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Air Medical Committee

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

Members and guests present: Greg Jones, Al Thompson, Jeff McPhearson, Marc Brade, John Sayers, Brad Taylor, Heather Davis, Jeff Ferguson, Jay Lovelady, Ken Smith, Dempsey Whitt, Courtney Rapp, Katie Rodman

Conference Line: Lisa Baber, Lanny Jones, Shawn Rivard, Allen Belcher

ODEMSA Staff: Heidi Hooker, Damien Coy, Adam Alford

Minutes scribed by: Heidi M. Hooker

Materials provided: Meeting agenda, previous meeting minutes, draft letter

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Greg Jones called the meeting to order at 11:07am. The committee took a moment of silence for fallen air medical personnel. Introductions were made, and it was determined there was a quorum. The January meeting Minutes were approved after a name correction.	
Reports: CHS VCU	Jeff McPhearson – Announced CHS, will again, welcome EMS providers to enjoy an evening at Swaders Sports Park, for EMS week, on May 18, from 5pm-8:30pm. A helicopter will be at the park for display. There is a TECC course planned at Fort Lee on June 17-18. Contact Jeff if you would like to attend. Lanny Jones – Noted there was some confusion a few weeks ago between construction crews working on their helipad and medevac crews. It caused a short delay in one landing. The issue has been resolved. He said VCU has plans to host meals, both dinner and lunch, as well as giveaways for the upcoming EMS week. He asked	



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HCA	<p>committee members to encourage their crews to partake.</p> <p>Brad Taylor – Announced Chippenham is preparing for their Trauma ACS Consultative Visit July 18-19. They have hired a new Critical Care Trauma Director, who will start in July. They are going to start giving agencies 100% feedback on all alerted trauma patients. A CEU dinner is planned for April 26, that will cover sepsis and aneurism repair. Johnston Willis has a new Trauma Manager. He said Johnston-Willis is moving forward with their helipad, with an anticipated completion date of June. He provided a map of the pad location that was emailed to committee members prior to the meeting. Ken Smith announced all personnel, approaching the pad, will have a safety course that was developed with assistance from both LifeEvac and Med-Flight. Brad said Chippenham will host activities on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during EMS Week. Johnston-Willis will host activities on Tuesday and Thursday that week.</p>	
Bon Secours	<p>Al Thompson – The EMS Expo was held March 5-6; 581 people registered. He said the event was a success. 145 people participated in the cadaver lab with positive feedback. Bon Secours will begin EMS Week activities on Saturday the 14th, at Watkins Center with a Public Safety Day, Med-Flight will be on site. Al distributed a flyer with additional activities throughout the week at the various Bon Secours hospitals. He announced Community Memorial was re-accredited for stroke accreditation. St. Mary's has a tentative approval for their comprehensive stroke accreditation. St. Mary's underwent an AMI-Heart Failure re-accreditation process recently.</p>	
Southside Community	<p>Allen Belcher – Allen was introduced to the committee. He is stationed in Lynchburg, but coordinates the air and ground transport for the Centra system both in Lynchburg and Farmville. Allen said Centra was celebrating the one year anniversary of their call center. Allen is Co-Director for the center. He was not able to attend, in person, because they were having an open house. He did not have a report, but said he looks forward to future participation.</p>	
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	<p>John Sayers – Announced Chesterfield has retired their 2013 protocols and have now fully implemented their 2015 guidelines. In compliance with their new protocols they've</p>	



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	<p>removed cold saline and have ceased intra-arrest cooling. He thanked HCA for allowing Chesterfield to participate in the Neuroscience Symposium. John said he participates on the Opiate and Heroin Prevention Task Force in Central Virginia. He said on April 27th at 1:30pm the Chief of Police from Gloucester, MA will be presenting at the old Clover Hill High School. He has a successful drug prevention program. John said you do have to register for the lecture, and that he would provide the registration link for anyone that would like.</p>	
<p>Richmond Ambulance</p>	<p>Dempsey Whitt – Thanked Med-Flight for their assistance with a recent Belle Island patient evacuation. He informed the committee the city is using an app called PulsePoint. PulsePoint is a mobile phone application that allows users to view and receive alerts on calls being responded to by Ems agencies. The goal is to increase the possibility that a victim in cardiac arrest will receive CPR quickly. The app uses the current location of a user and will alert them if someone in their vicinity is in need of CPR.</p>	
<p>Hopewell Fire</p>	<p>Marc Brade – Announced Hopewell implemented their new radio system. He said it does not affect communication with the air medical services. The ability to patch helicopters into their tactical channels exists. He has narrowed the dedicated landing zones in Hopewell to four.</p>	
<p>VSP Med-Flight I</p>	<p>Shawn Rivard – Reported they have one more 407 scheduled for refurb that should occur in October. They are busy preparing for a busy summer. Greg Jones added by saying typically the VaEOC has a representative on the Air Medical Committee. Because they are restructuring, they do not have a person assigned to the committee currently. Once the Watch Center Supervisor position is filled they will, again, participate in both the ODEMSA and State Air Medical Committees. Greg and Jay Lovelady have begun quarterly meetings with the EOC staff. Greg stressed the importance of their participation as they are the link between the ground agencies and needed medivac services.</p>	



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	intention of only offering subject matter expertise.	
New Business:	<p>Ken Smith – Discussed an incident with a helicopter landing, there were cars parked in an area around the helipad that prevented it from landing safely. To prevent this from occurring again, cones have been placed to prevent parking and security has increased their patrols of the area. Ken also informed the committee of a challenge they face with the new helipad and the pilot triggered light system. The committee recommended, until the issues with the equipment can be resolved the lights remain on at all times.</p> <p>Greg Jones – Noted he was the Vice-Chair when Cam resigned, and became Chair upon her departure. He said, at the moment, the committee is without a Vice-Chair. Greg said he is going to reach out to individuals to see if anyone has an interest in that position. He reminded the committee that traditionally the Chair has been a customer.</p> <p>Greg also expressed a desire to have more users participate on the committee. He said the hospital participation has been good and welcomed. He wants to get the customers more involved.</p> <p>Ken Smith – Announced June 27-28 there will be a Medical Response to Terrorist Bombings Course –sponsored by TEEX. The course will be free to attend. If interested contact Ken. He also announced an Advanced Burn Life Support Course June 10th that has several MedFlight medics enrolled. He can reserve seats for LifeEvac medics at a November 4th course.</p> <p>There was no further business from the floor.</p>	
Next Meeting	July 21, 2016 at 11:00am	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 11:55pm.	