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Hospital Diversion Committee

January 27, 2017: 01:00 pm to 03:00pm

Chair: Mr. John F. Duval, VCU

Members and Guests Present: Cynthia Gumm, Kelly Grindstaff, Robin Manke, Chip Decker, Roger Warden, Al Thompson, Mike Harmon, Gray Corbett, Bryan McRay, Christopher Lindsey, Andrew Slater, Erin Nowlin, Justin Yarboro, Brad Taylor, Adam Alford, Pete Svoboda, Kevin Sheppard, Zachary McCluskey

Conference Line: Brian Epperson, Allen Yee, Gary Samuels

ODEMSA Staff: Heidi M. Hooker, Megan Young, Adam Alford

Minutes Scribed by: Megan Young

Materials provided: Previous meeting Minutes, meeting Agenda, Reference Binder

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Robin Manke called the meeting to order at 12:06pm. Introductions were made, and it was determined there was a quorum. The October meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion by: Cynthia Gumm to approve the October meeting Minutes and January Agenda Seconded by: Gray Corbett Vote: Unanimously approved
Reports: HCA	Kelly Grindstaff – HCA has received money for a 23-million-dollar expansion project for the ER, construction to start around the third quarter. A total of 69 beds, the pediatric ER will be moved to the front and expanded to fourteen beds. They are looking over the plans now and it will be about a 18 month project.	



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John Randolph	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.	
CJW	Brad Taylor – No report.	
ODEMSA	Megan Young - The Regional Awards ceremony and Picnic has been moved to May 20 th , 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.	
Southside EMS Sub-Council	Roger Warden - He stated the Hospital is continuing to build, they should be taking over the first floor and grounds in July. They are on target and on time, move in date is scheduled for November 11 th , 2017.	
SRMC	Pete Svoboda – He stated they are having an issue with what has been traditionally known as surge as opposed to crowding and having that discussion while attempting to write up a plan.	
Bon Secours	Mike Harmon - Bon Secours is hosting their Central Virginia EMS Expo in Henrico on March 4 th - 5 th and are expecting to hit the max of 600 students, registration will be opening up, hopefully, in the next couple of days. Cynthia Gumm – She stated that they have completed the construction plans at St. Mary’s for the Short Pump free standing ER and the ground is broken and expected completion date will be sometime in 2018. This free standing will fall under the umbrella of St. Mary’s.	
HCA	Christopher Lindsey – Henrico Doctors has noticed an increase in their acuity in the type of patients that come into their trauma center as well as the expanded area from which they are coming. Later this spring they will be opening up a behavioral health unit in Retreat and that will be changing some procedures from an EMS perspective.	
RAA	Brian McRay – He congratulated Robin Manke on her recent Governors Award given at the VA State EMS Symposium for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a Nurse. Chip Decker – He stated that the past Thursday was the busiest day ever with 247 calls. Heroin and opioid overdoses have been their biggest issues and as such RAA has been	



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<p>Chesterfield Fire</p> <p>Sentara Halifax Regional</p> <p>VCU</p>	<p>attending and sending information to different overdose task forces. He stated the drugs in the area have been getting more potent and the one dose of narcan isn't working anymore. They are looking at how many times is RAA is attending someone with narcan until that patient ends in the MEs office. He stated that if they are seeing the same patient multiple times, could this person be recommended to a rehab program? One of the other discussions being had is whether or not they will be able to make an impact on the current adult population or should the focus be more on the kids.</p> <p>Allen Yee – Chesterfield Fire has also seen an increase in their incidents of overdose patients.</p> <p>Brian Epperson – No report.</p> <p>Robin Manke – VCU is attempting to decrease their diversion hours, they have put some different mechanisms and different processes in place to allow for a better process to be used. There is some construction that is getting ready to start on site.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Diversion Data Sharing</p>	<p>Andrew Slater stated that as part of the coalitions MOU that each of the hospitals have signed, this past budget period they included a provision that allowed the facilities to opt in to a diversion sharing program. That would allow for the previous year to be seen by members of the coalition and there was also an option to not participate in the program and only 2 of the hospitals out of the region chose that. It will be updated again in July.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p>Chair Candidate Introduction</p>	<p>Kevin Sheppard – He stated he has been with Bon Secours for thirteen years in a number of different positions. He moved into a new role about a year ago, Vice President of Integrations. The position is responsible for setting up a clinically integrated network of both Richmond and the Hampton Roads market responsible for Medicare ACO, MCFP organization in both areas. Both of those regions are looking at how they connect with physicians, drive down costs, and how to improve quality, how they get patients to the right place. He stated he also has the responsibility of their critical care transport units and on December 1st he assumed responsibility for the Home Care</p>	



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<p>Diversion Chair Nomination</p>	<p>Hospice program in Richmond. Prior to this job he was the interim CEO at St. Francis for seven months and VP of ambulatory services. He also helped open the first free standing in the area, Watkins.</p> <p>Zack McCluskey – He stated he is the CEO of Johnston Willis Hospital for the last six weeks. He started in the EMS community about 20 years ago as a volunteer EMT/FF in Hanover County. He worked at Lifeline through college and then trained as a critical care paramedic at VCU while going through nursing school. He worked as a nurse at MCV in all the emergency rooms and ICUs, adult and pediatric as well as on the transport team. He then went through VCUs health administrative program and got hooked into the HCA system.</p> <p>The nominating committee recommended Zack McCluskey as chair of Diversion Committee. No other names were put in off the floor and the committee accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There was no further business from the floor.</p>	<p>Motion by: Robin Manke to make Zack McCluskey chair Seconded by: Chip Decker Vote: Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>April 28, 2017 at 12:00pm</p>	
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.</p>	