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**Air Medical Committee**

January 17, 2017: 11:00am to 12:00pm  
 Chair: Greg Jones, Med-Flight I  
 Vice-Chair: Jay Lovelady, VCU LifEvac

**Members and guests present:** Greg Jones, Jay Lovelady, Al Thompson, Ken Smith, Marc Brade, Jane LaVerne, Justin Yarboro, Jeff Ferguson, Gary Samuels, Heather Davis

**Conference Line:** Shawn Rivard, Allan Belcher, Jeff McPhearson

**ODEMSA Staff:** Heidi Hooker, Megan Young

**Minutes scribed by:** Megan Young

**Materials provided:** Meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, reference binder

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Greg Jones called the meeting to order at 11:06am. The committee took a moment of silence for fallen air medical personnel. Introductions were made, and it was determined there was a quorum. The October meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Allan Belcher to approve the October meeting Minutes and January Agenda <b>Seconded by:</b> Marc Brade <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved
<b>Reports:</b>  John Randolph  Bon Secours	Justin Yarboro – He stated that they are still working on the free-standing at Puddleduck road and it should be open at the end of May. He also stated John Randolph has replaced the lights on their helipad.  Al Thompson – He stated that many EMS providers have been calling the wrong ER numbers for St. Mary’s. The numbers are as follows: Adult ER – (804) 287-7112 and	



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	<p>PEDs ER – (804) 281-8528. Bon Secours is hosting their EMS Expo in Henrico on March 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and are expecting to hit the max of 600 students, registration will be opening up next week sometime.</p>	
Centra Southside Community Hospital	<p>Allan Belcher – The hospital in Farmville is looking at the parking spaces that surround their helipad, the pilots have voiced concerns that they are too close. The hospital has come to an agreement to remove those spaces to increase safety. There is now a call center at the Farmville hospital to help with multiple helicopters flying in. The number is 434-200-3132, they keep tabs on the number of aircraft that come in. It was asked if the pilot would have to call the call center personally as well as calling the hospital but Allan stated to just call the call center.</p>	
HCA	<p>Gary Samuels – While building the new free standing ER at Puddleduck the contractors are using a drone for thirty minutes a day to do TOPOs and the communication between the contractors and the hospitals has been great. They have been able to coordinate the drone if any aircraft are in the area. He stated he would keep the committee informed.</p>	
VCU LifeEvac	<p>Jay Lovelady – He stated CMH will be opening their new hospital in November of this year and once their helipad is completed a visit from Jay and Greg will be arranged to view it in early February. There is a construction project at VCU that is starting in March or April that will impact their helipad on the downtown building. A bridge/walkway is being built from the main hospital to CCH including another elevator that will lead to the main roof. It will about two to three months of construction.</p>	
Chippenham	<p>Ken Smith – He stated there has been some continuing issues with the Med 7 channel and it is being worked on. Johnston Willis has opened their helipad and received one aircraft on Christmas day. A training program was put together on the helipad and both crews from Med-Flight and LifeEvac came out to view the area and gave some suggestions. Some more trees will be cut down to bring back the tree line and they will install another wind sock on the main building and flood lights on the helipad.</p>	



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VCU	Jane LaVerne - They are co-sponsoring a CEU weekend in South Boston along with ODEMSA on January 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> . The monthly CEU dinner is being held at RAA on January 24 <sup>th</sup> and will be on chronic kidney disease.	
Crater EMS Sub-Council	Marc Brade – Hopewell had a fly out from an MVC that depleted their resources. Three pediatric patients and two adults were involved with this extrication where one was flown. He stated there was a new dispatcher that was unaware of how to patch command into the LZ to communicate to the aircraft. He stated that the issues have been corrected and Greg stated the flight crews have no problem participating in an after-action report. He also stated Hopewell is putting two new engines into service and is getting ready to have an EMT-B to Intermediate program which will make their department all ALS. In December, there was an active shooter class in Hopewell that over 300 people attended from the surrounding areas in Virginia.	
Med-Flight 1	Shawn Rivard – He stated Shannon Cooper RN, the new hire, is doing well with her perception and should be on her own in a few months. Greg Jones – He stated Med-Flight went down to Sussex county a few days ago and in a joint service between Sussex County Emergency Services and Waste Management, they have put in a pre-determined helipad in the back behind the silos toward the landfill.	
CHS	Jeff McPhearson – He stated their difficult airway class went well and had strong attendance and hopes to put out more training.	
ODEMSA	Megan Young – The Regional Awards ceremony and Picnic has been moved to May 20 <sup>th</sup> a few days before EMS Week. This hopefully will help with attendance and interest. She advised everyone to please start thinking of nominees for the awards. The nation’s first new National Registry Paramedic Test will be on January 21 <sup>st</sup> by ODEMSA and held at Chesterfield. The ODEMSA held Boot Camp class is going well and has received a lot of good reviews from the participants, she advised there is still space available if anyone wants to join. We are holding two hybrid online EMT classes right now, one at Bensley-Bermuda and the other at Halifax. ODEMSA schedules the clinicals for the EMS students in the region and has moved systems from FISDAP to the	



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	site Platinum Planner. Heidi also wanted to remind everyone that they do have a CISM team that is easily activated by calling ODEMSA or going to the website.	
<b>Old Business:</b>		
State MedEvac Report	The big issue at the State level now is the land-to-drone campaign. This has not been as much of an issue for the ODEMSA region. At the federal level, anyone who purchases a drone must fill out a license which has a training requirement that goes along with it. At the state level, a delegate has put in a request to look at and study the MedEvac program in the Commonwealth again. They are focusing on billing practices, response, and protocols. Greg stated he anticipates some workgroup sessions to answer any questions that are put to us.	
Committee Make-Up	Greg requested the committee consider Jay Lovelady as the Vice-Chair to help him with committee work load and to chair the meetings if he could not attend.	<b>Motion by:</b> Al Thompson to elect Jay Lovelady as Vice-Chair <b>Seconded by:</b> Marc Brade <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved
<b>New Business:</b>		
End User Participation	Greg stated that the EMS participation in this committee is lacking and he is looking for ways to bring this committee to the end user. He plans on attending the district meetings twice a year, once in April and in October to address any issues or receive any feedback pertinent to this committee and to encourage their participation in this committee. Al Thompson brought up that attending the VAVRS meetings would a good idea to get feedback from EMS.	
Work Product Document	Greg brought up creating and using a work product, a document that would address emergency room transfers from the community based hospitals. He stated that the STEMI data that was collected and talked about in the last meeting showed that skid-to-skid times running inner facility transfers were increased compared to 911 scene times.	



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	He stated he will work with Jay and Jeff Ferguson to come up with some realistic goals and a work product that can be put out to the ERs that will minimize the skid-to-skid times.  There was no further business from the floor.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 20 at 11:00am	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:09pm.	