

EMS Performance Improvement Committee Minutes

TEMS - June 11, 2015 13:30

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Alternate's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Eastern Shore	Mary Fitchett	X (phone)		
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg	X (phone)	Forest Winslow	
Franklin	Vince Holt		Ricky Grizzard	X (phone)
Norfolk	Greg DeYoung		Dan Norville	X (phone)
Portsmouth	Jeff Myer	X (phone)	Amy Ward	X (phone)
Suffolk -Chair	John Hoffer			
Virginia Beach	Jerry Sourbeer	X		
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley	X		
Isle of Wight (Volunteer)	Katrina Geoff			
Southampton	Annie Griffin			
Shore Memorial	Bonnie Enoch			
Portsmouth Naval	Frank DoSantos			
Chesapeake Regional	Sherwood Moore			
Bon Secours	Monica Reed		Travis Mitchell	x
Depaul				
Harborview				
OBICI				
Maryview	Terrica Norman			
Sentara Systems	Shannon Ferguson		Jocelyn Danci	
Norfolk General	John Agola			
Sentara Leigh	Amy Smith Peard	X		
Sentara Princess Anne	Tracy Flood			
Bell Harbor	Alicia Petrukus			
Beach General	Chris Roberts		Mark Day	
Commercial EMS (MTI)	Darren Clark	X		
Dispatch	Liz Beatty			
OMD	Joel Micheal			
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Anthony Sickell	X (phone)		
Nightingale	Denise Baylous		Skip Hall	
CHKD Transport Team	Lisa Hawkins			
TEMS Staff	Jay Porter	X		
VA OEMS	Wayne Berry			
Guests				
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guest's Name</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	

- Welcome and Introductions were made and the adoption of the April 12th minutes were approved as written.
- Case Reviews: The group came to the conclusion that as long as there weren't any patient identifiers provided discussing case reviews via conferencing would not violate any HIPA laws.
 - SPA – Swollen Legs —70-year-old patient brought into ER for shortness of breath swollen legs and history of a fib. Vital signs BP 182/83, pulse 86, no respiratory rate given with room sats at 91%. Main complaint from ED was patient was not placed on oxygen until asked for by nurse. Patient was not placed on monitor due to BLS crew. According to PPCR no mention of shortness of breath room sets obtained were 99%, 87%, and five minutes later 96%. There was no documentation of oxygen being given according to narrative Sentara Princess Anne Hospital was mentioned but patient transported to Sentara Leigh Memorial Hospital under disposition. The biggest issue found appears to be documentation of patient status and events.
 - Bon Secours – Hospital Closure - received from Bon Secours on the day Mary view Medical Center went into closure. The PI form completed listed all the reasons why the hospital when the closure. There were several patients received in the facility and the closure is not due to lack of staff but lack of equipment. The hospital ran out of monitors and had acute patients that needed to be monitored and in the interest of patient safety a decision was made to go closure. Administration was notified and enter disaster plan followed, all efforts made work to prevent going into closure status. No STEMI, stroke or cardiac arrest patients were diverted by the hospital during the closure. The day of the closure was March 25, 2015. Bon Secours initiated the PI form and as a result of the closure additional equipment has been acquired

to be placed in ED to hopefully prevent closures in future. According to the group this was a proper usage of the closure policy.

- Belle Harbor – STEMI (not discussed)
- New Business:
 - Jay Porter reported to group the number of Lasix usage in 2014 was administered 385 by all the agencies in the TEMS region. The group would like to get more data regarding if there was proper hospital CHF diagnosis with use of Lasix for the next meeting.
Travis Mitchel mentioned the intent of gathering this data would be to use the PI process to validate the protocol and its continued utility of Lasix in a pre-hospital setting, particularly of a patient in respiratory distress.
Jay will poll the data from 2014 and forward the dosage and transport information out to the group.
Travis Mitchell will help with obtaining data from Bon Secours and Amy Smith Peard will Sentara information.

Dates to remember located at www.tidewaterems.org

**The next meeting of the EMS Performance Improvement Committee will be August 13, 2015
@ 1330 at Tidewater EMS Council, Inc. 1104 Madison Plaza Ste. 101 Chesapeake VA 23320**