



Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.
STROKE TASK FORCE
Regular Session

AGENDA

Thursday, April 14th 2016

PEMS – Dunston Conference Room

NEW LOCATION-6876 Main Street, Gloucester VA

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1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes from 10-08-2015
4. Membership Changes:
 - a. O. Gossage was selected to serve as co-chair of the STF.
5. Staff Report
 - a. Report on staff activity and any reports from members.
6. Old Business
 - a. Joint Task Force activity report
7. New Business
 - a. TBD
8. Good of the Order
 - a. Check up on system delivery-Discovering how to better serve one another.
 - b. Interesting prehospital case reports – Volunteers needed.
 - c. Important Dates:
 - i. Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium – April 15, 2016
 - ii. Dinner with a Doc – Trauma Lecture – April 28, 2016
 - iii. Riverside Stroke Symposium – May 6, 2016
 - iv. PEMS 4th Annual EMS Expo – May 20-22, 2016
 - v. EMS Appreciation Day & Awards at Busch Gardens – May 28, 2016
 - d. Next meeting – July 14, 2016
 - e. Verify Attendance
9. Adjournment

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STROKE TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

A SUB COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 04-14-16

Meeting Location: PEMS-Dunston Room

Chaired By: S. Beam

Begin Time: 1:00 p.m. **End Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: D. Thomas

Draft _____ **Approved Date:** 07-14-16

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
S. Beam (Chair)	J. Burnette	D. Thomas	
A. Bryant	V. Cordaro	R. Blymeyer	
S. Fibish (TC)	S. Cole		
O. Gossage	M. Doak		
S. Hall (TC)	C. Foster		
V. Hogge (TC)	M. Harmon		
J. Jones	K. Harper		
S. Karam (TC)	L. Hogge		
T. McGregor	W. Leesch		
L. Messina	T. Mitchell		
S. Messina	M. Paxton		
C. Mitchell (TC)	T. Skinner		
B. Runk (TC)	S. Stevens		
T. Tomlin			
K. Warren (TC)			
B. Wilmore			

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	By S. Beam at 1:00 p.m.		
Introductions	Introductions made online and in room.		
Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the October 2015 meeting were approved as presented.		
Membership Changes	* O'Brien Gossage with RRMC was elected via email ballot to serve as co-chair of the Stroke Task Force		

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	<p>* V. Cordaro is the new ED Manager from RWR Hospital and has been added to the task force. * C. Mitchell is the new Stroke Coordinator for Riverside Doctor’s Hospital – replaces Jane Burnette on this task force. * Lori & Sal Messina have been added to the task force as Middle Peninsula representatives.</p>		
Staff Report	D. Thomas states that PEMS staff has been busy preparing for Expo and EMS Week activities. Will report more under important dates in Good of the Order.		
Old Business	S. Beam provides a report on the Joint Task Force endeavors to provide pertinent information regarding all three task forces (Stroke, STEMI & Trauma) to agencies on the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula. She states that they have been attending monthly EMSAT trainings (3 rd Wednesday of each month) with a different agency host each time. All members of this task force are encouraged to volunteer an evening to present quick stroke data/talking points if possible. The next training nights are: April at Deltaville and Essex County in May.		
New Business	<p>O. Gossage and S. Beam propose changes to our current protocols and checklists for the 2017 update and reminds the membership that we need to have our recommendations made and submitted to the PPP for approval and submission to the MAC in June, 2016:</p> <p>*BEFAST exam instead of just the FAST exam in order to catch some of the posterior strokes that are often missed. Discussion followed with regard to current use of the stroke checklists. Agency reports vary between having never had a provider complete the checklist to having them nearly every time a stroke comes into the ED. D. Thomas states we have 3 boxes full of checklists that will be obsolete with the addition of BEFAST. K. Warren reports that ODEMSA is making the change to their protocols. She also advises the BEFAST mnemonic is copyrighted property of <i>Intermountain Healthcare</i> and we will need their permission to use it. She states they gladly share their materials. We need to contact them and request permission to use Intermountain Healthcare, 2011 Patient & Provider publication 801.442.2963</p> <p>*O. Gossage states based on current science we should probably expand the stroke window on our checklist to 0-4 hours and have providers transport patients who meet acute stroke criteria to a Comprehensive Stroke Center capable of neurointervention if it transport time is not more than 15 minutes from a Primary Stroke Center. Much lively debate and discussion ensued with no decision made.</p> <p>The membership was in unanimous agreement to hold a Special Meeting in May to discuss these proposals and finalize protocol changes for PPP and the MAC. All members are asked to attend and bring any of their doctors or administration (limit 2 guests per facility/agency). In person attendance is preferred as discussion will be robust, but teleconferencing will be available. D. Thomas will contact all members to find a date where most are available and then send out a meeting notice. S. Beam suggests we invite Dr. Lawson to attend as representative of the MAC.</p>	Select meeting date & email STF members	April 21, 2016
Good of the Order	<p>Got agency reports on how well EMS Providers are doing with stroke recognition. Most report providers are doing a very good job of triaging stroke patients. C. Mitchell with RDH specifically recognizes JCCFD for their outstanding work at minimizing first medical contact to door time.</p> <p>S. Beam asked agencies and hospitals to volunteer to present patient case studies to add value to the meetings and to shine a light on the good stuff happening all over the region. Please notify D. Thomas if you would like</p>	i	

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	<p>to make a presentation. D. Thomas also suggests possibly having each agency give a brief summary of what their agency is doing...accreditation surveys/results, number and types of strokes, how many via EMS...any special kudos or issues that need to be addressed, etc.</p> <p>Important Dates...more information and registration please see the PEMS website and sign up for our Listserv.</p> <p>April 15, 2016 Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium April 28, 2016 RRMC & PEMS present Dinner with a Doc: Thoracic Trauma by Dr. Sean Nix May 6, 2016 Riverside Stroke Symposium May 20-22, 2016 4th Annual PEMS Rural EMS Expo with CEN Review May 28, 2016 EMS Appreciation Day & Awards Ceremony at Busch Gardens</p>		
Next Meeting	<p>SPECIAL CALLED MEETING: Thursday, May 26 2016 8:00 a.m. at the PEMS office. REGULAR meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2016 1:00 p.m.</p>		
Adjournment	<p>Motion made, seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.</p>		