

*Southwest Virginia EMS Council, Inc.*  
**Stroke Triage Committee**  
**Southwest Va. EMS Council**  
**March 21, 2019**  
**5:30 pm**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Carla Guntter Emily Nutter Jamie Johnson Cody Jackson Tammy Wright	Susan Gill Brigetta Collins Amanda Vanover Anita Perry Delilah McFadden	Maggie Haynes	

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.	
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Introductions were made to include members present and members on the phone. Maggie Haynes thanked participants for their attendance at the meeting.	
<b>Approval of draft minutes</b>	The previous meeting minutes were discussed and approved with a correction made to the start time. The previous minutes read “5:0” instead of 5:00pm. The minutes were corrected and approved.	
<b>Reports/New Business</b>	<p>Jamie reported for Bristol Regional Medical Center. She reported there have been 63 stroke codes so far this year with 13 tPA administrations and 5 transfer outs. She also reported the communications center has been moved out of Bristol ER to one centralized communication center. She reported they are working thru this change. Jamie also reported after her educational outreach to EMS agencies she is seeing an improvement in EMS stroke assessments. There was a discussion about BRMC’s stroke protocols and treatment processes. They are calling stroke codes up to 24 hours.</p> <p>Emily Nutter reported for Johnston Memorial Hospital. She reported that in January they had 19 stroke codes and 16 in February. She reported tPA was administered once each month this year. She reported there have been some issues with calling stroke codes and delays, but they are working to correct those issues. Their survey window opens March 25, 2019. She also reported they just signed a contract with Novant teleneurology and are optimistic this will help with some of the issues and delays.</p> <p>Carla Gunter reported for Twin County Regional Hospital. She reported they had 104 stroke codes in 2018 and administered activase 23 times. She said the amount of stroke codes being called is up from previous years and believes this is due to their educational efforts with EMS agencies and the public. Carla reported in the last quarter of 2018 50% of their stroke codes arrived by EMS and in 2017 80% of their stroke codes arrived by EMS. She reported they call a stroke code up to 4 hours and in the 4-24 hour window they call a Dawn alert. Carla also reported they are using Novant teleneurology and in</p>	

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	<p>December they had a 13 minute patient contact to teleneurology video window. In March they gave activase in 20 minutes with teleneurology. She reports it is going well with them. She reports they have given activase 5 times this year and all were under 45 minutes. Their average time in 2018 was 49.8 minutes from door to drug.</p> <p>Cody Jackson reported for Wings Air Rescue. He had nothing new to report. Cody said they switched to a new documentation program and are still learning how to pull data from that system.</p> <p>There was no report for Ballad One.</p> <p>Tammy Wright reported for Holston Valley Medical Center. She reported their conversion rate for hemorrhagic strokes is 3%. She also reported they use the BE FAST scale.</p> <p>The current Stroke Triage Plan was discussed. A motion was made to make no changes to the plan at this time. The motion was passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	Maggie discussed the presentation that was sent out by Dr. Patel from the Get Ahead of Stroke Campaign. Maggie informed committee members they could contact Dr. Patel with any questions about the presentation.	
<b>Next Meeting &amp; Work Session</b>	The next meeting will be June 20 at 5:30 PM.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:

Maggie Haynes

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