

**Post-Acute Care Committee**  
**Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services**  
**Embassy Suites, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294**  
**August 1, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m.**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>OEMS Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
<b>Beth Broering</b>	Dr. Margaret Griffen	Tim Erskine	Tanya Trevilian
<b>Lauren Carter-Smith</b>	Renee Garrett		Walter Heemer
<b>Charles Dillard</b>	Emily Jones		Mary Kathryn Alley
<b>James Giebfried</b>	Macon Sizemore		Erin Nowlin
<b>Lisa Katzman</b>	Heather Asthagiri		Stephanie Boese
<b>Anne McDonnell</b>			Michel Aboutanos
<b>Donna Rotondo</b>			Kathy Butler

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<b>I. Call to order, Welcome &amp; Introductions:</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Everyone around the room introduced themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Transcript has been posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall.</li> <li>b. Approval of today’s agenda – Approved by consensus</li> </ul>	
<b>II. Chair Report:</b>	Dr. Griffen was not present. Tim Erskine sat in for Dr. Griffen. A handout was given of the chair report.	
<b>III. Feedback from Committee Member Crossovers:</b>	<p>Before the Crossover Member reports were given. Dr. Aboutanos summarized the Leadership Planning Session that was held in June. He stated that all of the committees should be aligned as to where are we now, where we want to be, the process of getting there and the timeline to get there. He wants each committee to never lose sight of the mission and vision of the Trauma System Plan. Most of the committees are focusing on data so we need to look at what we need the data for, data we currently have, what additional data do we need to get and what is the timeline to get the data. In addition, at the planning session, there was discussion about quality metrics and a 5-year plan. Year one will be a concentration of the data needed. Dr. Aboutanos also explained what is expected years 2 through 5. The first report will be released in December. Each committee will work with the System Improvement Committee on the data.</p> <p>Anne McDonnell stated a good part of the last System Improvement meeting was spent discussing and reviewing the National Quality Forum Criteria.</p> <p>Beth Broering reported that one of the Acute Care discussion topics was centered on the Trauma Designation Manual revisions. They did a crosswalk of the ACS NTDB standards to ensure that they were similar or the same. They also noted the differences. No additional work was done on this and will be revisited today.</p>	

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	<p>Erin Nowlin reported that the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee worked through providing an understanding of the healthcare coalitions across the State. The committee discussed their capabilities and the resources they provide within their regions.</p> <p>There were no updates from the Injury and Violence Prevention or Prehospital Care committees at this time.</p>	
<p><b>IV. Comprehensive listing of regional rehab and post-discharge facility resources:</b></p>	<p>The last meeting discussion was to clarify issues surrounding data sources. James Giebfried stated that the last meeting discussion was also about getting a list of accredited rehab facilities as well as a Medicare listing. It was unclear who was responsible for getting the lists. Tim Erskine asked if inpatient rehab facilities have to be CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited. The response from the committee was no. The other thing is to define what an inpatient facility is. The committee continued to discuss inpatient facility matters. As the committee continued their discussions, they came up with a list of possible resources:</p> <p>Brain Injury Association  Virginia Department of Licensure  VHHA and VHASS  Group Homes  Tri-Care for military personnel  Medicaid for pediatric long-term care facilities and inpatient rehab  Virginia All Payer Claims Database (APDC) (VH &amp; VDH)  Worker's Comp  Veteran's Administration</p>	
<p><b>V. Finalize desired PAC information metrics</b></p>	<p>It was mentioned that we should not overlook the outpatient data such as ongoing therapy and long-term/lifelong needs. With consideration for this, it is harder to collect measurable information. Are they doing FIM scores pre and post? This will have to be investigated. The committee discussed diagnosis codes, scene scores and discharge scores. If we have the mechanism of injury, we can get more information.</p> <p>Tim advised that the committee should use FIM scores as a starting point. When first seen by rehabilitation services, what was their score and what was the score upon discharge. This is where we will get more bang for our buck. So what do we need? Anne stated that the committee should focus on patients that have been in formal inpatient rehab. It may be easier to get information from this group of people. We should aim small, miss small. VCU is getting follow up on brain injury patients. Tim asked about having a TBI presentation of this program. Anne will talk to Macon about this. This may be more pressing than orthopedic rehab per Tim.</p> <p>Stephanie stated we should do a pilot with trauma center and acute rehab that are in the same system. If we can pilot it for 2-3 months, we can figure out what data we truly want. Charles Dillard stated that we</p>	

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	might want to do more than 2-3 months, because trauma is seasonal. Stephanie agreed. The committee continued to discuss this along with standard of care and various evaluation tools.	
<b>VI. Discussion of development of trauma center standards for post-acute discharge facilities:</b>	<p>Being that CHKD is the only Level I pediatric rehab facility in the state, they would be a great place to do some of this work also. Charles Dillard stated that they don't use FIM. Tim stated that we don't have to limit it to FIM or RANCHO, etc. We can at least say what tool was used, what was the admit score and what was the discharge score. Although you can't make a direct comparison, you can say that they made a certain level of progression based on the scores. Though not an exact science, we could use a 1 to 5 or 1 to 10 scale to show improvement.</p> <p>Anne spoke is a company called QMetis that checks software guidelines several times per day for standard of care compliance. This is being used by North Carolina, Michigan and another state that Anne can't recall. She will find out what the plan is for Virginia.</p>	
<b>VII. Public Comment Period:</b>	<p>Walter Heemer introduced himself and stated that he has been involved with EMS for 30 years and has been a practicing paramedic for the County of Dinwiddie for 13 years. He started an organization called Foundation Trauma in 2017. His goal was to change how people lived once they got home following the trauma. This organization is a 501(c) non-profit, charitable organization with a mission to help those who have been critically injured due to no fault of their own. He offers short-term assistance such as give a ride to an appointment and long-term would be renovating a home to make it handicap accessible. He has been in business two years and have helped four families with financial assistance. His organization has paid bills, provided groceries, and paid for gas back and forth to therapy. He is looking for guidance/assistance, sponsorship or advice. He was told to come here for guidance. His focus is Dinwiddie County, but is not limited to that area. He has helped two families that live in Dinwiddie and two other families in Stony Creek. James Giebfried advised that he could work with the county social services, Kiwanis Clubs, or American Legions. He saluted Mr. Heemer for his efforts. Tim asked Mr. Heemer to see him after the meeting as he may have an interesting connection for him.</p> <p>James Giebfried asked Tim to elaborate on the November meeting that is in conjunction with the Symposium. He is not aware of the process. Tim stated that this is new. This is the first time this will be done. There was a mix up with the date on the agenda and Tim will work it out and send out an email notice.</p>	
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 1 p.m. in Norfolk, VA. More information will be sent with the exact location.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:42 p.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:  
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Executive Secretary