

Lord Fairfax EMS Council  
Combined meeting of the  
Performance Improvement and  
Trauma Performance Improvement Committees  
August 26, 2008

Members present: Donna Dofflemyer, RN, WMH, Lisa Wells, RN, WMC Trauma Nurse, Jon Henchel, WFR Career, Ron Stickley, SVRS Volunteer, Larry Oliver, FCFRD Career, Tommy Price, FCFRD Volunteer, and Tracey McLaurin, LFEMSC.

The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by Ron Stickley. Updates on the status of the committees were discussed. Roster was updated and signatures obtained.

The minutes were approved with the correction of the next meeting date being corrected.

There was discussion from the committee on some members not being able to attend every meeting and it was recommended that members car pool to reduce cost.

It was discussed that OEMS has granted approval for both committees to meet at the same time to increase the productivity of the group per the request of the committee at its last meeting.

The committee was notified that the LFEMSC Board of Directors at its last meeting approved the TPI/PI schedule, template, worksheets, and process for the FY09 contract period which began on July 1, 2008. The LFEMSC Medical Direction Board requested and approved the items for the QA process at its last meeting. Julie Miller was recognized for her hard work on completing the template and worksheets. All forms are due to Ron Stickley at the end of the month following the quarter being evaluated. The Medical Direction Board asked to be notified of any noncompliance from the agencies.

The Medical Direction Board asked that the agency provider list be submitted at the same time the templates are reported to Ron Stickley. They want to know who is providing care in their respective jurisdictions.

Winchester Medical Center's QI program is working well. The committee's topic for review was four (4) cases of providers operating out of the protocols. Each OMD was notified and each case handled by the jurisdictional OMD.

The program will be installed in each of the Valley Health hospitals in the future. It was reported that there are other cases in the region where the jurisdiction OMD handled the complaints. It was noted that the LFEMSC has no jurisdiction

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over noncompliance with providers operating out side of the regional protocols. The burden lies on each OMD.

Ron Stickley reported that the program will enhance the PI and QA of the LFEMSC region.

Ron Stickley is a member of the Winchester Stoke PI committee. The stroke committee requested that the council perform a process for field providers to track transports of stoke patients. They would like to see the number of patients whose symptoms are identified within 2.5 hours of onset that are being transports to outer lying hospitals and not to WMC for the Code CVA. They suggested the use of air ambulance to transport in such cases where ground transport is grater than air time. Kelley Keener indicated that Aircare does transport a small number of patients to the Stroke Center.

Winchester Medical Center has requested that any provider having problems with the current c-collar being replaced by the hospital to please send Lisa Wells an email with their concern.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 25, 2008 at 1900 hours in the joint training room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ron Stickley*

Ron Stickley  
EMS Systems Planner