

**System Improvement Committee Meeting
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Embassy Suites Hotel, 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294
February 7, 2020
8:00 a.m.**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Valeria Mitchell, Vice Chair	Sherry Stanley	Cam Crittenden	Donna Cantrell
Robin Pearce	Anna Newcomb	Jessica Rosner	Lynette Eanes
Greg Neiman	Michelle Pomphrey	Wanda Street	Tarsha Robinson
Anne McDonnell	Shawn Safford, Chair	Vincent Valeriano	Michel Aboutanos
Marcia Ann Kuhn	Maureen McCusker	Narad Mishra	Taylor Coker
			Kathy Butler
			Mindy Carter
			Mike Watkins
			Mindy Carter
			Chris Miller
			Dan Freeman

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I. Call to order, Welcome & Introductions:	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Under New Business, the student was from VCU, not VSU. The November meeting minutes were approved with one amendment. b. Approval of today’s agenda – Per Valeria, the NQF Criteria will be tabled until the next meeting since Dr. Safford could not be here today. The agenda was approved by consensus. 	The November 6 meeting minutes were approved with one amendment.
II. Chair Report:	No report as Dr. Safford was not in attendance.	
III. Trauma System Committee Updates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trauma Administrative & Governance Committee – Dr. Aboutanos Dr. Aboutanos stated that the TAG meets after this. He suggested that each committee work on the data elements that they need from the System Improvement Committee to include in the quarterly triage report. He would also like each committee to address any quality improvement aspects. There was discussion about setting up a monthly conference call to discuss data quality improvement. <p>A motion was made by Greg Neiman to establish a monthly conference call to discuss data quality improvement. The motion was seconded by Anne McDonnell. All committee member in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.</p> <p>An email survey will be sent to determine dates and times of the conference call for March and April. Valeria will work with Jessica Rosner, who will also be included on the call.</p>	

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	<p>b. Injury and Violence Prevention Committee – The IVP committee met yesterday but there was no one in the room to give the update.</p> <p>c. Prehospital Care Committee – Mike Watkins The PHC committee met yesterday and nominated a Vice-Chair, Ed Brazle. The Medical Direction Committee presented a blood transfusion position paper and we supported it. We had an extensive discussion about traumatic cardiac arrest and requested data elements on it. For this committee, when we looked at data, the second most commonly reported injury is “Injury Not Otherwise Listed”. Head injury was the first most commonly reported injury. We understand that the majority of these patients have multiple injuries, so when a provider has to choose between injuries, what do they choose? We need to provide some direction on what should be selected and make it easier to choose. There needs to be a “Multi-Trauma” choice if it is not already there. Cam mentioned that half of the agencies have their own software, though the majority use ImageTrend. How would we get the others on board with the change? Mike just wants the providers to be able to easily choose multiple-trauma injuries.</p> <p>d. Acute Care Committee – Dr. Aboutanos The ACC met yesterday and discussed updating the trauma designation manual and the designation process. They did not discuss any data needs. Dr. Aboutanos stated that they should focus more on what data they need, such as how is acute care managed across the Commonwealth. How many trauma centers, how many of each levels and compare them in a basic table. This would be a basic start and Dr. Aboutanos will discuss with Dr. Young, the ACC chair.</p> <p>e. Post-Acute Care Committee – Anne McDonnell The PAC committee met yesterday and they received data on how many people were discharged to rehab between 2016 and 2018, including the data on percentage of males and females. The data indicated that only 5.1% of patients went to rehab, which equaled 6,879 of 134,439 patients. The committee felt this was incredibly low. They also received a list of adult and pediatric inpatient rehab beds across the Commonwealth as well as a list of all the SNiFs (Skilled Nursing Facilities). Robust discussion was held about data accuracy. For the next meeting, they discussed getting information on the requirements of being a rehab facility or a SNiF.</p> <p>f. Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee – The EP&R committee is meeting right now. Dr. Aboutanos stated that there should be data collected in regards to preparedness. There should also be a report of who is doing Stop the Bleed and where as part of this committee’s data report. Robin stated that she would like to know who is doing multi-agency drills, where they are being held, and who is involved. Mike Watkins stated that this information may be hard to capture unless you have some regional point of contacts.</p>	

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IV. Public Comment Period:	None.	
V. Unfinished Business:	<p>a. Review current data from OEMS Epidemiology Narad Mishra presented the report stating that it was created as of January 27, 2020. Dr. Aboutanos asked about back, neck and spine injuries. This is based on the EMS provider input. Cam suggested going back to look at the data and the narratives to see what the provider is entering. It was suggested by Lou Ann to show the top 5 or 10 non-trauma facilities that the patients went to. Dr. Aboutanos agreed. Valeria stated that this would help with education and follow-up with non-designated centers. Cam stated that supplemental reports can be added. We don't want to keep changing the triage report. The committee continued to discuss the report as Narad and Jessica explained the data.</p> <p>It was requested that the report is given at the Prehospital Care Committee meeting by one of the epidemiologists.</p> <p>b. Review of NQF Criteria This topic was tabled until the next meeting.</p>	
VI. New Business:	None.	
VIII. Adjournment	<p>NEXT MEETING: The next meetings will be May 8 and August 7, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Richmond.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:53 a.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:
Wanda L. Street
Executive Secretary