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**Air Medical Committee**

January 21, 2016, 11:00am to 12:00pm  
Chair: Greg Jones, Med-Flight I

**Members and guests present:** Greg Jones, Shawn Rivard, Al Thompson, Jeff McPhearson, Marc Brade, John Sayers, Brad Taylor, Heather Davis, Jeff Ferguson

**Conference Line:** Kathi Manis, Lanny Jones, Devon Clary

**ODEMSA Staff:** Rachel Dillon

**Minutes scribed by:** Rachel Dillon

**Materials provided:** Meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, draft letter, draft drone safety poster

<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 that we had a quorum.	
<b>Reports:</b>  HCA          Bon Secours          CHS	Brad Taylor – Johnston-Willis is putting the new helipad in soon, date TBD. We are holding an EMS appreciation event tonight at Capital Ale House. There will be a CE dinner next Tuesday at 6pm at Chippenham on trauma and drug overdoses. Heather Davis – Chippenham received its official verification as a Level II Trauma Center this past Monday.  Al Thompson – The EMS Expo is March 5-6; registration should be opening next week. We will be adding an anatomy and skills lab this year.  Jeff McPhearson – My role has expanded and I am now involved with SRMC, SVRMC,	



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<p>Southside Community</p>	<p>and Franklin. Dr. Shaw is going to be the OMD for Emporia and Franklin. Emporia is going for Chest Pain accreditation, diagnostic only.</p> <p>Kathi Manis – No report, but does have a question for new business.</p>	
<p>VCU</p>	<p>Lanny Jones – During the second week of February, Fort Bragg will be doing maneuvers and holding some training up at Fort Pickett, and will come down to tour VCU.</p>	
<p>Chesterfield Fire &amp; EMS</p>	<p>John Sayers – We graduated a recruit school in December and started a new one this week. Chesterfield has begun to participate in the CARES registry in cooperation with Emory University and the CDC. Richard Ettinger is the interim Chief of Operations.</p>	
<p>VSP Med-Flight I</p>	<p>Shawn Rivard – Med-Flight I has a new pilot that will be starting in the next couple of months. We have one more helicopter that will be getting maintenance soon. All of our VCU nurses are hired and signed off to fly on their own. Just to clarify any confusion: Chesterfield provides three full time flight paramedics, plus one chief flight paramedic. VCU Health has provided four full time flight nurses, plus a chief flight nurse, and our OMD is Jeff Ferguson.</p>	
<p>Hopewell Fire</p>	<p>Marc Brade – We have just mandated all Hopewell Fire personnel to take PHTLS. Shortly after doing so, we had a serious trauma patient flown out, and we think it went well.</p>	
<p>LifeEvac</p>	<p>Devon Clary – We are working on helicopter safety training as part of our outreach. We also have a couple of pilot transitions right now.</p>	
<p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>Rachel Dillon – A reminder that the RSAF Grant Cycle will be opening on February 1.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p>	<p>Statewide STEMI Project Update – Greg updates the group on Project Synergy from the state Medevac committee. They are trying to collect data on a monthly basis, rather than a quarterly basis to help facilitate data interpretation. Some of the benchmarks</p>	



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	<p>being measured, but not necessarily accurately, are the time of first medical contact for the patient by a ground agency, what ground agency was dispatched to the patient, and when the ground agency did a 12-lead.</p> <p>Letter to regional radio group – Jay Lovelady has previously suggested reaching out to the regional radio group to request inclusion from the air medical community. Greg notes that he and Jay met last week with Rick Troshak, who chairs the radio committee. We are asking for inclusion, but not necessarily a seat at the table. He recommended putting forth a letter explaining who we are, and he would champion it for the committee. We have drafted a letter and would submit it on ODEMSA letterhead, signed by the Executive Director. The group reviews the letter, and unanimously approves it. Rachel will now take this letter to the ODEMSA Board of Directors for final approval before it is sent to the radio committee.</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Al Thompson  <b>Seconded by:</b> Marc Brade  <b>Vote:</b> Radio group letter approved</p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>Public Safety Awareness Regarding the Use of Drones – Devon explains that the state Medevac committee has developed a workgroup on the increase use of drones and the number of close calls in the air space. There have been significant concerns by the air medical community on how to address it. They are working to identify drone enthusiast groups and trying to develop relationships with them to help them understand what safety issues are involved. The workgroup developed a handout to help increase the safety of the air medical community, which could be taken back to programs or regional councils and add on to it. Greg has adjusted it a little bit to make it more visually appealing. The target audience is not only going to be Fire, EMS, and law enforcement, but also the ECCs, hobby shops, and radio-controlled flying clubs. The group reviews the post, and suggests the possibility of adding a QR code to link it to the FAA website or state guidelines.</p> <p>Brad notes that his cardiologist have been requesting the original crew’s 12-lead. The group discusses the difficulties in obtaining an original 12-lead, and then getting it included into the patient’s chart. The most successful technique seems to be getting a copy of the 12-lead on an 8.5”x11” piece of paper.</p> <p>Kathi Manis notes that Centra has concerns with more than one helicopter trying to land</p>	



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	<p>at the same time, and that they are not sure how to communicate with both agencies when this happens. Greg notes that the helipad at Southside Community belongs to Centra, so it's up to the hospital to make the protocols and plans for helipad safety. Greg, VCU, and Chippenham offer to help Allan Belcher with Centra get some more defined safety plans in place.</p> <p>There is no further business from the floor.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 21, 2016 at 11:00am	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:03pm.	