZ Control No update.</p>	
Program Announcements:	<p>Terry Austin, LifeEvac – No major announcements. The weather has been bad and our biggest concern is safety.</p> <p>Dwain Rowe, Wings Air Rescue – No report.</p> <p>Denise Baylous, Nightingale – The rooftop helipads are complete and have been approved by the FAA. They are likely to be operational in April 2019. Denise will send that information to Tim for distribution.</p> <p>Susan Smith, Carilion Clinic Life-Guard – Carilion Life-Guard received the 2018 Program of the Year Award by the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS). (Everyone in the room applauded this accomplishment).</p> <p>Donna Hurst, Augusta Health – The renovation and construction at Augusta Health continues. A crane will be coming back on the premises in the next few weeks. Donna will send the information to Tim for</p>	

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	<p>distribution.</p> <p>Jay Lovelady, VCU Health – VCU is still moving towards having blood products available on the aircrafts.</p> <p>Kate Challis, Johnston-Willis Hospital – No report.</p> <p>Chris Shaffer, PHI Air Medical – PHI has had blood on their flights for 2 ½ years and are actually switching to whole blood.</p> <p>Joel Atwell, MedStar – They have undergone some leadership changes in the past several years and now that the dust has settled, they plan to become more active and involved.</p> <p>Michael Berg, Pegasus – Michael stated that Greg Cassis will be attending the Medevac meetings. He stated that they have been pretty active and are looking at purchasing another air craft. They have encountered bird strikes with no penetration.</p> <p>Greg Jones, VSP MedFlight – No report.</p> <p>Allan Belcher, CentraHealth – Centra is working on their CAMTS Accreditation. Weather has been an issue and has impacted their ability to serve the community.</p> <p>Cody Jackson – No report.</p>	
Unfinished Business:	<p>a. HB1728 Recommendations Update The workgroup has met in person once since the last meeting. If the workgroup members are available after this meeting, Mr. Ferguson would like to meet briefly. The intention this morning is to clean up the recommendations and be prepared for what is to come. One of the recommendations was to have a representative from the Communications Committee attend the medevac committee. Mr. Ferguson will reach out to the Communications Committee.</p> <p>b. HB777/SB663 The committee continued to discuss the document that Tim and Dr. Lindbeck are working on and the information that will be included in it as far as disclosing prices. Dr. Lindbeck assured them that there will be a price scale which will say from this amount to that amount. Individual agency prices will not be disclosed. The committee also discussed non-disclosure agreements and Amanda Lavin will research more on this and will follow-up with the committee.</p>	
New Business:	None.	
Public Comment:	None.	
Adjournment:	The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:52 a.m.	2019 Meeting Dates: February 7 May 2 August 1

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