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Air Medical Committee

October 19, 2017: 11:00am to 12:00pm
Chair: Greg Jones, Med-Flight I
Vice-Chair: Jay Lovelady, VCU LifeEvac

Members and guests present: Greg Jones, Jay Lovelady, Kate Challis, Brad Taylor, Greg Neiman, Justin Yarboro

Conference Line: Al Thompson, Allan Belcher, Jeff McPhearson, Harinder Dhindsa, Gary Samuels

ODEMSA Staff: Jordan Rennie, Megan Young

Minutes scribed by: Jordan Rennie

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

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Greg Jones called meeting to order at 1104 am. A moment of silence was taken by all for fallen comrades. Introductions were made. Jordan Rennie was introduced as the new Program Coordinator for ODEMSA. A quorum was determined to be present. Meeting minutes from July were reviewed and approved.	Motion by: Greg Jones Seconded by: Justin Yarboro Vote: Minutes from July approved
Reports: <u>Hospitals</u> Tri-Cities	Justin Yarboro reported that Tri-Cities has received all their landing strobes for the landing pad yesterday. Justin reported that Prince George County is going to work with their police department citing that police can sometimes arrive before the fire department to set up an LZ.	



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John Randolph	<p>Justin Yarboro reported that the hospital is in the process of trying to figure out a solution to the current helipad. Justin reported that they are either going to replace the current helipad or make a new one somewhere else. Jay Lovelady expressed that he was glad for the changes to Tri-Cities and was looking forward to the improvement at JRMCC. Jay stated that it is becoming a common occurrence that crews are reporting some type of instability. Jay asked if there was some timeline for when changes might be made at JRMCC. Justin reported not at this time. Jay expressed that what they want to avoid is responding to the helipad one day and it being determined that it is too unsafe to land. Kate Challis reported that the current thought she had heard as most feasible was erecting a helipad that is slightly elevated by 2-4 feet above the ground. She stated that, long-term, the hope is to place a helipad on the roof. Jay stated they appreciate anything the hospitals can do to keep the air medical community in the loop.</p>	
Chippenham	<p>Brad Taylor reported that Chippenham had their ACS level II visit which resulted in no deficiencies. He also reported that they were re-certified as a Primary Stroke Center. Brad reported a recent stroke victim that had a Door to Needle time of 39 minutes which is awesome. They have a goal of 45 minutes for this which is 15 minutes below the national standard. Construction is upcoming where some of the MOB's will be demolished. This will cause the current entrance to the ER to be closed. EMS crews from the ground will be directed to a temporary covered entrance. Additional construction will include new rooms for the pediatric ER, new trauma rooms, and updated furniture and equipment. This will occur over 2 to 2 1/2 years.</p>	
Johnston-Willis	<p>Brad reported that they were also re-certified as a level III and Primary Stroke Center. They have a CE dinner offering operations hours coming up on October 24th. He also stated they will not be having a CE dinner in December.</p>	
Bon Secours	<p>Al Thompson thanked everyone for coming to the First Responders Dinner. Reported that they had a cadaver lab as well with a great turn out at around 145 people. World Stroke Day is October 29th.</p>	



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Southside Regional Medical Center	Jeff McPhearson reported that they are working on a standalone ED in colonial heights opening up the second quarter of 2018. SRMC has been recertified as a Chest Pain Center and has had cath lab reaccreditation. SRMC is partnering with Fort Lee Fire and Rescue to offer a PECC course in February 2018.	
Centra	Allen Belcher had reported that during a recent request for air services a crew was landing but entered into a “brown out” where loose dirt got kicked up and blinded the crew. They were able to land. However, Allan wanted to remind ground crews that if they’ve requested air medical services in an area that is dry, to please put some water down if possible to help with those situations.	
VCU	Jay Lovelady stated that there is a new helipad elevator is open and available. LifeEvac has added a second helicopter that is identical to the first. Jay also welcomed Greg Neiman to his new role as EMS coordinator for VCU.	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Chesterfield Fire and EMS	Greg Jones had nothing to report.	
<u>ODEMSA</u>		
	Megan Young announced that she has officially taken over the Training Director position from Adam Alford. Adam remains on staff for the time being in an advisory role. Megan introduced Jordan Rennie as the new Program Coordinator for ODEMSA. Megan stated that Jordan has taken over all the responsibilities and is doing very well. Greg Jones thanked Megan for all she did in the Program Coordinator position saying she did an amazing job.	
	Megan stated that the new Regional Training Funds Process has been implemented and is going really well. We have had around 50 submissions.	
	ODEMSA is hoping to combine the part time role of Special Projects Coordinator with a newly funded part time position of Training Funds Coordinator. This would allow for an additional full time member of ODEMSA that would oversee the training funds program and other outreach programs that were overseen by the Special Projects Coordinator.	



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	<p>The 2017 ODEMSA protocols are finished and will hopefully be pushed out after November 1st. The protocols will also have some last minute changes including the addition of Zofran ODT and the removal of the epinephrine 30 ml vial. This vial will be replaced by two more ampules of 1mg/1ml to bring the total of epi ampules to four. The order form for the new protocol books will be out soon.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <p><u>State Medevac Reports</u></p>	<p>Jay Lovelady reported that House Bill 1728 workgroup is done with their report and that should be out soon after it is finalized. State Medevac Committee is going through some leadership changes with a new chair. They are adding a new member as well from the State Communications Committee.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p><u>Regional Air Medical Guidelines</u></p>	<p>Concerns were brought up by Brad Taylor that the schematic in the plan were different from the CDC guidelines that MedFlight follows. Greg Jones stated that MedFlight is simply following the guidelines accepted by their medical director. Jay Lovelady brought up that the guidelines were there as simply that, guidelines. In particular, he sees the schematic as a guideline for ground providers and air providers in making a decisions. Greg Jones stated that the committee should pass the plan as it stands with changes from the last meeting. Greg asked for a motion. Kate Challis voted "no" citing that if three air agencies don't use the schematic then we should change that. Greg agreed that the plan could always have improvements but in lieu of waiting until next meeting it would be a better benefit to approve and allow EMS agencies a document to reference.</p>	<p>Motion by: Jeff Mcphearson Seconded by: Jay Lovelady Vote: Approved with changes to be discussed next meeting.</p>



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<u>Performance Improvement Representatives</u>	Greg Jones stated that he and Jay will flip flop but will be the representatives for PI.	
<u>Business from the floor</u>	No business from the floor.	
Next Meeting	January 18 th , 2018 11:00am	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm	