

Middle Peninsula Pre-Hospital Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2005

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair; Julie Glover

The following members were present:

Julie Glover	Abingdon VFR
Nola Berlinghoff	MCVRS
Susan Frishkorn, RN	RWRH
Julianne Wanner	AVFR
Scott Little	GVRS

Don Wilson	PEMS Staff
John Davenport	PEMS Staff

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 19, 2005 meeting of the committee were approved as written (Motion by Berlinghoff, Second by Wanner).

Old Business: Don Wilson updated the committee on the following issues:

- Awards Picnic – attendance at the function exceeded 125 and the attendees and award winners expressed much pleasure with the event. Next year, we are inquiring about the possibility of having an EMS Day at Busch Gardens. The Regional agencies will be kept abreast of the developing venue. It was suggested to the Riverside Walter Reed Hospital representative that perhaps they can share the planning and cost of future EMS Week Award events. Preliminarily, that suggestion was met with positive enthusiasm by Ms Frishkorn...more to follow.**

- **The Rural Coalition for Health Education is moving very well with many community leaders signing on formally as members who will work together to help solve EMS training and other issues affecting the delivery of pre-hospital care in our communities in the region. It was reported that Dane Davis is working with OEMS and the community college leadership in the Northern Neck to accommodate EMS education in an institutionalized fashion. It is anticipated that the college(s) will offer their first undertaking in ALS as early as this fall. The council has invoiced OEMS for the RSAF Grant Funding approved for this initiative and will wait further direction of the coalition with respect to expensing the funds.**
- **Announced that the policy regarding the way RSAF Grant Cycles are handled in the region is being rewritten to essentially hold an RSAF “Rodeo” twice yearly (on Saturday) in the council office to hear justification for grant request from all requestors. The Rodeo Committee will be composed of two representatives from each of the three Pre-Hospital Committees and a Chair appointed by the President of the PEMS Board of Directors. This process change is being pursued to level the playing field: the Council is required by contract to priority rank at least the three top items on every grant cycle for the entire region. By consolidating the effort, the end result should be a more consistent and fair iteration each time we relay information to the Financial Assistance Review Committee. The Rodeo will last all day and food and refreshment will be provided to all agency personnel who appear before the committee. The agencies will be carefully scheduled so that time can be managed more efficiently for all concerned. Agencies not appearing for presentation of their justification will receive less than favorable grades unless there are mitigating circumstances which are appropriately communicated to the council office.**
- **The Spring Cycle of the current-year RSAF has been forwarded by the FARC/OEMS for the Governors signature. While final results cannot be divulged until signature is affixed, it was reported that overall, the region appears to have been approved for more than 78% of funding requested.**

New Business:

- **Don Wilson attended the National Scope of Practice public hearing in Alexandria on Monday, June 13 2005 and, in his opinion, the sense of the task force has been greatly changed by public comment in written, video and actual testimony with respect to the following –**
 1. **Creation of the advance practice paramedic is not seen as a viable avenue to pursue**
 2. **EMT-I seems safe in jurisdictions currently using them**
 3. **Physicians view draft as too intrusive on local physician prerogatives**
 4. **Decisions on practice needs to remain a local issue**

- **Susan Frishkorn inquired about the status of the COR Radio enhancement. Don assured her that Dane Davis would update all hospital players on June 22, 2005**

- **Quality Assurance/Improvement – Don Wilson announced that OEMS funding for FY06 included salary for a Quality Assurance Coordinator. Dane Davis is working a new position description to employ a full-time nurse to work these issues. Advertisement for the new position is expected very soon.**

- **Scott Little inquired about the CPAP Mask utilization. *Action item: Tom Ezell is requested to briefly describe the demonstration project which James City has undertaken with respect to the CPAP Mask and to post on the web if appropriate.***

- **Drug Box Demonstration Project – a lot of interest was shown for this project *Action item: Dane Davis/Tom Ezell – please draft a web-based synopsis of the project; which agencies are involved, which hospitals are involved, general project guidelines and when the project is expected to terminate. Please post this information on the web as soon as possible.***

- It was announced that King and Queen are to begin ALS service imminently.
- It was announced that Mattaponi has a new unit.
- An inquiry was made with respect to advertisement for the new PEPP Class offering. *Action item: Dane Davis will inquire of the contractor when the advertising will be accomplished and posted on the website.*
- It was announced that there will be a PEPP Class (additional) at Gloucester VFR on July 23 and 24.
- Don Wilson announced that the FY06 contract funded recruiting and retention initiatives centered on the High School EMT-B Program. The exiting Northern Neck initiative will migrate into Westmoreland and Richmond Counties next year, assuming those jurisdictions desire the programs and that King William has also been included in the contract. The difference between the on-going initiative and the addition of King William is that instead of Rappahannock General Hospital coordinating the entire effort, the migration into King William will be coordinated by the New Horizons VOTEC on the Lower Peninsula. This is being dictated to accommodate comparison analysis between the different approaches. The contract requires that the council prepare a report of the analysis at the end of the school year in 2006.

Good of the order:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. The middle Peninsula Pre-Hospital Committee will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, **August 16, 2005.**

ALERT: Note that the meeting is August 16 **NOT** the date given last evening at the meeting!!!!!!!!!!!!

