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**PEMS Stroke Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2023

**Meeting Location:**

Microsoft Teams

**Chaired By:** Dana Gibler

**Begin Time:** 1:05 p.m.

**End Time:** 1:45 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By:** D. Thomas

**Draft:** Approved **Date:** 7-13-23

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Bonniville, Fran	Atkinson, Valerie	Amy Ashe	
Brown, Heather	Baker, Tara	Travis Veach (Facilitator)	
Doak, Melissa	Baylous, Denise		
Duck, Nicole	Davenport, John (Vice-Chair)		
Gibler, Dana (Chair)	Duryea, Kristie		
Houde, Paul	Fibish, Sue		
Jensen, Matt	Gossage, O'Brien		
Louka, Amir	Jenkins, Kacey		
Neiman, Greg	Manthey, Robyn (New Member 4-10-23)		
Sink, Betsy (New Member 4-10-23)	McCartney, Laura		
Smith, Matthew	McClain, Scott		
	Mitchell, Cathryn		
	Packett, Lauren		
	Prata, Jr. Anthony		
	Quinerly, Nikosha		
	Ramakrishnan, Pankajavalli		
	Samuels, Gary		
	Singalewich, Susan		
	Snow, Katie		
	Stevens, Stacie		
	Szvetecz, Tiffany		
	Warren, Kim		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Dana Gibler.		
Introductions	Introductions made as recorded above.		
Meeting Minutes	<p>The minutes from the previous regular meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 presented for approval. Motion by M.Smith to approve the minutes. Second by F. Bonniville. Minutes approved.</p> <p>The minutes from the special called meeting on February 2, 2023 presented for approval. Motion by M. Doak to approve the minutes. Second by H. Brown. Minutes approved.</p>		
Membership Changes	<p>The following membership changes were proposed:</p> <p><b>ADD:</b> Betsy Sink (James City County Fire Dept)  <b>ADD:</b> Robyn Manthey (Westmoreland County EMS)  Motion by Fran Bonniville to approve the additions. Second by Melissa Doak. Membership additions approved.</p> <p><b>REMOVE:</b> Bradley Middaugh (JCCFD)  <b>REMOVE:</b> Tommy Tomlin (Northumberland Vol. Rescue Squad)  <b>REMOVE:</b> Shannon Williams (Riverside Walter Reed Hospital)  Motion to approve the removals by M. Doak. Second by M. Smith. Membership removals approved.</p>		
Staff Report	<p>T. Veach facilitated the meeting for D.Thomas who was attending the ESO Conference in Texas.</p> <p>The 4QFY24 deliverables for PEMS were made to the Office of EMS.</p> <p>D. Thomas &amp; F. Bonniville delivered Stroke Awareness Presentation to Fiddler’s Crossing Retirement Community on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Debbie created PowerPoint, the Stroke Virginia magnets and cards and made a presentation. Fran provided lots of great swag from RWR and fielded many questions. The questions were thoughtful and the audience very engaged and appreciative. They have another presentation scheduled for 4/20/23 at the Coleman’s Crossing Retirement Community.</p> <p>PEMS is still accepting nominations for the Regional EMS Awards until Friday, 4/15/23. (The date was misstated during the meeting-correcting made to the date for the minutes.)</p> <p>EMS Day at Busch Gardens is scheduled for 5/20/23 with more detailed information with regard to tickets, etc. will be available in the coming weeks.</p>		
Old Business	<p>Travis reports for D. Thomas with regard to establishing benchmarks and goals for Stroke performance within the region.</p> <p>D. Thomas reported that she brought this topic up at the last Regional PI Coordinator meeting. Every council sets their benchmarks differently and each committee determines them. Most used the national standards as a guide and only review individual reports that fall <i>outside the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile</i>. D. Thomas believes after speaking with them, that the PEMS region is doing really well overall. Another issue that is prevalent across the councils, are problems with validation of EMS reports from the agencies. Agencies with large numbers of rural agencies seemed to have the most problems. Some councils are <b>not</b> tracking validation reports. PEMS and TEMS are two that do not. Initially, M. Player told D. Thomas that we did not track for failed reports because</p>		

