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**Hospital Diversion Committee**

October 28th, 2022: 10:00am to 11:00am  
 Chair: Tim McKay, Chesterfield Fire Dept

**Members and Guests Present:**

**Conference Line:** Tim McKay, Courtney Rodriguez, Jomi Cooke, Allen Yee, Diana Jewett, Lisa Baber, Greg Neiman, Ken Smith, Craig Bride, Brian Lanham, Karen Lea, Umaron Choudry, Tina Kirshenbaum, Travis Jenkins

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tarsha Robinson, Ryan Scarbrough, Kathy Eubank

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

**Materials provided:** Previous meeting Minutes, meeting Agenda

Topic/Subject		Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting called to order by Tim Mckay. Quorum present.	<b>Motion by:</b> Steve Parrot <b>Seconded by:</b> Mike <b>Vote:</b> Agenda and previous meeting minutes approved
<b>Reports:</b> <u>VCU</u>  <u>HCA</u>  <u>McGuire VA</u>  <u>Bon Secours</u>	No report  No report  Dealing with a pretty severe nursing shortage; there was a recent hiring event and looking at approx. 15 new hires  Southside MC-floor maintenance this weekend and ED traffic will be diverted; MRMC- the old Sheltering Arms on campus will be opening in November as additional beds for the facility	



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<p><u>Centra Southside</u></p> <p><u>CVHC</u></p> <p><u>VHHA</u></p> <p><u>RAA</u></p> <p><u>Hanover Fire</u></p> <p><u>Chesterfield Fire</u></p> <p><u>New Kent Fire</u></p> <p><u>Goochland Fire</u></p> <p><u>ODEMSA</u></p>	<p>No report</p> <p>Are seeing trends with “diversion”; hospitals, please use specific language, i.e. “special advisory” and use comment field to describe the situation for EMS providers; “closed” status is when patients cannot be transported to facility due to life threats; also requested that a possible survey go out on iso-pods; they have two inflatable and those interested can reach out to Roger Warden for on-time training</p> <p>Redoing VA’s Crisis Standard of Care Plan; ED’s are starting to see influx of RSV and flu that is higher than normal and earlier than expected at this time of the year</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Other than a few “rogue extended wall times”, nothing to report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Thank you for joining us for the Regional Awards, and congratulations and good luck to the winners; the Training Director and PD 15&amp;19 Field Coordinator positions are open and applications are being accepted; Ryan will be sending out a survey to see what agencies can transport “specialty/outbreak” patients, and that VDH/OEMS is trying to (re)-implement travel questions</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><u>Diversion Plan Review</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b>  <b>Second:</b>  <b>Vote:</b></p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p><u>Recent Diversions</u></p>	<p>VHHA updates-not necessarily receiving information and could the dispatch center receive updates in a more timely manner; if you have an account, alerts go to texts/emails, but if the website is being monitored real-time, dispatch centers aren’t receiving alerts</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Mike Watkins  <b>Second:</b> Allen Yee  <b>Vote:</b> Defer elections until Jan 2023</p>



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	<p>Goochland states had a pediatric behavioral issue that was diverted from two hospitals; getting a lot of pushback from facilities that diversion is no more (occurred with two different hospital systems); leadership states is talking to hospital leadership but no updates in VHAAS about hospital statuses</p> <p>Dr. Yee stated from the State Medical Direction meeting that a facility in NOVA wouldn't allow an agency to turn over patients/allow them in the hospital nor would allow patients to use the bathroom; patient had to wait until facility accepted them in order to even use the facilities; hasn't heard that this has happened in ODEMSA but wanted the committee to be aware and for facilities in the ODEMSA region to please not participate in that practice</p> <p>The BOD has not elected a new Chair, but a VC is needed and needs to be voted on today; no one volunteered; will defer until next quarter</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	January 27th, 2023	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm	