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**STEMI Steering Committee**

January 22, 2026

08:00am to 09:00am

Chair: Dr. Allen Yee, Regional OMD

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

**Conference Line:** Allen Yee, Megan Vaughan, Gary Samuels, Rajiv Malhotra, Monica Bregman, Michelle Gossip, Greg Neiman, Star Ballou, Shannon Williams, Valerie Castle, Ray Turner, Michael Kontos, Benjamin Williams, Ronnie Catron, Lisa Baber, Adam Landsee, Devin Tobin, Chris Wood

**ODEMSA Staff:** Heidi Hooker, Ryan Scarborough, Shannon Daniel

**Minutes Scribed by:** Shannon Daniel

**Materials provided:** Meeting agenda

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Meeting was called to order at 08:00am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum.	<b>Motion:</b> Lisa Baber <b>Second:</b> Gary Samuels <b>Vote:</b> Approved



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<p><b>Reports:</b> <b><u>Hospitals</u></b></p> <p><b>Bon Secours</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EMS Expo announced with upcoming registration and educator-focused programming.</li><li>• Direct-to-cath lab protocol implemented across all PCI facilities.</li><li>• Thrombolytic process map forthcoming for non-PCI facilities.</li><li>• EKG education offerings available (virtual or in-person).</li><li>• Updates to shock, ECMO, and PE response protocols.</li><li>• New freestanding ER opened in Ashland.</li></ul>	
<p><b>HCA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cath lab construction nearing completion, restoring full capacity.</li><li>• Expansion of ECMO capabilities with increased staffing.</li><li>• New freestanding ER planned.</li><li>• Henrico Doctors Hospital opened new EP lab and hybrid OR.</li><li>• Construction underway for an additional freestanding ER in the region.</li></ul>	



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<p><b>VCU Health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of a new physician representative with EMS background.</li> <li>• Preparation underway for chest pain center reaccreditation, including documentation and process updates.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ODEMSA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODEMSA confirmed execution of a new contract with the Office of EMS effective January 1.</li> <li>• Virginia EMS councils were reduced statewide; ODEMSA retained its original regional boundaries.</li> <li>• ODEMSA received funding for a regional whole blood program, with implementation expected later in the year after planning, training, and equipment purchasing.</li> <li>• Staffing updates:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hiring underway for a Field Coordinator and Training Director.</li> <li>○ Panel interviews scheduled.</li> <li>○ The Training Director role will oversee the committee moving forward.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Appreciation expressed for committee patience during organizational transitions.</li> </ul>	



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<p><b>Sub-Councils:</b>          Metro Richmond          Crater          South Central          Southside EMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reports given</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaws reviewed</li> <li>• Discussion centered on cleaning up the committee roster, clarifying <i>primary vs. alternate</i> representatives, and aligning membership with current bylaws.</li> <li>• It was clarified that each organization may submit one primary and one alternate representative.</li> <li>• Several gaps were identified where organizations or EMS sub-councils currently lack representation.</li> <li>• Action item identified to clean up mailing lists and rosters to avoid confusion.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Yee discussed the success and collaboration of the STEMI committee.</li> <li>• The committee discussed changing the name to Cardiovascular Emergencies due to the evolving scope of the committee and medicine.</li> <li>• Discussion centered on Impellas and Balloon Pumps being approved for use by paramedics at the Air Medical Committee.</li> <li>• ODEMSA clarified that OEMS is changing the names of the regions, and you may hear us referenced as Region 6 moving forward.</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The STEMI Plan will be called Region 6 STEMI Plan moving forward.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize and publish updated committee roster.</li> <li>• Revise bylaws to reflect current systems, PCI centers, and representation rules.</li> <li>• Address missing organizational and EMS sub-council representation.</li> <li>• Continue planning for the regional whole blood program.</li> <li>• Revisit committee name and bylaws under New Business at a future meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Adjourn</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 26, 2026, 0800</li> <li>• January 22, 2026, 0909</li> </ul>	



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