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**PEMS Stroke Triage Committee Meeting Minutes**

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date:** 04-08-21

**Meeting Location:** Teleconference

**Chaired By:** O. Gossage

**Begin Time:** 1:02 p.m.

**End Time:** 1:50 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By:** D. Thomas

**Draft: Approved Date:** 07/08/21

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Ackerson, Teri	Baker, Tara	Bendit, Jeff	Neiman, Greg
Doak, Melissa	Baylous, Denise	Louka, Amir	
Duryea, Kristie	Bonniville, Frances	Thomas, Debbie	
Gossage, O'Brien (C)	Davenport, John		
McClain, Scott	Fibish, Sue		
Samuels, Gary	Houde, Paul		
Smith, Matt	Klink, Shannon		
	Mitchell, Cathryn		
	Packett, Lauren		
	Prata, Anthony		
	Quinnerly, Nikosha		
	Ramakrishnan, Pankajavalli		
	Rowe, Brenda		
	Smithers, Tabitha		
	Stevens, Stacie		
	Trueman, David		
	Tomlin, Tommy		
	Warren, Kim		
	Watkins, Sara		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. O. Gossage assumes chair for S. Watkins who is on maternity leave		
Introductions	All members introduced online. Attendance as recorded above.		
Membership	Added and removed members as recorded below:		

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	<p><b><u>REMOVED:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Shanon Beam (Life Evac)</li> <li>b. Jamie Maricle (MTI)</li> <li>c. Barb Runk (SWRMC)</li> <li>d. Tina Skinner (MWH)</li> <li>e. Brittani Wilmore (VCU Tapp)</li> <li>f. Katelyn Holladay (VCU Tapp)</li> <li>g. Mike Harmon (Mem. Regional)</li> <li>h. Heather Brown (Lancaster Co.)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>ADDED:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Teri Ackerson (Sentara Careplex)</li> <li>b. Paul Houde (Hampton Fire)</li> <li>c. John Davenport (Lancaster Co. EMS – Career EMS Provider At Large)</li> <li>d. Kristie Duryea (BSHSI RGH)</li> <li>e. Dave Trueman (Life Evac-Alternate)</li> </ul>		
Staff Report	<p>D. Thomas reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Regional Stroke Plan 2021 was approved by BOD</li> <li>b. Nominations for Regional EMS Awards 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• D. Thomas specifically tasked with recruiting nominations Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS. Asks everyone to consider who they could nominate.</li> <li>• Nominations for many other categories as well. Directs everyone to the PEMS website for a full listing of nomination categories.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. She attended the Virginia State Stroke Task Force Meeting – January, 2021 but cannot attend the 4-16-21 meeting due to a prior commitment with the Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium that day.</li> <li>d. Virginia Office of EMS ePCR contract awarded to ESO effective July 1, 2021. All agencies and PEMS currently working to learn about the system. Reported that hospitals will have free access to ESO Dashboard to monitor patient status and alerting system. ESO representatives and state will be reaching out to hospitals about this and other packages available.</li> <li>e. Reported on PEMS Region Stroke Data – all members sent Excel report via email. Data for Strokes pulled from ImageTrend for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>215 Stroke Total Stroke Calls</b></li> <li><b>26 without a recorded BGL</b></li> <li><b>48 without a last known well</b></li> <li><b>78 without any type of Stroke scale reported</b></li> <li><b>13.2 minutes average time from positive RACE to Stroke Alert</b></li> <li><b>19.4 minutes average time spent on scene</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p>f. Only received hospital data reports from three hospitals: RRMC, RWR &amp; SCH.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. SCH – 55 Strokes with 17 arriving by EMS Ground</li> <li>ii. RWR – 47 Strokes with 27 arriving by EMS Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 patients had RACE exam and scores recorded</li> <li>• 6 made notes in narrative about the exam – “positive” “attempted” “negative” “positive” and 2 state they called a stroke alert to RWR.</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. RRMC – 234 Strokes with 234 arriving by EMS Ground &amp; 2 via HEMS.</li> <li>iv. There was no RACE data reported for RRMC or SCH this time.</li> </ul> <p>g. D. Thomas asks if the committee really wants to continue providing Stroke data from their hospitals, as only a few ever provide her the information. She asks if members feel it is still valuable to report. All members felt it would be beneficial to see how we are doing as a region. Dr. Louka thinks it would be helpful to know how many stroke patients are getting tPA. D. Thomas will revise the form to include this.</p>	Add tPA to data	D.Thomas by next meeting. 7-8-21
Old Business	O. Gossage provided information regarding the Tele-Stroke Trial with RWR & RRMC. A vendor for the neurology consultation has been secured but the trial cannot proceed yet because S. Watkins is out. When she comes back, training and trial will begin. She states this will <b>only</b> involve Middle Peninsula agencies and stroke patients that would go to RWR anyway.		
New Business	<p>M. Doak states that the State Medical Directors meeting today is quite heated regarding the changes in protocols based on the AHA position on stroke that changed the transport window from 15 minutes to 30 minutes for bypassing a PSC.</p> <p>A. Louka states he is on that meeting as well and feels like the PEMS region is well-positioned with our current (revised) protocol. One of the issues brought up at the medical directors meeting was whether by extending the transport time to CSC out to 30 minutes, this might exclude someone from getting tPA that may have otherwise gotten it if transported to a PSC first.</p> <p>D. Thomas questions if next protocol update should include language that if patient appears to be having an LVO but is outside the tPA window of 3 ½ hours to contact medical control. Dr. Louka thinks this may be a good idea, but could complicate things for the provider.</p> <p>T. Ackerson asks if any research is showing how many patients where PSC are being bypassed for a CSC are actually getting an intervention, and how many are getting only tPA anyway. D. Thomas states that O. Gossage and P. Ramakrishnan were collecting this data and use of a RACE score when we first began using it, and she reported on it at the VSSTF and the International Stroke Conference the following year. D. Thomas will ask P. Ramakrishnan for the summary data since some of our committee members were not here when the study was done.</p> <p>More discussion.</p> <p>K. Warren makes motion that we leave our protocol as it is until we get clarification from AHA that indicates we should make a change or more information from the State Medical Direction committee.</p> <p>G. Neiman seconds motion. Unanimous approval.</p>	Get summary of RRMC/PEMS Stroke Trial with RACE score.	D. Thomas/P. Ramakrishnan for next meeting. 7-8-21

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Good of the Order	<p>G. Samuels reminded everyone that EMS Week is May 16-23<sup>rd</sup> and states Bon Secours is doing some good stuff for providers that entire week, encourages all hospitals to do the same. G. Neiman mentions that it is Nurse's week the week before EMS Week so we need to be sure to show them love as well.</p> <p>D. Thomas reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EMS Day at Busch Gardens – Cancelled</li> <li>b. Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium – April 16, 2021</li> <li>c. RRMC Stroke Symposium – June 4, 2021</li> <li>d. Virginia EMS Symposium – November 3-7, 2021</li> <li>e. Virginia State Stroke Task Force Meeting – April 16, 2021</li> <li>f. VCU Stroke Symposium – May 14, 2021</li> </ul> <p>D. Thomas verifies attendance as recorded above.</p> <p>M. Doak makes a motion that we adjourn. G. Samuels seconds. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.</p>		
Next Meeting	<b>The next meeting of the PEMS Stroke Committee will be July 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.</b>		