## Medevac Committee Meeting Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services Embassy Suites Hotel 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, Va 23294 August 04, 2022

9:00 A.M. Members Present: **Members Absent: OEMS Staff: Others:** Gary Brown Victoria Smith, Chair Chad Gainey, AirLife Virginia Jason Ferguson Burt Bogue, VCU LifeEvac Dempsey Whitt Susan Rivers, Carilion Clinic Adam Harrell Lifeguard Gabe Elias, Statewide Ryan Morgan, Fairfax County Tim Perkins Greg Jones **Police Aviation Interoperability Coordinator** Tim Ryan, State Park Police **Denise Baylous, Nightingale** Wanda Street Jermaine Clayborn Shawn Rivard, State Police & Ron Passmore Chris Shaffer **MedFlight Programs** Dwain Rowe, Med Trans Daniel Linkins Brian Solada **Highlands emergency Air Rescue** and Transport **Rick Cohen, PHI Air Medical** Jay Lovelady Al Thompson, Non-Trauma Andrew Fletcher Center Rep., Bon Secours Cody Main Kate Schultz Cody Jackson Jenny Wilson Sid Bingley Chris Montera Carley Smith Kelsie Rideout

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| I. Call to order/Welcome:  | Tori Smith called to order at 9:00 A.M.  |   |
| II. Introductions:   | Everyone around the room introduced themselves.  |   |
| II. Review and Approval of<br>May's Minutes:                     | A motion was made to review and approve the May meeting minutes.   |   |
| IV. Chair's Report-<br>Tori Smith:                               | The committee met July 1 <sup>st</sup> and reviewed the EMS state plan and lots of good changes are underway that they will start working on the Medevac Meetings.   |   |
| V. OEMS Report:  | <ul> <li>Gary Brown-Symposium Registration opened Monday. Spoke about the registration fee being changed back to \$100.00 due to the financial climate of the staff currently. All three hundred classes will be offered at symposium, and there will also be Medevac classes offered this year. Advised to visit the website and register if were interested in signing up. The new state health commissioner will be at the Advisory board meeting, and we have scheduled Orientation with him about Office of EMS and our programs and services.</li> <li>Adam Harrell- Reminder about the sponsorship opportunities for symposium. We will also be having hands on classes again as well this year.</li> </ul>                             |   |
| VI. Drone Items:   | <ul> <li>Dempsey Whitt- Worked with the homeland security a couple of weeks ago, they were conducting a counter-UAS exercise in the Richmond area which affected the main helipad but locked in with their op center. Anytime we had an inbound aircraft they were shutting down their operations seamlessly to there were no issues or no reported incidents.</li> <li>Rick Cohen- No demo is set up for today. The demo will be set up for the next meeting.</li> </ul>  |   |
| VII. Virginia Helicopter EMS<br>Program Update – Tim<br>Perkins: | <b>Tim Perkins</b> - For helicopter EMS there were 396 entries into the system 65 of those were for inner facility. The total number turned down is an increase; there were only 173 entries into the system in Q2 of 2021 but there is no reporting in the agenda for the turn down.  |   |
| VIII. Air Medical  | Gabe Elias- Still working on the proper dates to meet. No further updates.   |   |
| Communications Group:  | Gube Linus Still working on the proper dates to meet. No further updates.  |   |
| IX. Program Agenda<br>Announcements:                             | <b>Dempsey Whitt</b> - RCOM and EMS COM are all in one room over at the Parham Road site there has been issues with the MED-9 communications. That is being worked on but were also offering up a VHF channel to any of the programs. So, you're talking directly to RCOM Center and can do anything on that channel you've previously done on MED-9. It will be a point space where you will be able to breakout and go to either the chore helipad when its completed or the I-LOT of our main rooftop helipad. There was an issue with access to the helipad at the hospital for other programs, so we were able to get access cards for all the programs. There will be one access card per helicopter and those will be assigned by base. |   |
|  | <b>Greg Jones-</b> We have temporarily converted to 16 hour shifts for the pilots until the staffing is sufficient to reinstate 24 hr. shifts. Interviews will be conducted in the next couple of weeks to fill up staffing. Right now, the shifts are 8:00 to 24:00 hour shift with MedFlight 1 and 2 being shut down for those other 8 hours.  |   |

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|                | <b>Jermaine Clayborn</b> : UVA updates are in the process of an RPF for a new aviation partner that's coming in March. No other updates provided |   |
| X. Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at unknown time.   |   |