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PEMS Stroke Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07-13-23

Meeting Location: MS Teams/PEMS

Chaired By: D. Gibler

Begin Time: 13:01

End Time: 13:52

Minutes Submitted By: D. Thomas

Draft: X Approved Date:

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Bonneville, Francis	Atkinson, Valarie	Thomas, Debbie	
Davenport, John	Baker, Tara		
Doak, Melissa	Baylous, Denise		
Duck, Nicole	Brown, Heather		
Duryea, Kristie	Fibish, Sue		
Gibler, Dana (C)	Jenkins, Kacey		
Houde, Paul	Jensen, Matthew		
Manthey, Robyn	McCartney, Laura		
McClain, Scott	Mitchell, Cathryn		
Neiman, Greg	Packett, Lauren		
Samuels, Gary	Prata, Jr., Anthony		
Smith, Matt	Quinerly, Nikosha		
Szvetecz, Tiffany	Ramakrishnan, Pankajavalli		
	Snow, Katie (excused)		
	Stevens, Stacie		
	Warren, Kim		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order and recording began at 13:01 hrs.		
Introductions	Introductions and attendance recorded as noted above.		
Approval of Minutes	D. Thomas notes that she made a change on the draft of April 13 th meeting minutes which had recorded the next meeting date incorrectly. R. Manthey asks that I change the reference to Northumberland county in the membership change section. She is with Westmoreland County. M. Doak makes motion to accept the minutes		

