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Stroke Committee

June 04, 2015, 10:00am to 12:00pm

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

Members Present: Kim Pinna, Pat Lane, Tiffany McGhee, Mary Morrissette, Diane Herbert, Stacie Stevens, Anne Fereday, Jane LaVerne, Danny Garrison, Al Thompson, Mike Harmon, Wayne Harbour, Mike Ortega, Brad Taylor, John Dugan, Jeff McPhearson, Valeta Daniels, Stacey Epps

Conference Line: Janelle Slabach

ODEMSA Staff: Rachel Dillon, Adam Alford, Damien Coy

Minutes Scribed by: Rachel Dillon

Materials provided: Agenda, previous meeting minutes, draft committee policies and procedures

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Mary Morrissette called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.	Motion by: Brad Taylor Seconded by: Al Thompson Vote: March meeting minutes approved
Reports: SRMC Bon Secours	Anne Fereday – We are working on our open heart program and it will officially open in a few weeks. We are also continuing to work on our door to needle times, and our last two were 49 and 40 minutes. Pat Lane – We have a couple new physicians that will be starting soon. We will also be having an open house for our neuro interventional surgery service at St. Mary’s on June 10. We also switched teleneurology services and we are very pleased with them.	



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<p>HCA</p> <p>VCU</p> <p>RAA</p> <p>ODEMSA</p> <p>AHA</p>	<p>Tiffany McGhee – St. Francis is officially a Magnet hospital. Dr. Epps – On June 27th from 11am to 3pm, there will be a men’s health symposium at the Redskins training camp.</p> <p>Valeta Daniels – Henrico Doctors was the 12th hospital in the nation to receive sepsis certification. We also have teleneurology starting up soon. Diane Herbert – We’ve done 9 tPAs this year, and all but one were under 60 minutes. Mary Morrissette – We are getting ready to roll out telemedicine at Chippenham and Johnston-Willis as well. It will also include all the free-standing EDs. Johnson-Willis is a comprehensive stroke center and is undergoing cycle 4 chest pain accreditation. Our transfer center is up and running.</p> <p>Stacie Stevens – We’re still recovered from stroke month. We held our stroke symposium last month and it went very well. We are averaging a 34 minute door-to-needle time. We are also officially a comprehensive stroke center.</p> <p>Diane then compliments Stacie on the stroke symposium, and the rest of the group agrees. Stacie adds that they plan to open it up to EMS again next year.</p> <p>Danny Garrison – We greatly appreciate the hard work that went into EMS week. We have met with the transfer center to work out a few kinks.</p> <p>Damien Coy – Our regional EMS award nominations have been extended to June 12th; the forms are available on the website. Our annual EMS awards ceremony and picnic will be July 25th at the Metro Richmond Zoo, and you can sign up on our website.</p> <p>John Dugan – I am going to be moving to mostly EMS and systems of care. Lindsay will still be the “get with the guidelines” contact. Mission Lifeline Stroke will officially be announced next year.</p>	
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Old Business:	There was no old business from last quarter.	
New Business:	<p>Post-tPA Transfer Form Roll-Out – Mary reminds the group that they were able to approve the post-tPA transfer form last quarter. Valeta adds they had a stroke drill and tried using the transfer form with a transport agency and will be doing it again, although it wasn't used for the first part of the transfer. The crew made a few suggestions, which were given to Diane, but otherwise, they were very happy with it.</p> <p>Mary summarizes the history of the form, including that it would be started by the hospital and then given to EMS. She asks the stroke coordinators present to make sure to share the form with their EDs and explain it the process to them. Brad asks if the form has been shared with the transport agencies so that they know what to expect. Rachel says it has not yet been shared, but she will contact the major transport agencies to make sure they are aware of it. Mary clarifies that the form is not <i>required</i>, but it is expected. Damien adds that if a facility uses a transfer checklist, to please add the form to the checklist to make sure it gets used. Pat asks if the form was shared with VHSSTF. Stacie says it was previously, but she will share it again.</p> <p>The group also agrees that the transport agencies should be invited to the next meeting to help introduce the form and the transfer process to them.</p> <p>Committee Bylaw Review – Rachel summarizes the recent effort to make sure all the committees have current bylaws, rosters, etc. A generic committee policies and procedures document has been meshed with each committee's current bylaws to cover a few new situations that have come up since most of the bylaws were originally written. While the document cannot be approved today, because it needs to be distributed at least 30 days prior to approval and it was not, Rachel notes that she discovered an open voting position: a career EMS agency representative. The group nominates Wayne Harbour to fill that</p>	



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	<p>spot, and Wayne accepts. The group asks Rachel to check if Mary Langford still wants to serve the committee as the volunteer EMS agency representative. The group agrees to review the document and bring any suggestions or questions to the next meeting.</p> <p>Business from the floor – Damien brings forth a question from multiple EMS agencies. He states that there has been some uncertainty on the EMS side on the treatment window for active strokes. The group actively debates this topic, and acknowledges that the windows are constantly changing because every facility is participating in different studies. While much of the discussion involves trying to create another document and how to share it with EMS, Wayne suggests just having the EMS liasons reach out to the agencies that transport to their facilities with their capabilities and varied stroke windows. The group eventually agrees that maybe there simply needs to be some clarification of what different kinds of stroke centers mean, or create a survey for EMS providers to see what they want to know.</p> <p>There is no further business from the floor.</p>	
Next Meeting	September 03, 2015 at 10:00am.	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.	