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**Performance Improvement Committee**

**PI Meeting**

May 17th, 2023, 02:00pm to 03:00pm  
Chair: Mike Watkins, Goochland Fire  
Vice-Chair: Kelley Rumsey, Bon Secours

**Members and Guests Present:** N/A

**Conference Line:** Brian Lanham, Rachel Dillon, Jessica Goodman, Taylor Flowers, Adam Alford, Amy Stewart, Craig Bride, Al Thompson, Tom Ludin, Mike FaJohn, Kate Schulz, Mike Watkins, Allen Yee, Lauren Wright, Tina Kirshenbaum, Travis Jenkins

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

**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>	Mike Watkins called meeting to order at 1400. Quorum was present, and meeting minutes and agenda were approved.	<b>Motion by:</b> Amy Stewart <b>Seconded by:</b> Mike FaJohn <b>Vote:</b> previous meeting minutes and agenda approved
<b>Reports:</b>		
Chesterfield	No report	
RAA	Graduated an AEMT class of 7 and all have passed National Registry	
Henrico	No report	
Hanover	No report	



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<p>New Kent</p> <p>Bon Secours</p> <p>VCU/CHoR</p> <p>HCA</p> <p>ODEMSA</p> <p>Medical Direction</p>	<p>No report</p> <p>Calendar of events have been sent out for EMS Week</p> <p>Thanks for everyone's help with moving to the new children's tower</p> <p>No report</p> <p>Nominations for the Regional Awards are closed and will be announced soon</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Reports</p>	<p>Tarsha advised the Committee that the reports were purposely not sent out because she had been working with ESO to fine tune them up until the week prior; will email them after the meeting; committee was also advised that all of the historical data has been migrated to ESO</p> <p><b>EMS System Item-</b> Tarsha advised information had been passed along and Megan was continuing to work on education to providers to document LKW in appropriate locations in ESO; the rural areas of the region still have a lower percentage of documenting the LKW</p> <p><b>Trauma System-</b> Reviewed cardiac arrest data; advised the committee when working with ESO, that if there were too many filters it could skew the data, so the fields that the committee were specifically looking at were included, showing a "slimmer" report; with regards to epi administration, facilities advised that there weren't any apparent negative effects of administering epi; committee agreed to remove epi administration from report</p> <p><b>General EMS –</b> there still seems to be hesitation among providers to administer steroids, be it unsure if to give it to peds, or not wanting to open a drug box; RAA advised is keeping the meds in their out-of-box drug kit to lessen hesitation; committee is wanting providers to be more assertive in steroid administration while trying to spread universal adoption; is there also a concern that providers don't want to "excite"</p>	



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	<p>the patient by starting IV access to give the med and may not be aware that though not ideal, the med can be given PO; Mike would like for this information to be sent back to Medical Control so that agencies can come up with a plan to increase administration</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Meeting day/time change</p> <p>Business From The Floor</p>	<p>The committee has been meeting on the second Friday of the quarter with several scheduling conflicts due to State meetings and trouble obtaining a quorum; it was suggested that the day/time of meeting be changed to possibly Wednesdays and in the afternoon so that any information/concerns, etc. that need to be brought to Medical Direction can be done the following day (Thursday)</p> <p>Voting and quorum representation was discussed so that the committee was aware that representation was up-to-date so that both agencies and facilities are represented; with the quorum, we don't have to have specific people present, just that agencies and facilities are represented; advised trying to get more sub-council representation</p> <p>GAB voted to approve a VA Trauma Triage Guidelines based on ACS triage scheme; looking to integrate the guidelines into the regional PI initiatives; the regional PI coordinators are working together to look at metrics to make sure patients are being transported to appropriate destinations</p> <p>Dr. Yee advised that the DOJ sent out a letter regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding patients with hearing disabilities and need sign language;</p>	<p><b>Motion by:</b> Amy Stewart  <b>Seconded by:</b> Travis Jenkins  <b>Vote:</b> Committee will now meet the second Wednesdays of the quarter at 2pm</p>



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	EMS is obligated to provide interpretation; EMS can use an app (video interface will probably be most ideal), but cannot use pen and paper; there was an agency that was fined for not accommodating a patient with hearing disabilities; OEMS has taken on the issue, being aware that it will be a hardship for agencies, and have contacted an EMS centric law firm for further guidance, but agencies need to be prepared; Dr. Yee advised that there is a company in the western part of the state that has a commercial option to assist agencies in becoming compliant	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	August 9th, 2023	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 14:45pm.	<b>Motion by:</b> <b>Seconded by:</b> <b>Vote:</b>