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**Stroke Committee**

December 3, 2015, 10:00am to 12:00pm

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

**Members Present:** Mary Morrissette, Stacie Stevens, Ashley Hansen, Wayne Harbour, Allen Yee, Thompson, Brad Taylor, Jessica Goodman, John Dugan, Amy Howard, Joanne Lapetina, Jeff Ferguson, Sara Beckam

**Conference Line:** Anne Fereday, Paula Romaine

**ODEMSA Staff:** Rachel Dillon, Damien Coy

**Minutes Scribed by:** Rachel Dillon

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

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Stacie Stevens called the meeting to order at 10:06am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum. The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Mary Morrissette <b>Seconded by:</b> Wayne Harbour <b>Vote:</b> September meeting minutes approved
<b>Reports:</b>  HCA	Brad Taylor – Johnston-Willis is getting a new helipad. We are done with CE dinners for the year. Chippenham will be getting its level II site review next week, and Swift Creek ED is expected to open in April. Mary Morrissette – Telemedicine has been rolled out to all the facilities, including the freestanding EDs. Johnston-Willis and John Randolph were awarded for their hospital safety. Ashley Hansen – John Randolph has given tPA 4 times this year, and half were under 60 minutes. Jessica Goodman – JRMC is working with EMS on 12-lead transmission. We will also	



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	be having an EMS safety class soon, and will be expanding the EMS room.	
VCU	Stacie Stevens – We are working towards a goal of 20 minutes for arrival to tPA; our median is around 30 minutes. We are also working on a goal of 60 minutes for door to mechanical.	
Bon Secours	Al Thompson – MRMC is under Joint Commission review right now, and RCH will be doing that next week. There will be a new neuroscience coordinator for SFMC and SMH. Tiffany McGhee is moving into data analysis, and Pat Lane will be moving into a more administrative position.	
SRMC	Anne Fereday – We are working on our door to needle time and have made some adjustments to our process, as well as teleneurology. We are also preparing for our Joint Commission survey in the first quarter of next year.	
Southside Community	Paula Romaine – We changed our teleneurology service, but encountered some difficulties, so we had a change in our door to needle times.	
RAA	Wayne Harbour – We got good feedback on a stroke patient that went to VCU.	
Chesterfield Fire & EMS	Allen Yee – We are training on our new stroke guidelines. We plan to go to all NIH January 1.	
AHA	John Dugan – We anticipate Mission Lifeline: Stroke to be rolled out this spring, but we’re still working how to integrate EMS into that program. Mary adds that she will be speaking at the nursing forum prior to ICS.	
VSSTF	Stacie Stevens – They are currently revising the state triage protocol, and trying to get more input from a variety of groups, including EMS. The tPA transfer form was shared with the group, and there has been a lot of interest across the state.	
ODEMSA	Rachel Dillon – no report	



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<p><b>Old Business:</b></p>	<p>Post tPA transfer form education discussion – The group discusses how to make sure that the interfacility transport agencies are familiar with the form. The group agrees that going directly to the agencies, particularly with the help of the EMS liasons, will probably work best.</p> <p>Drip and Ship discussion – Stacie distributes a draft memo regarding what kind of data points would need to be collected to see if there are adverse outcomes when possible stroke patients do not go directly to a neuro facility. She reminds the group that this was a request from the Medical Direction Committee. The group discusses briefly, and Dr. Yee notes that this topic is supposed to be debated at the International Stroke Association Conference next month. The group also notes that EMS generally prefers to take patients to definitive care, rather than have a patient be transferred. The group decides to await the decision of the stroke conference.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>Transport Agency Representative – Rachel informs the group that the Board of Directors approved the membership list proposed by this committee from last quarter, which included the addition of a transfer EMS agency representative. She will reach out to those agencies for an interested representative.</p> <p>BE FAST Education – Rachel notes that in addition to updating the regional stroke plan to include the BE FAST scale, there is still a need for EMS education on this topic. Brad notes that PDC has developed a BE FAST training, but it has not been pushed out to the agencies yet. Brad will have Adam present it to this committee next quarter.</p> <p>Regional Stroke Plan Review – Dr. Ferguson notes that the chart denoting neuro abilities of the region’s hospitals needs to be corrected, due to a recent incident. Henrico Doctors’ and Chippenham need to have the checkmark denoting endovascular capabilities removed. The group also asks that McGuire’s status as a primary stroke center by Joint Commission be verified. The group unanimously votes to have all regional hospitals review and verify their 24/7/365 neuro capabilities listed on the chart in the regional stroke plan, as well as remove the cardiac column. The group then</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Allen Yee  <b>Seconded by:</b> Wayne Harbour  <b>Vote:</b> Have hospitals review and verify their neuro capabilities on the chart</p>



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	<p>intensely discusses the capabilities chart and the flowchart in the stroke plan.</p> <p>Committee Project Ideas – Mary asks the group for suggestions of future projects for this committee.          Dr. Yee – address wake-up strokes          Stacie – start contributing to stroke data collection          Al – relaying information from major conferences, starting data analysis with the assistance of Adam</p> <p>2016 Meeting dates – Rachel notes that the committee meeting schedule will be different next year, and is looking to move this committee to the first month of the quarter if there are no major conflicts. Bon Secours notes that they need to check on internal meetings. There was also a request made in the STEMI committee that Stroke begin at 09:30am, instead of 10:00am. The group agrees that a 09:30am start time is acceptable, and will await a final decision on what day the meeting will be.</p> <p>Business from the floor – There is no further business from the floor.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	January 2016 – date TBD	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.	