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**Performance Improvement Committee**

**PI Meeting**

February 12th, 2023, 09:00am to 11:00am

Chair: Mike Watkins, Goochland Fire

Vice-Chair: Kelley Rumsey, Bon Secours

**Members and Guests Present:** Kelley Rumsey

**Conference Line:** Rachel Dillon, Beth Broering, Lindsey Britt, Greg Neiman, Jay Gould, Lori Sturt, Kelly Schaaf, Whitney Cipriani, Kate Schulz, Amy Stewart, Brian Lanham, Tom Ludin, Jessica Goodman, Adam Alford, Courtney Rodriguez, Randy Geldrich, Lauren Wright

**ODEMSA Staff:** Tarsha Robinson, Megan Middleton, Ryan Scarbrough, Heidi Hooker

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

**Materials provided:** Previous meeting minutes, agenda, reports

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Kelley Rumsey called meeting to order at 0900. Quorum was present, and meeting minutes and agenda were approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Randy Geldrich <b>Seconded by:</b> Kelly Schaaf <b>Vote:</b> previous meeting minutes and agenda approved
<b>Reports:</b>		
Chesterfield	No report	
RAA	In-house AEMT class started last month; working out the type of calls they can run; starting an in-house paramedic class next month that will last nine months	
Henrico	No report	
Hanover	No report	



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Lakeside	No report	
Bon Secours	Registration for the Central VA EMS Expo should be opening up today	
VCU/CHoR	CHoR opening April 30 <sup>th</sup> ; the organization is finalizing a lot of the EMS processes as well as working with air medical to finalize their plans; CHoR will be considered a separate facility from VCU; Ivatury Trauma Symposium is accepting abstracts	
HCA	Thank you to those who joined Chippenham for their Burn open house, it was a success	
ODEMSA	Megan Middleton is the new Training Director; nominations for the 2023 Regional awards is now open	
Medical Direction	Dr. Geldrich advised that a White Paper had been written and presented by the GAB, and was going to VDH in regards to hospital diversion/wall times; he and Greg Neiman also mentioned a topic that was brought up at the State MDC re: needle decompression; advised that the State MDC was looking at possibly scaling back on the indications of the skill; Dr. Yee would like input from the trauma centers on a regional level; Beth Broering advised this was an agenda item for the next local/regional trauma directors' call; Dr. Geldrich also would be interested in knowing if it's lack of practice of skill or lack of education in performing the procedure; it was also stated that, in terms of education, the training manikins are inadequate; Jay Gould advised that the skill could possibly be integrated into PHTLS	



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**Old Business:**

Reports

**EMS System Item-** “last known well” is increasing steadily, and BGL is consistent; it was advised that since there were several places LKW can be documented, that this is probably one cause of the low percentage; there is also the opportunity for continued education so that providers can differentiate between “LKW” and “symptom onset”, which could also be causing skewed data; Kelly Schaaf (Henrico) advised she has placed a “hard stop” to document LKW when the primary or secondary patient complaint is stroke

**Trauma System-** advised that when pulling the data, there was no data for “ED disposition” and read “N/A”; Kelly Schaaf (Henrico) advised she formatted her ESO platform to make it a “hard stop” if the providers don’t input the outcome, and will send Tarsha the data dictionary code she used so that the data could be pulled; committee was advised that epinephrine use remained relatively consistent, though appeared to be trending down; it was requested that PD15 be looked at over the last two years to see if the implementation of the new trauma guidelines showed a decrease in epinephrine usage

**General EMS-** lack of administering steroids to pediatric patients continues to be a concern, though there has been education recently to inform providers to administer the medication; it was asked if that education (VILT and via BlackBoard) could be posted and Megan and Greg Neiman advised of the pros and cons (i.e. providers asking for CE from the VILT and that education can only be placed on BlackBoard that providers can obtain CE, but that the rules were stringent on how CE’s were given); Megan will reach out to Dr. Geldrich and Greg Neiman to finalize and release education on steroids/racemic ephinephrine use (i.e. that oral=IV in kids, that PO dexamethasone can be mixed with a small amount of fluid prior to administration, etc.)

Tarsha advised committee that all historical data has been moved from ImageTrend to ESO, and though completed, some of the fields didn’t carry over completely, so ESO is working to correct that; advised that after speaking to several colleagues, if an ePCR has failed validation, then it would be difficult to pull data from, from a regional perspective; at the moment, ODEMSA has over 25,000 failed records



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<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<p>ACS Trauma Triage was presented at the State meetings, and is being modified for VA; it was requested that the triage scheme be updated to add peds parameters and burn center triage be separated and made orange, and send out for a vote to approve prior to the next quarterly meeting          Megan advised was looking for someone from the PI committee to represent on the Training and Education committee; Amy Stewart from HCA volunteered          Kelley Rumsey asked that, in light of the data, does the committee want to look at new projects for this year/another medical metric; the committee decided to continue trending cardiac arrests, but can needle decompression possibly be added after the regional trauma centers meet (Beth Broering stated could give an update, or pass along any recommendations after their meeting); Kelley also advised would like to continue trending peds steroids</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b>  <b>Seconded by:</b>  <b>Vote:</b></p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>May 12th, 2023</p>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 09:57 am.</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b>  <b>Seconded by:</b>  <b>Vote:</b></p>