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Hospital Diversion Committee

October 29th, 2021: 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Chair: Mr. Zachary McCluskey, Johnston Willis

Members and Guests Present: N/A

Conference Line: Justin Adams, Steve Parrott, Allen Yee, Brian Lanham, Greg Neiman, Ken Smith, Karen Lea, Mike Watkins, Ryan Stuhlreyer, Al Thompson, Elizabeth Matish, Brian Epperson, Cary Strosneider, Chris Wholley, Marcus Ayoub, Summer Lynch, Monty Dixon, Umaron Choudrey

ODEMSA Staff: Tarsha Robinson, Heidi Hooker, Kathy Eubank, Jessica Goodman, Tiffany Almeida

Minutes Scribed by: Tarsha Robinson

Materials provided: Previous meeting Minutes, meeting Agenda

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Meeting called to order by Zach McCluskey. Quorum present. Minutes and Agenda were approved and introductions made.	Motion by: Cary Strosneider Seconded by: Brian Epperson Vote: Approve previous minutes.
Reports: <u>Hospital Reports</u> Bon Secours HCA	There have been days where throughput is much better than others; staffing is increasing, including international nurses that will start at the beginning of the year; MRMC working on EMS off-load process; SMH is working on a project to reduce EMS wall time, as well as using the HER to document EMS off-load times Seeing improvement in overall hospital input; lessening of holding of patients in the ED; continuing to work on additional staff and working on throughput to alleviate diversion	



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VCU Health	Continuing to work on throughput and ED wait times for EMS	
Halifax Regional	Not holding as many patients; transfer rate is slowing and COVID numbers are dropping	
VA-McGuire	Though numbers seem a little better, continuing to experience full beds and increased diversion status	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Hampden-Sydney	No report	
Goochland	No report	
Hanover	No report	
LifeEvac	No report	
Henrico	Thank you to the EMS liaisons for continuing to work with the agencies and the diversion issues	
CVHC/RHCC	Thank you to all who are supporting the PDC; CVHC/RHCC remain available	
<u>ODEMSA</u>	Thank you for joining us for the Regional Awards ceremony; thank you for working with us as we navigate the PDC	
Old Business:		
<u>Diversion Plan Review</u>	Regional Code Black update-a concern was brought up that ambulances were being evenly distributed; Heidi advised that distributions are under the threshold of what they advised they could take per hour; agencies are continuing to “self-dispatch”, so please remind providers to call PDC; it was also noticed that if a “mother” hospital went on diversion, the FSED automatically went on diversion as well; facilities asked for PDC to	



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	advise them if this trend continues; CVHC stated that there is data available since PDC has been initiated and submitted the idea of the PDC “shutting off” or temporarily suspending the Diversion plan; if the PDC were to continue, what is the business model going forward	
New Business: <u>Recent Diversions</u>	<p>Zach McCluskey announced his departure as CEO of HCA-JW and will be headed to Florida to head up another facility</p> <p>In continued discussion of the Regional Code Black status, it was suggested a work group convene to see about going off of code black; it was also suggested that PDC be suspended for the southern part of the region due to lack of facilities; Summer Lynch stated that if PDC is suspended, the hospitals have to agree to not be on diversion for the rural agencies; Mike Harmon stated everyone should come off diversion to see how the system truly reacts; facilities should agree to come off diversion for a set period of time; a discussion point was are facilities seeing an uptick in walk-in patients when providers state they don’t transport if the patient doesn’t get their facility of choice; Heidi advised that the PDC tries to accommodate those patients</p>	Motion: Second: Vote:
Next Meeting	October 29th, 2021	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 13:11 pm	