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**Stroke Committee**

January 28, 2016, 09:30am to 11:30am

Co-Chairs: Mary Morrisette, Johnston-Willis and Stacie Stevens, VCU

**Members Present:** Mary Morrisette, Stacie Stevens, Kimberly Pinna, Pat Lane, Valena Brown, Anne Fereday, Diane Herbert, Ashley Hansen, Allen Yee, Joanne Lapetina, Al Thompson, Jane LaVerne, Mike Watkins, Sherita Chapman-Smith, Chris Lindsay, John Dugan

**Conference Line:** Danny Garrison, Evelyn Dickey-White

**ODEMSA Staff:** Rachel Dillon,

**Minutes Scribed by:** Rachel Dillon

**Materials provided:** Meeting agenda, December meeting minutes, updated draft of Regional Stroke Plan

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	<p>Stacie Stevens called the meeting to order at 09:42am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum. The December meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.</p> <p>The meeting was taken out of the normal order of business to accommodate a special presentation by Dr. Sherita Chapman-Smith with VCU on prehospital stroke research in an attempt to get more patients treated within the recommended tPA window. She is looking to use teleneurology in the field, and is happy to work with any agencies that are interested in participating.</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Dr. Lapetina <b>Seconded by:</b> Diane Herbert <b>Vote:</b> December meeting minutes approved</p>
<b>Reports:</b>  VCU	Stacie Stevens – The Comprehensive Stroke and Neuro Critical Care Symposium is scheduled for May 20-21. This year, we have expanded it to include EMS and physicians. We are continuing to work on our door-to-needle time, which averages	



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<p>HCA</p>	<p>around 30 minutes, as well as our door-to-groin time for endovascular.</p> <p>Mary Morrissette – DNV will be visiting around the end of March as part of an on-site review for comprehensive. We will be holding a neuroscience symposium on February 27 at the Hilton in Short Pump. We gave 40 tPA last year, plus several patients that were transferred in.</p> <p>Diane Herbert – Our neuro symposium will be at The Place in Innsbrook on May 3rd. Our door-to-needle average was 47.5 minutes last year, and our first one this year was 34 minutes.</p> <p>Chris Lindsay – Teleneuro is live at the freestanding EDs. Carepoint has an app that can be used for teleneurology in the prehospital setting.</p> <p>Ashley Hansen – We did 5 tPAs last year, and average around 76 minutes. We are working on provider comfort level to improve our tPA times. We have done a lot of BE FAST education with EMS providers. Jessica will be leaving her position as EMS coordinator this week.</p>	
<p>Bon Secours</p>	<p>Al Thompson – The EMS Expo is March 5-6, and registration will hopefully open next week.</p> <p>Pat Lane – MRMC and RCH were recertified and we are getting ready to go to ISC with a poster presentation on drawing labs in the field in the Portsmouth area. We are also preparing to go to comprehensive at St. Mary’s Hospital. Valena Brown is the new neuro coordinator at St. Francis.</p>	
<p>CHS</p>	<p>Anne Fereday – We are expecting hospital, lab, and stroke surveys from the Joint Commission. We have done BE FAST education for the entire hospital. Emporia just got chest pain accreditation and we are now working on stroke there. Our last three tPA times were below 60 minutes, and we are looking at another teleneurology company.</p>	
<p>Hanover Fire &amp; EMS</p>	<p>Mike Watkins – We rolled out our protocol update recently, and we have questions from providers about the BE FAST scale, as well as wake up strokes. Our providers also need some clarification on neuroendovascular facilities because of our extended transport times.</p> <p>Dr. Yee notes that the International Stroke Conference next week will talk about</p>	



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<p>AHA</p> <p>McGuire VA</p> <p>VSSTF</p> <p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>bypassing primary stroke centers for comprehensive stroke centers, as well as wake up strokes.</p> <p>John Dugan – There will be two workshops in the spring: In Raleigh from April 28-29, and an additional CE event on June 9-10 in Woodridge, VA. Mission Lifeline Stroke was supposed to be launched, and now it will not be launched any time soon.</p> <p>Evelyn Dickey-White – We’ve recently had a door-to-needle time of 23 minutes.</p> <p>Stacie Stevens – The post-tPA transfer form created by ODEMSA was well-liked. It is going to be presented in April at the state Medical Direction Committee. They are moving towards making it a state-wide form that is customizable for each hospital/region.</p> <p>Mary Morrissette – Sometimes we see it being used, sometimes not, so we will continue to do education.</p> <p>Rachel Dillon – The RSAF grant cycle will open on February 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p>	<p>Regional Stroke Plan Review/Update – The group reviews the Regional Stroke Plan that has had “Comprehensive Stroke Center” added throughout, and makes the additional suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Page 3: Remove “symptom onset” from last paragraph, replace with “last known well” throughout document</li> <li>- Page 4: Change “some of these” to “some hospitals”</li> <li>- Page 6: Remove the articles cited, add DNV website and other major resources</li> <li>- Page 7: Add CSC to left and middle time sections</li> <li>- Page 8: Update to BE FAST</li> <li>- Page 9: Remove entirely</li> <li>- Page 10: Add SRMC to the cardiac surgery capabilities</li> <li>- Page 10: Refer reader back to page 3 for stroke center definitions</li> <li>- Page 10: Change last column to “comprehensive/neuroendovascular capability,” differentiate MRMC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Dr. Yee  <b>Seconded by:</b> Dr. Lapetina  <b>Vote:</b> Stroke Plan approved with changes</p>



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	<p>- Page 12: Change to “NS at ____ (recommended: same as tPA infusion rate)”          The group unanimously approves the document with above changes to send to the Board of Directors for final approval.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>	<p>Dr. Yee notes that the STEMI committee plans to invite public health officials to look at STEMI data trends at the July meeting, and recommends something similar occur at the Stroke meeting that month. It is also recommended to have a “Get With The Guidelines” presentation at the April meeting in preparation.</p> <p>Pat notes that the next meeting will be the same day as the AHA bootcamp, so several members, as well as AHA members, will not be present. Rachel will work with the chairs to reschedule the meeting.</p> <p>There is no further business from the floor.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 28, 2016 at 09:30am (likely to be rescheduled)	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.	