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Patient Destination Committee

October 23, 2026
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Chair: Tim McKay, Chesterfield Fire Dept.
Vice Chair: Casey Shinault, Bon Secours

Members and Guests Present:	Michael Ferris
Virtual Attendees:	Mary Morton, Umaran Choudry, Tim McKay, Mike Watkins, Allen Yee, Bonita Meyers, Brie Coates, Jeff Ferguson, Andy Beaulieu, Mike Harmon, Stephen Hoke, Buddy Hyde, Greg Neiman, Gary Samuels, Amy Howard, Chris Rockefeller, Marius Olivier, Jessica Goodman, Craig Bride
ODEMSA Staff:	Heather Nelson, Chris Vernovai, Ryan Scarbrough
Minutes Scribed by:	Heather Nelson
Materials Provided:	Previous meeting minutes and agenda

Topic / Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action / Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	**Tim McKay** • Called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm. • It was determined that there was a quorum. • The agenda and July meeting minutes were approved.	Motion to approve minutes: Motion by **Umaran Choudry**, seconded by **Michael Ferris**. Approved.
Hospital Reports		
McGuire VA	**Umaran Choudry** • VA ambulance service development remains on hold. • Intermittent diversion has been related primarily to inpatient bed availability or limited specialty coverage, rather than emergency department operations.	
VCU	**Greg Neiman** • VCU continues efforts to reduce EMS offload delays through changes to internal waiting and stretcher-transfer workflows.	

	• VCU and Children's have experienced significant capacity constraints.	
HCA	**Brie Coates** • First responder appreciation events planned for October 27–28. • PICU reopening anticipated by the end of October, following resolution of staffing issues and completion of staff training.	
Bon Secours	**Amy Howard** • EMS Expo planned for March 5–7, 2027, in Henrico County, with support from Chesterfield and Henrico.	
Centra	**Mary Morton** • Described use of VHOS for offload notifications, with phone calls as an alternative when multifactor authentication or access issues interfere.	
Old Dominion EMS Alliance Report		
ODEMSA	**Heather Nelson** • Regional agency capability survey has expanded statewide after its initial implementation in Region 6. • Six agencies currently participate in the regional whole-blood program, with additional agencies expected. • September 29 moulage course supported September 30 VCU/HCA MCI exercises; exercise findings were discussed in the preceding MCI meeting. • Regional protocols are undergoing updates and reformatting ahead of Medical Direction Committee review on November 12. • ODEMSA committee webpage has been updated with meeting information, draft minutes, agendas, and calendar downloads. **Chris Vernovai** • Struggle Well peer-support courses: November 9–13 at ODEMSA and December 12–13 at Amelia County Station 1. • Other opportunities announced included:	

	○ October 23–24 Tidewater CE event, ○ October 31 – Virginia Association of First Responder training day ○ Virtual Midwest EMSC Pediatric Symposium shared by Mike Burg ○ November 2-3 – First Responder Wellness Summit ○ November 18-27 – Wintergreen Peaks of Preparedness ○ December 16 – Emergency Burn Care in Chesterfield • December 7-June 17 – EMT class will be held at trhe ODEMSA office taught by Andy Inge. ○ Registration closes October 25	
EMS Agency Reports		
Hanover County Fire and EMS	**Andy Beaulieu** • No report	
Henrico Fire	**Jeff Ferguson** • No report	
Goochland County Fire Rescue	**Mike Watkins** • No report	
Colonial Heights Fire/Rescue	**Stephen Hoke** • Requested clarification on anticipated changes to Vector Solutions continuing-education reporting after December 31 and potential impacts of regional protocol revisions on medication stocking. **DISCUSSION** **Allen Yee** • Described the Vector Solutions issue as a regulatory/course-approval matter under review • Does not anticipate major medication changes based on protocol sections seen to date.	

	Heather Nelson • Clarified that proposed protocol wording is intended to accommodate differing agency medication selections rather than designate particular drugs; revisions have not yet been approved by the Medical Direction Committee.	
Nottoway	**Buddy Hyde** • Continuing discussions with Centra regarding extended offload times in Farmville. • Reported increasing transport consideration toward South Hill and Swift Creek in response to delays; noted LifeEvac 5 is in service in South Hill.	
H2H	**Michael Ferris** • Reported acquisition of Delta Response Team and ongoing integration of personnel and operations.	
Waverly Volunteer Rescue Squad	**Bonita Meyers** • Requested inclusion on Southside's notifications about extended EMS offload times. ○ **Mary Morton** offered to coordinate contact information for Waverly. • Reported ongoing blood-pressure measurement problems with recently acquired monitors.	
Chesterfield County Fire/EMS	**Tim McKay** • Reported routine operations, with isolated destination or facility issues managed through direct communications under the regional plan.	
Old Business		
Hospital Capacity / VHASS	**Tim McKay** • Noted the anticipated report on standardized hospital capacity language was unavailable because the coalition representative was absent.	

Committee Bylaws	**Tim McKay** • Reported that the existing bylaw work group will use an ODEMSA standard committee bylaw template as the basis for revisions tailored to Patient Destination Committee needs. • George Makhoul will replace Hiram Jacobs's place on the committee following his transfer. • Goal is to present proposed changes in the next meeting cycle, seek committee approval thereafter, and forward to the ODEMSA Board before fiscal year-end.	
New Business		
2027 Meeting Schedule	**Tim McKay** • Raised the scheduling conflict caused by Patient Destination meetings beginning immediately after MCI meetings. **Heather Nelson** • Options discussed included a 1:00 p.m. start, earlier meetings, another weekday, and a 12:30 p.m. start with a buffer following MCI. • Reported that the MCI Committee was considering a 10:00 a.m.–noon window and proposed tentative second-Friday dates: February 12, May 14, August 13, and November 12, 2027.	Members recommended polling voting members and coordinating with the MCI Committee before making a final decision. No meeting-time change was formally adopted.
Adjourn		
	Tim McKay • Next Meeting date and time to be determined by poll • The meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm.	Motion to adjourn by **Andy Beaulieu**; seconded by **Umaran Choudry** Approved.