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	<p>it is outside the council’s scope and it is the individual agency’s responsibility to run monthly validation reports and fix any failed/incomplete records as soon as possible. That said, D. Thomas will begin running validation reports for the entire region each month and report to the Emergency Operations Committee. Since contacts at the agencies shift and change, we aren’t positive that OEMS notifications regarding the failed records are being received/passed on/acted on. This makes any data inaccurate since we may not be pulling all the reports.</p> <p>Rembrandt Project: F. Bonnaville reports they have not yet used the telestroke protocol, although Gloucester had two calls that would have been included if the iPads had been on the truck. Since the same truck isn’t always available for a call, she has asked Jay about adding 3 new iPads, to insure there is always one on any truck that responds. The relaunch of the program is still in progress.</p>		
New Business	<p>T. Veach presented a Stroke Orientation for the group via PowerPoint. Every coordinator at PEMS has been tasked with developing and delivering orientation presentations for each of their committees. As new members join the group, they will be receiving the orientation to help them acclimate to the workings and expectations of the committee. The PowerPoint information will be available on the Microsoft Teams site for members to review.</p> <p>D. Thomas was unable to obtain the EMS Data for a report prior to this meeting. She will include the regional data in an email to the committee <b>and</b> include it on the Teams site for your review within the next couple of weeks.</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Round Table (Stroke reports, observations/concerns/patient care improvement, education outreach etc.)</p> <p><b>Air Ambulance Services:</b>  VCU/LifeEvac – nothing new to report.  Nightingale – not present/no report</p> <p><b>Bon Secours</b>  Mary Immaculate – not present/no report  Rappahannock General – Not present/no report</p> <p><b>Riverside</b>  <i>Riverside Regional Medical Center</i> – N. Duck reports that they have been extremely busy and focused on the delivery of prehospital EMS care for Strokes. They recently completed 3 full days covering all shifts at Hampton Fire Department. There was lots of great feedback and interaction. They have plans to do the same thing with Newport News Fire Department and are working with M. Doak to offer training at York County Fire &amp; Life Safety as well. They are hosting Riverside Health System’s Stroke Symposium on <b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b> at the Marriott Hotel in City Center in Newport News.</p> <p><i>Riverside Walter Reed Hospital</i> – F. Bonnaville provides a report on stroke numbers for January and February 2023. In January they had 22 stroke alerts with 8 brought in by EMS. A RACE score was provided for 7 of the 8 with 2 of those having a RACE of 5 or greater. 1 patient was sent to RRMC with a DIDO of only 119 minutes. The other got tPA. During February they had 19 stroke alerts and 8 of those arrived via EMS. 2/8 had RACE scores of 5 or greater. 1 had an LVO and was transferred to RRMC and one got tPA. Out of the 19 stroke alerts for January 3 got tPA.</p> <p>Fran reports that she is having a lot of difficulty getting run reports out of the system. For the month of January, she is still missing 4 EMS records. She asks if other hospitals are having the same issues.</p>		

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	<p>D. Gibler states they are working to incorporate ESO data with EPIC for HDE availability. They have had an occasional problem, but usually not. N. Duck states the same. F. Bonnville states she heard that maybe the agencies were so busy they aren't getting their reports done on time. M. Doak states they are required by state legislation to have their EMS ePCR complete and submitted within 12 hours of the call. If they are not doing so, they are not in compliance with the regulations. G. Neiman tells F. Bonnville to check in ImageTrend database as well. A couple times the reports didn't roll into the state repository and the report was still in the ImageTrend database. He states that the <i>more likely</i> problem is due to validation issues. If a report cannot be validated, it will not show up in the ESO database for review until the agency fixes whatever issue caused it to fail or the report is completed and locked.</p> <p><i>Riverside Doctor's Hospital</i> – not present/no report.</p> <p><b>Sentara</b>  <i>Sentara Careplex</i> – not present/no report  <i>Sentara Williamsburg Regional Hospital</i> – not present/no report</p> <p><b>VCU</b>  <i>VCU-Richmond</i>: G. Neiman states they are working toward getting their records into ESO's HDE database.  <i>VCU-Tappahannock</i>: G. Neiman states he received an email from Lauren Packett with VCU Tappahannock with kudos to King &amp; Queen for early recognition and fast turnaround of a Stroke patient. The EMS crew and the ED had great collaboration and within 26 minutes of arrival at VCU the patient had a drip established and was cleared for transport directly to VCU-Richmond.</p> <p><b>Middle Peninsula</b> – H. Brown states nothing to report.  <b>Lancaster County EMS</b> – M. Smith states nothing to report.  <b>Hampton Fire</b> – P. Houde offers kudos to N. Duck and her team from RRMC for the excellent training they provided. He states it was very well received; lots of good comments about it.  <b>James City County</b> – A. Louka states nothing to report. B. Sink states nothing to report.  <b>York County</b> – While working on the YCFLS submission for Mission Lifeline M. Doak noted it was <i>very</i> heavy on stroke information requirements. She noticed that while YCFLS was documenting the Last Known Well time it was sometimes vague and not an actual time. For example: It may have stated something like LKW was yesterday, gave no time. They have now made this a hard-stop/required field within their ImageTrend ePCRs. They have turned the field red, meaning the provider cannot close the report without a specific value in that field. A. Louka questions why this is necessary to do on an agency-by-agency basis. He states that it should be a mandatory hard stop field for everyone. He states he is going to bring this to the state and ask about it.</p>		
Adjournment	Having no further business to discuss, attendance was verified and a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by N. Duck and seconded by F. Bonnville. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.		
Next Meeting	<b>Thursday, July 13th at 1:00 p.m.</b>		