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## ***Medical Advisors Committee***

12/05/07

### **1 Call to order**

Dr. Cheryl Lawson called to order the regular meeting of the Medical Advisors Committee at 14:02 on December 05, 2007 in the TEMS Conference Room after the Joint MAC meeting.

### **2 Introductions**

The following members were present:

- Dr. Cheryl Lawson
- Dr. Chris Haas
- Dr. Chris Baker (proxy to Jason Monk)
- Dr. Amy Burford (voted on)
- Kim Conner (Harper) (voted on)

The following PEMS representatives were present:

- John Cooke
- Jeff Meyer
- Jo Richmond
- Tom Ezell

The following guests were present:

- Dr. Amy Burford (voted on as new member – York County Fire and Life Safety)
- Kim Conner (Harper) (voted on as a new member – Emergency Nurses Assoc. to replace LouAnn Miller)
- Thom Schwalenberg – York County Fire and Life Safety
- Jason Monk – Hampton Fire Department

### **3 Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following changes: Dr. Amy Burford to be moved to guest and on page 2, in paragraph nebulizer changed to nebulized.

### **4 Business**

#### **a ALS Coordinator**

1. **Windle Day** – Physician's Assistant with the trauma service at Riverside Regional Medical Service. Mr. Windle not in attendance, supporting physician Dr. Cheryl Lawson. - Approved



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2. **Kim Conner (Harper)** – ER Nurse at Riverside Regional Medical Center, would like to offer CE credit hours for the medics who work at the hospital - Approved
  3. **James Todd** – Not in attendance – Will need to start process over
  4. **Andrew Waters** - Mr. Waters not in attendance, supporting physician Dr. Cheryl Lawson. He is a Lt. with York County Fire and Life Safety and works at Ft. Eustis. - Approved
  5. **Devin Basye (previous conditional approval)** – Mr. Basye not in attendance, nor was supporting OMD, Dr. James Dudley. Paperwork not complete. – Will need to start process over.
- b New OMD**
1. **Dr. Amy Burford** – York County Fire and Life Safety – Dr. Burford has taken the OMD class and was approved by the Committee.
- c PPP Committee – The following protocols with changes will be rolled out in February 2008**
1. **019 ALS Airway Management** –
    - (1) If available \* moved above Peninsulas EMS Council, Inc.
    - (2) #5 b. “Single or” added before Multi-Lumen
  2. **CPAP** –
    - (1) Clinical Indications to read: The CPAP device should be considered in all patients who present with inadequate ventilation. This could be a result of pulmonary edema, pneumonia, COPD, near drowning etc.
    - (2) INDICATIONS should be added before “The CPAP device should be applied to all patients in whom:
    - (3) Under indications: Respiratory rate >24 add “with signs and symptoms of respiratory distress
    - (4) Add PRECAUTION under Contraindications
  3. **12 Lead ECG (skill)**
    - (1) Upper back pain (non-muscular) was added under clinical indications.
    - (2) Cocaine usage within 24 hours was added under clinical indications.
  4. **ALS Respiratory Distress (new draft)**
    - (1) At the end of criteria #2 removed, “etc.”
    - (2) Under protocol #4 added “Obtain and record ETCO2\*”
    - (3) Under Asthma/COPD #4 was added to read “Consider CPAP\*”
    - (4) On page 2 of the protocol, Stridor section was added.
    - (5) Under Pulmonary Edema, #2 and #5 were added to consider CPAP and obtain 12 Lead ECG.
- d STAT Box Medication Update**
1. Jeff presented information during the joint MAC meeting
- e Protocol Testing**
1. The OMD’s will have copies of all the tests, please go through the tests
  2. After taking the tests, you can log back into the program and review the “coaching report”.
  3. The OMD’s will have access to the beta tests until January.
  4. Selected agencies will begin beta testing Jan 2 – 15.
  5. Schedule is to have the protocol testing process begin Feb. 1 for ALS providers expiring after April 1, 2008.
  6. There are currently 217 questions, more questions will be written.
- f 12-Lead Update**
1. The Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center grant was approved for agencies that transport to their facility.
  2. Mary Immaculate has funding to purchase a receiving station
  3. Riverside Foundation grant has been delayed until April 2008
- g PI Statistical Report**
1. Currently the statistical report is unavailable do to the restructuring of the Performance Improvement Committee Projects.



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2. Conditional approval was received from the Office of EMS in regards to operating with one Committee as long as there is Trauma Surgeon participation.
3. Current projects – Trauma Triage/STEMI transports

## **h Staff Reports**

1. John reviewed information from the Regional Council Study
2. Other staff reports were addressed during the joint MAC meeting

## **5 For the Good of the Order**

- a The State Advisory Committee reported that there is current legislation for EMS provider regarding the reporting of child abuse.
- b Discussion on the transportation of patients to freestanding ER's
- c Discussion on the Exemption from State Testing protocol regarding the verbiage under Procedure #1. Put on hold for the next PPP meeting.
- d Discussion with correct to the Vomiting protocol with a letter and memo to be sent to agencies regarding #6. Should read – “If patient shows signs of dystonic reaction after Phenergan administration, consider *Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) 25mg IV or 50 mg IM.*”
- e Motion by joint MAC during meeting to replace Promethazine (*Phenergan*)\_with Zofran
- f Four Peninsula agencies, York County, Newport News, James City County and Williamsburg have gotten together to put on a lecture series. The January lecture will be on pediatrics with a physician from CHKD. It will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 930 am to Noon at the Newport News Fire Training Center.

## **6 Adjournment**

Dr. Cheryl Lawson adjourned the meeting at 15:23. The next meeting will be March 13, 2008 at 10 am in the PEMS conference room.