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	with the changes. G. Neiman seconds motion and the minutes are approved.		
Membership Changes	No membership changes this month, but J. Davenport announces that he has accepted a position in NC and that this will be his last meeting. He states that M. Smith (Chief of Lancaster) will announce his replacement before the next stroke meeting and we can make the necessary membership changes at that time. All wish John well, and thank him for his dedicated service to the PEMS region and our committees. D. Thomas also notes that she needs to determine the status of S. Singalewich with SCH-thinks she probably needs to be removed. D. Thomas will ask K. Snow for this information.	Check status of S. Singalewich	D. Thomas/Next meeting
Old Business	No changes in status of old business. D. Thomas states that there hasn't been a lot of movement with regard to decisions about regional benchmarks and that she will discuss further when presenting the data for 2QCY2023 later in the meeting. F. Bonnaville & D. Gibler note that the Rembrandt field trial continues to be delayed as they are waiting to on-board the new telestroke company. They opted not to resume the project until the new company comes on board and they can offer the EMS service 24/7. They believe it could be September or October before things are ready to go again.		
Staff Report	D. Thomas provides staff report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliverables for 4QFY23 were sent to the Virginia Office of EMS as required. • Regional Award Winners: D. Thomas notes that she forgot to pull a list of all of the winners, but that you should be able to find them on our PEMS website. She offers congratulations to Matt Jensen-LifeEvac, who is on this committee for his award for Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS. • EMS Day at Busch Gardens was a huge success. Largest attendance we have ever had with over 300 folks! A great day with great weather and good food. 		
New Business	D. Thomas presents the EMS Data for 2QCY202. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the report is included as an addendum to these minutes. There were no changes with regard to Stroke performance by EMS in the region. Discussed the need to continue to firm up the documentation processes amongst agencies to insure ESO and ImageTrend are recording data in the same places. As a review of outliers often shows the information in the narrative, but not in a data field. This was true for both RACE scores and BGL. D. Gibler asks if there were any known barriers to providers getting BGL. None known. She states she has never not had a BGL reported by EMS. • With respect to scene times, we are still averaging about 18 minutes on scene. D. Thomas suggests continued emphasis on encouraging providers to treat their stroke patients much as they would their trauma patients – with an eye toward getting off scene as soon as possible. • D. Thomas also mentioned the opportunity to work on insuring we have our folks documenting in the correct field when they call in a Stroke Alert to the hospital as it looks like we are only doing this about 34% of the time...in reality, we know it's probably done more frequently than that but isn't documented in such a way that the data can be pulled. 		
Good of the Order	Round Table: Air Ambulance Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Evac – No representative • Nightingale – Per S. McClain no report Bon Secours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Immaculate Hospital – no report. G. Samuels was having connectivity issues and is no longer online. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rappahannock General – K. Duryea states she doesn't have any data today but they have done 5 EMS outreach sessions in their area and all were extremely well received. She also reports that they are getting stroke alerts via EMS nearly 100% of the time, which allows them to immediately activate their stroke team which is essential to having full stroke readiness and ability to transfer out if needed. They really appreciate their folks for this and its making a difference in patient outcomes. <p>Riverside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Regional Medical Center – D. Gibler reports that their stroke symposium on May 5th was very well attended with about 150 people in attendance. She thanks Melissa Doak for their presentations were which terrific. N. Duck reports that they have done a number of community events and have a special Strike out for Stroke night coming up at the Peninsula Pilots game on 7/28. She also states they have done a couple of big EMS education in-services with Hampton Fire Dept and York County Fire & Life Safety and they have a Simulation Lab coming up with Newport News Fire Dept. She mentions they are working on a special project with York County and will provide more details at our next meeting. D. Gibler states they have locked in their Stroke Symposium Date for 2024 on May 3rd. • Riverside Walter Reed Hospital – F. Bonnaville reports on RWR stroke data for the month. States she is still not seeing providers over here giving them RACE scores and they have been getting stroke patients with RACE scores of 7-9 without that information, averaging getting them about 50% of the time. May was 100% so hopefully the education they have done is helping. Discusses how to improve this in their area, and asks if D. Thomas will run a RACE report by agency to see how it differs from the region overall. D. Thomas mentions that previously, when this was a problem at some other hospitals, we decided that it might be best if the hospitals started actually asking the provider for the RACE score on the radio transmission. A couple of times getting caught without it is oftentimes a catalyst for improvement. She also reports they are doing a lot of community events and has a big day coming up on August 5th at Home Depot and later that night at the Abingdon Ruritan Club. • Riverside Doctors Hospital – No report. No representative present. <p>Sentara</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentara Careplex – No report. Representative unable to attend due to family illness. • Sentara Williamsburg Regional – Per T. Szvetcz they have been also been busy with community events and education. They had their system's Stroke Symposium also May 5th on the Southside and it had really good attendance as well. Tiffany states she is happy to know Riverside's date so that maybe they won't have to book them on the same day this time. <p>VCU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCU Main Hospital – Per G. Neiman they have worked with ODEMSA to incorporate a pediatric stroke protocol with the hope to increase awareness that children can have strokes as well. • VCU Tappahannock – No report. No representative attending. <p>EMS Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Peninsula – No report. No representative attending. • Northern Neck – M. Smith states no report from Lancaster. • Northern Neck – R. Manthey states no report from Westmoreland County. • Peninsula Agencies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hampton Fire Dept. – P. Houde states nothing to report. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ James City County Fire Dept. – No report – no representative attending. ○ York County Fire & Life Safety – M. Doak thanks RRMC for their education sessions and looks forward to being able to share information on a project they will be working on together. She states YCFLS has been working hard on Mission Lifeline initiatives and that it was very stroke-heavy this year. They got the Mission Lifeline Silver EMS recognition award. She notes that stroke was a weak point for them in their documentation...suggests to all agencies to make heavy use of the red flags/hard stops to force providers to put the information where it belongs. 		
Important Dates	VSSTF Meeting – Chesapeake Virginia – July 21 st 2023		
MIR	No MIRs surrounding stroke were submitted this quarter.		
Adjournment	M. Doak makes a motion that we adjourn the meeting. P. Houde seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 13:52 hours.		
Next Meeting	Thursday, October 12th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.		

PEMS Stroke Data

Quarterly Report to PEMS Stroke Committee

April 1 – June 30, 2023

2QCY2023

PEMS Average Stroke Scene Times 4-1-23 thru 6-30-23



