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**Air Medical Committee**

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

**Members and guests present:** Greg Jones, Shawn Rivard, Al Thompson, Gary Samuals, Louis Seay, Brad Taylor

**Conference Line:** Jeff McPhearson, Lanny Jones

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

**Minutes scribed by:** Megan Young

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

<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 11:07am. The committee took a moment of silence for fallen air medical personnel. Introductions were made, and it was determined there was a quorum. The April meeting Minutes were approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Greg Jones to approve the April meeting Minutes and August Agenda <b>Seconded by:</b> Shawn Rivard <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved
<b>Reports:</b>  HCA  CJW	Gary Samuals – Henrico Doctors Forest was certified as a Level II Trauma Center on August 12, 2016, Gary invited the members of the Committee to get in contact with him and he would show their trauma processes.  Brad Taylor – The helipad at Johnston-Willis was close to getting approved when a citizen near the hospital complained about increased air traffic. It has been completed up to what is allowed and when it is approved should only need about ten days to finish. There will be a CEU dinner on August 23, 2016 at Chippenham covering psyche topics.	



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<p>Bon Secours</p> <p>VCU LifeEvac</p> <p>Medflight</p> <p>Southside</p> <p>VCU</p> <p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>He stated there will be a new COO and CEO announcement soon for Chippenham.</p> <p>Al Thompson – St. Mary’s has been certified as a comprehensive stroke center and their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is September 10, 2016.</p> <p>Louis Seay – Louis stated that LifeEvac is currently filling some positions at LifeEvac Two and Three.</p> <p>Shawn Rivard – Medflight is working with VCU to hire a fifth full-time nurse dedicated to Medflight 1. They thanked King William County for coming to their aid during a foggy night. KW helped land them within five minutes of the call and had an ambulance ready to transport their patient to VCU.</p> <p>Jeff McPhearson – There has been an increase in STEMI transports from their South Hampton facility. Ft. Lee is having a mock MCI drill on August 23, 2016, the mock patients may come into the area hospitals.</p> <p>Lanny Jones – VCU is moving forward with the project to access the second elevator in the critical care tower to help if the main elevator is out of service.</p> <p>Megan Young – The Regional Awards and Family Fun Day had a good turnout and she thanked everyone that came out. The ODEMSA Regional Council accreditation process went well and should have no problems.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Statewide STEMI Project Update and Data Analysis</p>	<p>A PowerPoint report was presented showing a year’s STEMI data analysis. It was decided that the biggest items that this Committee could work on was getting EMS agencies participation in the Committee and to help reduce interfacility transport time on scene. Greg asked for ideas on what could improve this time. A couple things were brought up such as disconnecting all non-essential drips and having paperwork ready to go. It was noted that community based hospitals such as Farmville have had good times in packaging patients for air transport. It was also talked about standardizing a form for air medical transport.</p>	



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<p>Letter to Regional Radio Group</p>	<p>The letter to the Capital Region Communications Steering Committee was approved by the ODEMSA Board of Directors and Megan will mail it out.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Committee Makeup and Structure</p> <p>Air Medical Signatures</p> <p>New Trauma Registry Requirements</p> <p>Longwood University Debate</p> <p>Out of State MedEvac Programs</p>	<p>Since Cam Crittenden had stepped down as Chair and Greg Jones moved into that position from Vice Chair there has been no Vice Chair or Member at Large. Greg Jones stated he would be reaching out to members from the committee for nominations.</p> <p>In May of this year a ground crew gave fentanyl to a patient who was then flown out to VCU. The crew then went to St. Francis to exchange their drug box and the MD refused to sign the EMS report so they drove to VCU. This created a problem with staffing in their county as multiple calls went out. It was noted that the problem of MDs refusing to sign reports on patients not brought to their hospital was discussed in the Pharmacy Committee meeting. It was talked about if the MD refuses to sign, the ground crew will still go to the pharmacy, and the pharmacist will make a courtesy call to the receiving facilities pharmacy . Another point was brought up on making sure that the flight crew is documenting all the medications given by the ground medics.</p> <p>Air Medical companies have been getting phone calls from the Trauma Registry asking for the call sheet from the ground crew on a patient that was airlifted out. They are now being required to get a physical copy of the call sheet from the ground crew. This sheet has been known as an “orphan call sheet” since it does not follow the patient to the hospital. It is being looked at by the State Level to find a way in the Elite system that the ground crew can assign that call sheet to the hospital the patient is airlifted too.</p> <p>Greg Jones stated that the airspace will be handled by the FAA and the Secret Service. Kathy Manis and Allen Belcher will be the point of contact, and during the event there will probably be restricted airspace.</p> <p>The pick list on Imagetrend Fieldbridge does not have out of state MedEvac systems. Middlesex in particular has been using Maryland State Police as a second or a third option for air transport. If a MedEvac service is coming into Virginia often for patients then they would need to be licensed although this does not seem to be the case with</p>	



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	<p>the Maryland State Police. They are covered under the mutual aid agreements. In Imagetrend only licensed Air Medical Systems are available, most people have been choosing other and typing in what agency they used. In Elite there will be an option for the Agency to customize their pick list on who routinely services their area and it will be up to the locality.</p> <p>There was no further business from the floor.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 20, 2016 at 11:00am	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 11:48pm.	