



## OLD DOMINION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ALLIANCE INC.

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### Stroke Committee

Stroke Committee  
April 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2026 09:30am to 11:30am  
**Chair:** Stacie Stevens, VCU  
**Vice Chair:**

**Members Present:** Stacie Stevens

**Conference Line:** Robin Scott, Ashley Boersig, Anne Poerstel, Caitlin Grasso, Greg Neiman, Charles Dority, Donna Bartholomew, Danny Garrison, Wayne Harbour, Allen Yee, Shannon Williams, Gary Samuels

**Guests:** Tarsha Robinson

**ODEMSA Staff:** Chris Vernovai, Ryan Scarbrough, Heather Nelson, Heidi Hooker

**Minutes Scribed by:** Chris Vernovai

**Materials provided:** Agenda; previous meeting minutes, Stroke PI Data Report

| Topic/Subject                  | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Recommendations,<br>Action/Follow-up;<br>Responsible<br>Person       |
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| <b>Meeting Called to Order</b> | Stacie Stevens called the meeting to order at 09:30 am. Introductions were made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Motion: Robin Scott<br>Seconded by: Ashley Boersig<br>Vote: Approved |
| <b>Hospital Reports</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Bon Secours                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. Mary's Hospital reported major construction underway for a six-story critical care tower with a dedicated Neuro ICU anticipated to open in 2028.</li><li>• Southside/Petersburg reported no significant updates.</li><li>• Memorial Regional Medical Center and Richmond Community Hospital successfully completed Joint Commission stroke recertification surveys with minimal findings.</li></ul> |                                                                      |



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| HCA                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Johnson-Willis, Chippenham, and Swift Creek completed DNV surveys with minimal findings.</li><li>• Swift Creek remains Acute Stroke Ready, Chippenham Primary Stroke Center, and Johnson-Willis Comprehensive Stroke Center.</li><li>• Forest is preparing to apply for Comprehensive Stroke Center designation during summer 2026.</li><li>• New freestanding Scott's Addition facility scheduled to open in July.</li></ul> |  |
| VCU CTCCE                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multiple EMS educational offerings and symposiums announced.</li><li>• Jay Gould retired from the Center for Trauma and Critical Care Education on March 31st.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| VCU-CMH                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Fair planned for May 2nd in South Hill focusing on stroke and sepsis awareness.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>EMS Agency Reports:</b><br><br>RAA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No report.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |



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| ODEMSA                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODEMSA introduced Chris Vernovai as the Regional Training Director and Heather Nelson as the new Regional Field Coordinator.</li> <li>• ODEMSA also discussed committee communication improvements and continued PI data review efforts.</li> </ul>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Old Business:</b><br><br>VSSTF<br><br>Quarterly Stroke Center Status Update | Virginia Stroke System Task Force (VSSTF) resumed quarterly meetings following restructuring efforts with VDH. Hybrid meetings will continue moving forward.<br><br>Quarterly Stroke Center Status Update<br><br>No official certification status changes reported. Facilities were reminded to notify ODEMSA of future certification updates.                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>New Business:</b><br><br>Business From the Floor                            | Data Review Initiatives<br><br>Committee reviewed regional EMS stroke performance metrics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stroke screen compliance</li> <li>• Blood glucose documentation</li> <li>• Last known well documentation</li> <li>• Pre-arrival stroke alerts</li> <li>• EMS scene times</li> <li>• Stroke scale utilization and documentation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODEMSA to distribute updated regional Stroke PI data reports prior to the next meeting.</li> <li>• ODEMSA to further analyze EMS scene time trends, facility-level anonymized stroke data, transport destination patterns, and pre-arrival stroke alert compliance.</li> </ul> |



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|                     |                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilities/agencies encouraged to review internal stroke data prior to the next quarterly meeting.</li><li>• Facilities requested to notify ODEMSA of future stroke certification or status changes.</li></ul> |
| <b>Next Meeting</b> | July 23rd, 2026 at 09:30 am   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Adjourn</b>      | Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |