

State Medevac Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel
2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
August 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.

| Members Present: | Members Absent: | OEMS Staff: | Guests & Other Attendees: |
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| Victoria Smith , VENA, Chair | Rebecca B. Griffin , Consumer | Chris Vernovai | Larry Bird, CSEMS/OEMS |
| Rick Cohen , PHI Air Medical | Chad Gainey , LifeEvac | George Lindbeck | R. Jason Ferguson, GAB |
| Susan Rivers , Carilion Clinic Lifeguard | Burt Bogue , VCU LifeEvac | Wanda Street | Cody Jackson, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport |
| Tim Ryan , U.S. Park Police | Michael Shamblin , Fairfax County Police Aviation | Adam Harrell | Jermaine Clayborne, UVA |
| Dwain Rowe , Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport | Denise Baylous , Nightingale | Scott Winston | Jay Lovelady, HCA AirCare Eagle |
| Lt. Shawn Rivard , VSP | | | Dempsey Whitt, VCU LifeEvac |
| Chris Shaffer , PHI Air Medical | | | Bryan Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle |
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| Call to order: | The Chair, Victoria Smith, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A moment of silence was held for fallen Medevac and EMS service members. | |
| Introductions: | Everyone around the room introduced themselves. | |
| Review & Approval of the May 6, 2021 minutes: | The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted. | The minutes were approved as submitted. |
| Chair Report – Victoria Smith: | No report at this time. | |
| OEMS Report: | <p>Scott Winston stated that the OEMS Quarterly report was released on Monday and should be posted on the OEMS website. It is full of a lot of useful information. Scott was in attendance at the Trauma Managers meeting today and ESO representatives, Chris Montero and Chris French, are present at that meeting. Currently, there are about 600 agencies who have transitioned from ImageTrend to ESO. We expect to have about half of the agencies using ESO by the end of the year. They are not required to use ESO, but they are encouraged to do so.</p> <p>Scott also reported that the EMS Symposium is scheduled to occur this year from November 3 through 7 in Norfolk. Registration opened on Monday of this week. There are about 300 participants registered already. There is a lot of change going on with staffing. Melinda Carter has been hired in the Trauma Program Manager</p> | |

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| | <p>position. On Monday, we will be recruiting the Trauma and Critical Care Director position. This position was formerly held by Cam Crittenden. OEMS has three hybrid regional council offices who have partnered with the State: Central Shenandoah, Blue Ridge and Rappahannock EMS Councils. Southwest EMS Council will be coming to the State soon.</p> <p>Dr. George Lindbeck mentioned the billing for critical care under CMS. The scope was written broad, but a little too broad for this specific application. This scope will be presented at the Advisory Board tomorrow for approval.</p> <p>OEMS has a new direct report, Mr. Bob Hicks. OEMS was reporting to Dr. Parham Jabari.</p> <p>David Edwards, Program Manager of the EMS for Children is now under Tim Perkins' Division of Community Health and Technical Resources.</p> | |
| <p>Drone Safety Updates – Susan Rivers:</p> | <p>a. Drone Safety Update – There was nothing new to report. Susan stated that we don't officially have a workgroup anymore. Susan explained why this workgroup was formed and that the education that came out of the workgroup, still stands and is on the OEMS website. Susan will be happy to report any drone news as it becomes available. The plan is to ask Alan of Fredericksburg to speak at the November meeting.</p> | |
| <p>Virginia Helicopter EMS Program Update – Victoria Smith for Tim Perkins:</p> | <p>a. Statistics Report Victoria stated that Tim gave her a brief report:</p> <p>The number of entries into the WeatherSafe HEMS are down significantly. He will look into why and report the findings at a later meeting. He is still working with Sight Vision and VHHA to get a training session set up for the use of the Helicopter EMS application. A committee member stated that they switched vendors in April and their entries were probably not showing up, but have since gotten back onboard.</p> <p>The amount of data submitted to the Medevac Helicopter EMS application (formerly known as WeatherSafe) continues to be robust. In terms of weather turndowns, there were 173 entries into the Helicopter EMS system in Q2 of the 2021 calendar year. 60% of those entries (104 entries) were for interfacility transports, which is consistent with information from previous quarters. The total number of turndowns is a decrease from 405 entries in Q2 of 2020. This data continues to demonstrate a commitment to the program and to maintaining the safety of medevac personnel and equipment.</p> | |
| <p>Program Announcements and Updates:</p> | <p>Dwain Rowe, Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport – Since COVID is picking back up, there have been more long distance transports.</p> <p>Rick Cohen, PHI Air Medical – PHI has a new helicopter base that has opened in Culpeper, Virginia. It is now up and running.</p> <p>Brian Solada, HCA AirCare Eagle – AirCare Eagle officially started carrying blood on July 19. Chippenham Hospital has also become a Burn Center. Will go for ABA accreditation in one-year.</p> <p>Shawn Rivard, VSP – MedFlight One will get a new Bell 412 in October. They are hoping to get one more</p> | |

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| | <p>for MedFlight II.</p> <p>Susan Rivers, Carilion Clinic Lifeguard – No report.</p> <p>Tim Ryan, U.S. Park Police – No report.</p> <p>Dempsey Whitt, VCU LifeEvac – Went live with local Comms Center earlier in the month. We can talk to you on Med 9 and will be moving EMS Comms in that room as well. This is phase one of the Operations Center.</p> <p>Pegasus – No report.</p> | |
| Unfinished Business: | <p>a. Legislative Updates – Thank you all who attended the June 29th meeting. Ron Passmore is not ready to share updated draft regulations yet. These will be shared at a future meeting.</p> <p>b. Medevac Resource Guide – The Resource Guide is really in need of an update. Tim will be sending out a template to the committee.</p> <p>The above items a. and b. were reported by Victoria via Tim.</p> <p>The committee discussed the vacant positions on the committee: Non-Trauma Designated Hospital (Contact Bon Secours representative) Level III Designated Trauma Center Emergency Communications Center (Communications Committee)</p> | |
| New Business: | None. | |
| Public Comment: | None. | |
| Adjournment: | <p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:57 a.m.</p> <p>The November meeting will not be held in conjunction with symposium. Date and time to be determined.</p> | 2021 Meeting Dates: November TBD |