

Peninsulas EMS Council, Inc.
Northern Neck Prehospital Committee (NNPHC)

Minutes – 8 June 2005

Riverside Tappahannock Hospital
Tappahannock, Virginia

The NNPHC met in regular session this date.

Officers Present

- Craig Rice

Members Present

- James Brooks, Westmoreland Rescue Squad
- Harold Conley, Richmond County Rescue Squad
- Cindi deCapiteau, Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Cookie Haynie, Northumberland County Rescue Squad
- Scott Hudson, Lancaster County Emergency Services
- Mike Marcon, RGH
- Dave Rundall, Mid-County Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Pam Walker, Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Carl Walker, Upper Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad

Member Agencies Absent

- Mattaponi Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Callao Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Tappahannock Rescue Squad
- Upper King & Queen Rescue Squad
- Eastern Hanover Rescue Squad

PEMS Representatives Present

- John Davenport

Medical Advisors Present

- Jim Dudley

Guests

- None

Minutes

DeCapiteau read the minutes from the March 2005 meeting.

Old Business

John Davenport

Activated Charcoal:

Variance has been granted to remove activated charcoal. Activated charcoal no longer needs to be carried on patient transport vehicles.

Variance for Pediatric Protocols

The matter of pediatric shock pads (variance to carry one set instead of two) is still before OEMS. The state is revamping the supply list; a revised list will be distributed later this year and pediatric shock pads will be specifically addressed at that time. Meanwhile, keep carrying two sets.

Grant Review Subcommittee

Grant requests were reviewed and have been processed. This coming Friday at the Embassy Suites hotel in Richmond, an open meeting of the state grant review committee will conduct an open scoring session for the grant requests. Session starts at 9:00 a.m. Location is Broad & Glenside Sts., Richmond.

The same committee members for the spring grant cycle will be collared to review the grant requests during the fall cycle, according to Craig. Those people should expect to receive another grant package in the fall.

Drug Boxes:

A pharmaceutical company that supplies NTG to the region had its entire operation shut down by the FDA. Regional drug boxes were recalled to the pharmacies and all agencies should have returned them by now. Davenport thanked everybody for their cooperation in the switch out.

Education Coalition

According to Davenport, the Office of EMS is in communication with the chancellor of the Virginia Community College system to begin offering EMS education at CCs. RCC has expressed its interest in conducting an EMT-I class. Discussions are still in process between the state, PEMS, and the higher education institutions. Instructors for these classes must possess a Masters degree and supplies must be organized and procured. This is going to take time. Stand by for further. It's probable, according to Craig, that the classes will not be credited at first, but eventually will be. Dudley lauded this emerging partnership.

Northumberland Emergency Planning

deCapiteau reported on progress for the MCI planning committee

Stat Boxes

State boxes are being piloted in James City County. These boxes contain the most frequently used ALS and BLS drugs. Tom Ezell at PEMS (804) 693-6234 tezell@vaems.org is the contact person if anybody has questions.

New Business

CTS Site

At the last CTS, an evaluator issued a complaint about procedures. Evaluators and table managers need to come from the area where the test site is located. They cannot be associated with the class being evaluated,

which means evaluators cannot be instructors or co-instructors. Evaluators who teach a single class are still eligible to evaluate at a test site. Evaluators are compensated at the rate of \$60 per site. Training for evaluators will be scheduled. Training for table managers is on-the-job. Jeannie Dunston is asking for volunteers for the training. Contact Jeannie at (804) 693-6234 jdunston@vaems.org

Davenport asked squads to please seek volunteers to attend the training and let Jeannie know who they are. Evaluators must be EMT-Bs (at a minimum).

Policies Procedures Protocols Committee

Dr. Link and other committee members have recommended changes to several protocols. They are working to create a concise C-spine rule-out, which will represent a significant change to field practices. The new protocol will match the protocol for the Tidewater EMS Council (TEMS). Other changes are relatively minor. No date has been set for roll out.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be the joint meeting between TEMS and PEMS in October. Craig proposed switching the NNPHC meeting schedule to January, April, July, October, 2nd Wednesday of each month. The joint TEMS/PEMS meeting will be held in October. Scott moved that the NNPHC meeting schedule change effective January 2006, second by Rex Leftridge. No discussion. Adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 07:38.

Next meeting will be in October 2005 at the PEMS office.

