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**STEMI Steering Committee**

July 28th, 2022 08:00am to  
 09:00am Chair: Dr. Allen Yee,  
 Regional OMD

**Members and Guests Present:** Al Thompson

**Conference Line:** Peter O'Brien, Karen Duke, Allen Yee, Christopher Rockefeller, Craig Bride, Megan Vaughan, Eddie Fonner, Joe Ornato, Jeff Ferguson, Jessica Goodman, Mike Harmon, Wayne Harbour

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tarsha Robinson, Tiffany Almeida

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

**Materials provided:** Meeting agenda

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order at 08:00am. Introductions were made by Allen Yee, and it was determined that we did not have a quorum. The meeting continued as a workgroup for its duration	<b>Motion:</b> <b>Second:</b> <b>Vote:</b>
<b>Reports:</b>  <u>Hospitals</u>  Bon Secours	SMC is operating one full cath lab; the other lab is under reconstruction; the EP lab is the secondary lab; noticed that there is an uptick in volume, and had been anecdotally looking/tracking trends that shows cases appear to be rising secondary to post-COVID infections; Maryview (Hampton Roads market), due to lack of cardiology coverage, is transferring patients to SMC; kinks have also been worked out in regards to transfers from Emporia; Megan (SMC) is looking to find out who the OMD's are in the area to discuss the transmission of EKG's; she stated that out of the approx. 20 agencies that routinely transport to SMC, only 7 are transmitting EKG's; Dr. Yee referred the remainder of the transmission of EKG's to "old business"	



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<p>VCU</p> <p>HCA</p> <p>ODEMSA</p> <p><u>EMS Agencies</u></p> <p>RAA</p> <p>Henrico</p> <p>Chesterfield</p>	<p>Created a 2-tier system for pre-hospital EKG's Alpha (symptomatic, EKG states STEMI, etc.) and Bravo (suspicion of STEMI, EKG shows abnormalities but doesn't read STEMI, etc.); would the region be interested in creating a regional plan to come up with a system to help improve pre-alerts, reduce false positives, etc.</p> <p>JRMC is no longer an accredited chest pain center, but may revisit again in the future; Jessica Goodman was introduced as the new EMS liaison for Henrico Doctor's</p> <p>Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the Regional Awards. Please be on the lookout because they will be presented shortly</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Exploring options for EKG transmissions</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Mission Lifeline Action Registry Data</p>	<p>Dr. O'Brien presented data on regional/state STEMI care; advised that regional systems of STEMI care includes best practices for reperfusion therapy and time-to-treatment goals; hospitals MUST collaborate and share data to improve systems of care; patients in urban areas will do well due to easy access to cardiac care so there needs to be a more cohesive plan for those in rural areas as well; EMS/pre-hospital EKG's are the backbone of the recognition and treatment of STEMI's; central VA is the least active region in VHAC/VCSQI, so what can be done to increase participation; hospitals cannot shy away from sharing data and exchanging best practices</p> <p>Eddie Fonner presented information on the VA Cardiogenic Shock Initiative, a non-profit coalition that looks at cardiogenic shock and best practices; they have updated shock protocols; each hospital reports if they're collecting a "cardiac power output" (&lt;0.6 indicates need for more immediate/aggressive treatment to include pressors, and consideration of patient's final treatment destination); VHAC represents all inclusive cardiac care in VA; data showing the agencies that did not have EKG capable monitors is actually outdated (was showing double digits, but currently in the single digits); encourages everyone to become involved in the initiative; the next</p>	



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	VHAC meeting is Thursday, August 18 <sup>th</sup> 2022 at 18:30	
<b>New Business:</b>  Business from the floor	Pre-hospital EKG's-are BLS providers performing them Transmission-"one-size-fits-all" transmission of EKG's for continuity of care and as a standard across the region to help prevent false positives; also helps to reduce PCI time; as a best practice, should the region (ODEMSA, not just individual agencies) join CARES	Motion:
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 27th, 2022	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The workgroup adjourned at 0902 am.	