

**Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.**  
**Stroke Performance Improvement Committee**  
**June 11, 2015 at 1:00pm**  
**MINUTES**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Alternate's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Eastern Shore	Mary Ann Fitchett	<u>X (phone)</u>		
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg	<u>X (phone)</u>	Forest Winslow	
Franklin	Vince Holt		Ricky Grizzard	<u>X (phone)</u>
Norfolk	Greg Deyoung		Dan Norville	<u>X (phone)</u>
Portsmouth	Jeff Myer	<u>X (phone)</u>	Amy Ward	<u>X (phone)</u>
Suffolk -Chair	John Hoffer			
Virginia Beach	Jerry Sourbeer	<u>X</u>		
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley	<u>X</u>		
Isle of Wight (Volunteer)				
Southampton	Annie Griffin			
Shore Memorial				
Portsmouth Naval	Frank DoSantos			
Chesapeake Regional	Sherwood Moore			
Bon Secours - Chair	Monica Reed	<u>X</u>	Travis Mitchell	<u>X</u>
Depaul	Kathryn Funk	<u>X</u>		
Harborview				
OBICI				
Maryview	Kim Warren	<u>X</u>	Cori Brander	<u>X</u>
Sentara Systems	Shannon Ferguson	<u>X</u>	Jocelyn Danci	
Norfolk General	John Agola			
Sentara Leigh	Amy Smith Peard	<u>X</u>		
Sentara Princess Anne	Tracy Flood			
Bell Harbor	Alicia Petrukas			
Beach General	Chris Roberts			
Commercial EMS (MTI)	Darren Clark	<u>X</u>		
Dispatch	Liz Beatty			
OMD	Joel Micheal			
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Anthony Sickell	<u>x</u>		
Nightingale	Denise Baylous			
CHKD Transport Team	Lisa Hawkins			
TEMS Staff	Jay Porter	<u>x</u>		
<b><u>Guests</u></b>				
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guest's Name</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	
Bon Secours	John Baker, MD			
Sentara	John Agola, MD			
CNS Student	Jpy Huss			

*Minutes prepared by Tonya Cook*

- Welcome/Introductions :  
 Dr. Joel Michael welcome the group. The Stroke PI group approved the April minutes with corrections made to the date.
- New Stroke Care Presentation:  
 Kira Lanier not present so we will move forward with the meeting.
- New Business  
 911 Awareness: The group would like to team up with the STEMI committee to collaborate on the Stroke Awareness campaign. The AHA public service announcement campaign falls in line with what our 2015 goal which will include a host of marketing opportunities to include hospitals and EMS. Dr. Michael appealed to the group for additional resources and ideas.

EVMS has received a grant to include the advanced stroke life support class (ACLS). Porter spoke about the MEND exam, which includes Cincinnati Exam as well as parts of the NIH stroke scale which will enhance the capabilities of EMS providers in the region and evaluation of the stroke patient. As a class that should be considered to be taught within the region and train the must providers the MEND exam for utilization and evaluation of stroke patients.

Dr. Agola presented to the group a talk about the advances and evolution in stroke care as well as the history behind the difference studies about stroke care and devices used in the past as well as the devices and treatments to be utilized in the future. Changes are being made rapidly and some of the technology available was presented to the group. There's a lot of work to be done to educate physicians and staff as well as EMS providers. This continues to be a work in progress and is changing rapidly. Endovascular candidates are low compared to number stroke alerts received. There were several questions regarding the NIH stroke scale and the cut off for treatments. Currently in extra scales of less than six are less encouraging for the physicians. Dr. Agola and Dr. Baker discussed the new evolution of IV TPA candidacy.

- EMS Stroke Case Presentation  
Amanda Pulley will postponed this presentation until the next meeting.
- Dates to remember located at [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org)

**The next scheduled Stroke Performance Improvement Meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2015 at 1:00pm**