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**Performance Improvement Committee  
PI Meeting**

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 09:00am to 11:00am  
Chair: Mike Watkins, Goochland Fire  
Vice-Chair: Kelley Rumsey, VCU

**Members and Guests Present:** N/A

**Conference Line:** Travis Jenkins, Tom Ludin, David Seay, Adam Alford, Greg Neiman, Al Thompson, Mike Watkins, Kelley Rumsey, Kate Schulz, Randy Geldreich, Rachel Dillon, Jordan Rennie, Allen Yee, DJ Johnston, Beth Broering, Jay Lovelady, Jay Gould

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tarsha Robinson, Ryan Scarbrough, Lynette Eanes

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

**Materials provided:** Previous meeting minutes, agenda, reports

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Mike Watkins called meeting to order at 0902. Quorum not present until 0915. Meeting was a workgroup until quorum present.	<b>Motion by:</b> Al Thompson to approve meeting minutes and agenda <b>Seconded by:</b> Tom Ludin <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved
<b>Reports:</b>  New Kent  RAA	Nothing to report  Interfacility transports are fairly robust; terbutaline has been removed from their outside boxes, but are bringing back other respiratory adjuncts (i.e. nebs)	



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Chesterfield	Volume almost back to normal; noticed an increase in cardiac arrest calls in all etiology categories, but specifically suicides, OD's and DOA's	
Hanover	Call volume for cocaine use, suicides, and OD's are "way up"	
Goochland	Call volume is going back up; large volume of calls from Sheltering Arms; increase in suicides/OD's	
HCA	Volume is returning; acuity still slightly higher than normal; a new 2-tier stroke alert has been implemented-there is no change to the pre-hospital provider except maybe some additional questions to help the facility decide what tier the patient will be activated at	
Bon Secours	Volume is increasing	
VCU/CHoR	Working on upgrading CT scanner in New Kent so that it will allow them to accept stroke alert patients; have seen a few older pediatric patients test positive for COVID; there has been a noticeable uptick in GSW's; data shows they have seen as many GSW's since March 1 <sup>st</sup> (March 2020-now) as they did in the 2019 calendar year	
CVHC	ICU utilization has been high, especially in southern part of the region; COVID positivity rate has plateaued; Southside Community and Halifax Regional are at full capacity	
ODEMSA	There is a small stash of PPE still available for agencies who need some; please contact any staff member for further assistance	
Medical Direction Committee	Going to Ketamine and Terbutaline October 1 <sup>st</sup> for non-opioid pain management, and will be done as a rolling exchange (when a box comes in to be exchanged after use, it will be switched out); DEA is moving forward with public notice (the step prior to regulation) on changes to drug kits; there may have to be some significant changes made to the drug box exchange program	



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<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Reports</p>	<p><b>EMS System Item</b>-behavioral/cultural challenges seems to be present when steroids were discontinued for adults; providers also appeared to discontinued steroids use for pediatrics; COVID is picking up in pediatrics, but not to the extent of adults, so pediatrics can be administered steroids</p> <p><b>Trauma System</b>-try to clarify/clean up data for traumatic cardiac arrests; break arrest etiologies out by planning districts, and add blunt vs. penetrating trauma</p> <p><b>General EMS</b>-documentation of glucose levels are low; it was brought to the attention of the committee that providers might put the glucose in the narrative, but it doesn't carry over to searchable fields in ImageTrend; we need to figure out how to get providers to document required/needed data points; education for providers [may be needed] to define the difference between last known well and onset of symptoms; work with Stroke Committee to work on education; look at stroke scale documentation</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>COVID-Dr. Yee made the point "what's being done for providers who wear CPAP at night in the bunk rooms"; masks-cloth masks are considered "wearing no mask", so it can be considered an exposure to a [frontline/healthcare] worker;</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>November 6th, 2020 at 09:00am</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Travis Jenkins  <b>Seconded by:</b> Kelley Rumsey  <b>Vote:</b> Unanimously approved</p>



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