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**Stroke Committee**

April 27, 2016, 09:30am to 11:30am

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

**Members Present:** Stacie Stevens, Valena Brown, Anne Fereday, Diane Herbert, Ashley Hansen, Allen Yee, Al Thompson, Jane LaVerne, John Dugan, Mike Ortega, Gary Samuels, Brad Taylor, Amy Howard, Lindsey Duquette

**Conference Line:** Vickey Morgan, Lisa Baber, John Sayers

**ODEMSA Staff:** Heidi Hooker, Damien Coy

**Minutes Scribed by:** Heidi Hooker

**Materials provided:** Meeting Agenda, January 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 09:40am. Introductions were made, and it was determined there was no quorum. The January meeting minutes were reviewed but not approved.	
<b>Reports:</b>  HCA-JRMC  HCA- HDH, PDH, RDH	Ashley Hansen – Ashley reported they have given 3 tPA’s. Per Joint Commission rules 2 were in the time requirements and the third was out.  Diane Herbert – Diane introduced Gary Samuels, HDH EMS Liaison. She also reported their tPA has been down. All were within the 60 minute range, however they were at the 37 minute range. Diane will work with Gary to help with community education. They will host a Neuro Symposium on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> at The Place. The symposium is free to EMS providers and Gary will work on getting CEU for the providers. Diane is expecting a Joint Commission visit any day.	



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Bon Secours- SMH, SFMC	Valena Brown – Valena reported St. Mary’s had their comprehensive stroke center visit. She said they did well with, in the end, only having 4 quick fixes. She said normothermia was one of the items the targeted as well as vital sign documentation. Regarding St. Frances she said is going for their Primary Stroke Center recertification.	
CHS	Anne Fereday – Anne discussed her recent site visit with the group to help them better prepare. She named items that were targeted by the surveyor.	
VCU	Stacie Stevens – Stacie said they are preparing for a Stroke Awareness Month. They are also hosting a Stroke Symposium geared toward nursing on May 20 <sup>th</sup> , EMS are invited. The next day, May 21, the Neuro Critical Care Society is offering Emergency Neurologic Life Support course. This will be the first time the course is offered in Virginia. Participants will receive an ENLS certification, which is good for two years. She said VCU has many activities planned for EMS Week. Jane LaVerne added they are hosting a CEU dinner with a stroke topic on Wed., May 4 <sup>th</sup> . The dinner will be at their Stony Point location. Stacie said their TPA volume has doubled during the calendar year and their endovascular care has tripled which is causing staff considerations.	
HCA - CJW	Brad Taylor – Brad said Johnston-Willis is moving forward with their helipad, with an anticipated completion date of June. He said CJW is ranked third within the HCA corporation for stroke volume. They have hired a new Critical Care Trauma Director, Katherine (Kate) Challis, who will start in July. Brad said Chippenham will host EMS Week activities on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during. Johnston-Willis will host activities on Tuesday and Thursday that week.	
ODEMSA	Heidi Hooker – Heidi said staff have been busy assisting the sub-councils with RSAF grant grading. Heidi reminded members that ODEMSA staff are always willing to help those that submit grants. Anyone who has grant questions or who would like someone to review their grant before they submit them to OEMS can call ODEMSA for assistance with the process. She informed members that it’s time to start thinking about somebody to nominate for the ODEMSA Regional EMS Awards. Again, if assistance is needed, ODEMSA staff is willing to help. Heidi reported there is a job opening for a Program Coordinator at ODEMSA. Those interested should respond by May 5 <sup>th</sup> . Information is	



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<p>Chesterfield Fire</p>	<p>available on the website. Heidi invited members to walk through the completed ambulance simulator. She thanked Northern VA Community College for donating the ambulance and Kenny Williams for acquiring the ambulance. She also thanked Danny Garrison of Richmond Ambulance for building the unit. Damien Coy announced a tentative date of September for the next individual and group CISM/Peer Support certification course. The class will be five days and free.</p> <p>John Sayers – He had no report for Chesterfield, but did thank the various organizations represented in the room for the educational opportunities they provide to EMS providers.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>Post IV tPA Transfer Form</b></p>	<p>It's believed the transferring hospitals within ODEMSA are using the form. It's also believed the hospital staff are initiating the form. Some are saying EMS is not completing the form upon their arrival with the patient. The group concluded the receiving hospital should request the form from EMS and assure it's completed before they leave. It's the transport agencies that are familiar with the forms, on rare occasions a 911 agency may transport. It was suggested the hospitals educate their EMS transport service on how to fill out the form and the importance of leaving it at the receiving hospital. Dr. Yee suggested stapling a face-sheet to the form that reminds the nurse to review the form with EMS. It was suggested PDC develop a training tool for EMS. Brad Taylor said he will work to put something together through PDC. Stacie asked what the volume of "drip and ships" are in the ODEMSA region.</p>	<p>Brad Taylor will work through the PDC Committee to develop a tPA Transfer Form training tool for EMS.</p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p><b>International Stroke Conference Update</b></p>	<p>Several committee members went to the conference. Stacie had hoped she would learn of a triage algorithm for transporting stroke patients. She said she did not leave with a clear answer and that it appears there are still unknowns regarding this topic. She said there was a lot of talk regarding what screening tool should be used to identify large vessel occlusions. She said several were discussed including the Cincinnati Scale and the R.A.C.E Scale. A copy of the South Carolina EMS R.A.C.E Scale was distributed and discussed. Dr. Yee said, in June, the Medical Control Committee will</p>	



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<p><b>Get with the Guidelines - AHA</b></p>	<p>discuss the Stroke Protocol. Stacie proposed the group revisit this topic after the May 20<sup>th</sup> Stroke Symposium because Dr. Smith is going to do a presentation on EMS and stroke. Stacie said she is going to address some screening tools during that lecture. Also the Comprehensive Stroke Center Task Force through Joint Commission just released some recommendations the day before this meeting. Stacie said she'd like to see what they have to say. There is also going to be a regional workshop, in Springfield, on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be focused on systems of care with a section on stroke scales. Stacie said she'd like to discuss this further at the next meeting, after hearing the mentioned lectures.</p> <p>Lindsey Duquette – Lindsey, Director of Quality Improvement at American Heart Association, gave a PowerPoint presentation, for the committee, on “Get the Guidelines”. The group discussed using ODEMSA as a Super-User, allowing the regions hospitals to compile the data. Agreements would be signed that would specify whether hospital data would be blinded or not. There would be a yearly fee. Dr. Yee and Heidi confirmed ODEMSA does not have the funding for such a project, however if the hospitals were to pursue the program hospitals could contribute to the yearly fee. Lindsey also said grants could be available. If we find this is a barrier, she would look into it. Dr. Yee suggested if a Regional Council is going to participate, more EMS data should be considered. It was suggested, as a starting point, the committee begin by deciding what data questions should be asked. This may determine if the tool can be of use to the hospitals and committee.</p> <p>There was no further business from the floor.</p>	<p>The committee wants to add a discussion on screening tool recommendations for large vessel occlusions.</p> <p>The committee needs to develop questions they want for the data.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>June 28, 2016 at 09:30am</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:34am.</p>	