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### PEMS Stroke Triage Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2022

**Meeting Location:** PEMS & MS Teams

**Chaired By:** Dana Gibler

**Begin Time:** 1300

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

**Minutes Submitted By:** D. Thomas

**Draft: Approved Date:** 10-13-22

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Bonnaville, Frances	Baker, Tara	Thomas, Debbie	Johnson, Molly (Proxy for S. Williams)
Doak, Melissa	Baylous, Denise	Louka, Amir	Main, Cody (Proxy for M. Jensen)
Duck, Nicole	Brown, Heather (technical difficulty)	Veach, Travis	
Gibler, Dana (Chair)	Duryea, Kristie		
Neiman, Greg	Fibish, Sue		
Ramakrishnan, Pankajavilli	Gossage, O'Brien		
Samuels, Gary	Houde, Paul		
Snow, Katie	Jenkins, Kacey		
Szvetecz, Tiffany	Jensen, Matt (by proxy)		
	McClain, Scott		
	Middaugh, Bradley		
	Mitchell, Cathryn		
	Mode, Katelyn		
	Packett, Lauren		
	Prata, Anthony		
	Quinerly, Nikosha		
	Singalewitch, Susan		
	Smith, Matt		
	Stevens, Stacie		
	Tomlin, Tommy		
	Warren, Kim		
	Williams, Shannon (by proxy)		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	D. Gibler called meeting to order at 1:04 pm		
Introductions	Introductions made and attendance noted as above. Two guests attended as proxies for S. Williams & M. Jensen.		
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from April 2022 were approved w/o changes. Motion by A. Louka to approve. Second by F. Bonnaville. Motion approved.		
Membership Changes	ADD: Katie Snow. Motion to approve changes by M. Doak. Second by Louka. Motion approved.		
Staff Report	<p>D. Thomas reports that EMS Day at Busch Gardens was a great success. Congratulates all winners of the Regional EMS Awards. Notes that winners represented on this committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Samuels (Excellence in EMS)</li> <li>• Melissa Doak (Outstanding EMS Leadership)</li> <li>• Nightingale-Scott McClain &amp; Denise Baylous (Outstanding EMS Agency)</li> </ul> <p>She reports that on behalf of EMS providers across the region, PEMS extends our appreciation for all of the EMS Week initiatives by hospitals and other organizations.</p> <p>EMS DATA: D. Thomas reports that she ran reports for the quarter April 1 – June 30, 2022 looking at how well PEMS providers were doing with regard to performing Blood Glucose checks on all suspected Stroke patients and on their use of the RACE stroke evaluation tool. She noted that there was little to no improvement in either data set from last quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BGL Documented: 93% compliance. Reviewed 15 out of 24 outliers. 10/24 were documented in the narrative but not in the vital signs. 5/24 were not documented anywhere. D. Thomas plans to examine the remainder of these reports and report to the individual agencies. Some of these issues may be related to how agencies have their reports set up in ImageTrend.</li> <li>• RACE Scores: 89% compliance. There were 34 outliers. D. Thomas plans to examine all 34 reports and submit a report on these to the individual agencies. As with BGL, some of these issues may be related to how the reports are set up in ImageTrend.</li> <li>• Discussion. D. Thomas asks whether the hospitals are generally seeing that agencies are reporting RACE scores and BGL. Most report they are getting this information, but all state they plan to do outreach education to review, because some reported that a number of providers (especially new ones) they encountered had no idea why they are even doing the RACE scores and there were some errors in performance of it. A. Louka states he is willing to help us with any educational offering. D. Gibler suggests we send out a survey to providers to assess their knowledge of the tool, why it is used, and any challenges they have in performing it. D. Thomas states she has reached out to our new Education Coordinator about providing training on these issues and will work with her to come up with a plan that will include the survey to providers.</li> </ul>	Educational plan & survey	D. Thomas-report at October meeting
Round Table Reports	<p><b>VCU Life Evac</b> – nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Nightingale</b> – no report.</p> <p><b>Bon Secours Mary Immaculate</b> – G. Samuels states nothing significant to report from either stroke coordinators S. Fibish (MIH) or Kristie (RGH) but he notes that MIH will be making the switch from Alteplase to TNK – which will eliminate the need for transfers with alteplase drips hanging.</p> <p><b>Riverside Regional</b> – N. Duck &amp; D. Gibler report they are working on educating and gathering information on Last Known Well times &amp; contact information and why that’s so important. Quite a few staff participated in education at the CNU Soccer camp teaching BEFAST – was a lot of fun and great success. They held their</p>		

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	<p>stroke symposium in June which was quite a success with over 110 people attending either in person or virtually. Their paramedicine program is up and running again.</p> <p><b>Riverside Walter Reed</b> – F. Bonnaville reports they just had their DNV Stroke certification survey which went extremely well. They only had one finding and the surveyor was incredibly complimentary re: a couple of their initiatives; especially with regard to their Inpatient brain attack order sets which enables floor nurses the autonomy to order a CT scan in patients presenting with sudden onset of stroke and on their initiatives with Mathews &amp; Gloucester on the Rembrandt Telestroke trial. They held a community event with the NAACP Health Fair.</p> <p><b>Riverside Doctors' Hospital</b> - no report.</p> <p><b>Sentara Careplex</b> - K. Snow reports she is the new stroke coordinator. Reports they have had some community education and involvement with their healthcare careers camp for youth and they did an outreach at a local PRIDE event.</p> <p><b>Sentara Williamsburg</b> – T. Szvetcz reports they are planning to resume their annual SafeKids Day in October and will have their DNV Stroke Survey in October as well.</p> <p><b>VCU</b> - G. Neiman reports no updates to share.</p> <p><b>Middle Peninsula EMS</b> - no report.</p> <p><b>Northern Neck EMS</b> - no report.</p> <p><b>Peninsula EMS Agencies</b> – M. Doak reports that YCFLS has been doing a big educational push to providers with regard to insuring they get Last Known Well &amp; Contact Info. She states they have changed their ImageTrend software to flag any report for QA review if this isn't documented.</p>		
Old Business	<p>D. Gibler asks if hospitals have been seeing any increase/improvement with regard to ensuring that providers are getting the Last Known Well &amp; Contact information. Consensus seems to be that they really aren't seeing that much improvement, but hopefully educational efforts will begin to impact this. D. Thomas will include this in their educational plan along with RACE and BGL.</p> <p>F. Bonnaville states that the Rembrandt Telestroke initiative with Gloucester &amp; Mathews is going well, but they have had very few patients because the tele-neuro group is only available from 7 p – 7 a and most of their strokes have fallen outside that timeline or have been in-patient.</p>		
New Business	RACE – Everyone will work on finding and implementing educational opportunities to improve RACE score compliance as discussed under staff report. D. Thomas will prepare a survey to send out to EMS providers. Will most likely send to agency leadership and request that they share and have their providers complete it.	Search for Education opportunities for EMS providers	All members
Good of the Order	<p>Virginia State Stroke Task Force meeting is on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. D. Gibler states she hopes to see everyone there – it is in person again, as well as virtual.</p> <p>VCU Annual Rau Ivatory Trauma Symposium at VCU 7-22-22</p>		
Next Meeting & Adjournment	Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2022 Motion to adjourn by G. Samuels. Second by N. Duck. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.		