

**Peninsula Prehospital Committee**

**April 9, 2002**

**Mary Immaculate Hospital**

**Present: J. David Barrick Willard Hicks**

**Jim Masten Melissa Holloway**

**Patricia Heisler Tracy Hanger**

**John Cooke Margo Finkel**

**Kathy Hagood Don Wilson**

**James McLean Mark Bohn**

**Ronnie Weston Melissa Doak**

**Cammie Barger Diane Lent-Tucker**

**Ronald M. Lewis Steve Beck**

**Kim Mitchell**

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**Call to Order:**

**Chairman Ronnie Weston called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.**

**Introduction:**

**Ronnie Weston greeted and introduced the committee members. He welcomed SHGH/Careplex ED manager, Margo Finkel, and Mary Immaculate ED Charge Analyst, Kathy Hagood.**

**Minutes:**

**The February 12, 2002 minutes were reviewed. The following corrections were requested. Under the heading of "New Business," bullet #2, Chief Hanger asked that the minutes be changed to indicate "The plan policy is for HEAR notification but in mass casualties the hospitals will be performing roll call on the hospital channel of the HEAR radio."**

**Under the heading New Business, #3 Legislative Action, Don Wilson noted that the reference to Senate Bill SB-3 was incorrect and should be changed to House Bill HB-82. Willard Hicks made a motion that the minutes be amended to reflect these changes and be accepted. The motion was seconded by Melissa Holloway. Motion passed.**

**Review of 2002 Meeting Schedule:**

*June 11, 2002 Location TBA (election of officers);*

*August 13, 2002 Mary Immaculate Hospital (selection of grant review committee)*

*October 8, 2002 Mary Immaculate Hospital – Auditorium A*

*December 10, 2002 TBA*

**Old Business:**

**1. Status of Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)**

*Don Wilson reported that the Oversight Committee met and passed out sign-up sheets to stimulate others to serve on the Committee. Don also stated that the Hospital Operations Committee met and discussed protective equipment and decontamination issues. A problem exists concerning gas masks because one size does not fit all, yet not all designees have been fit-tested or records kept. Don Wilson suggested that a survey be taken to find out who has what, and who has been fit-tested. Additionally, Chief Hanger was concerned about the compatibility of gas masks with MMRS face pieces. All parts should match. Some canisters are not universal.*

**2. Status of Rules and Regulation Review**

*Melissa Doak reported that the Governor signed version 3 on March 19, 2002. A notice concerning the proposed Virginia EMS Rules and Regulations (12VACS-31) will be published in the Virginia Register on April 22, 2002. The April 22 publication date begins the official sixty-day (60) Public Comment Period that will end on June 21, 2002. On Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:00 PM a public hearing on the proposed EMS Rules and Regulations is scheduled at the Richmond Airport Hilton, Richmond, VA. Implementation is expected on January 1, 2003.*

**3. Complaint Procedure for Physicians to Contact Agencies**

*Jim Masten announced that all Peninsula agencies except Langley have brightly colored laminated copies of complaint procedures for physicians to contact EMS agencies. Jim said that he would be available to schedule in-service meetings to explain these procedures to physicians if needed.*

**4. Progress of Minutes on Web Page**

*Peninsula Prehospital Committee Meeting minutes now appear on the web page.*

**5. Nationwide Lasix Shortage**

*Jim Masten expected that for the next six months there will continue to be a shortage of Lasix and Valium. Where there is supposed to be two vials of each medication, there is only one vial of Lasix and one vial of Valium in the drug box.*

## **6. Nitro as a Standing Order**

**Dr. Mitchell informed the Committee that no action has been taken yet by the Medical Advisors Committee to decide if authorizing physicians can issue standing orders for Cardiac Technicians to give up to 3 doses of sublingual nitroglycerin for cardiac treatment.**

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### **New Business:**

#### **1. EMS Disinfection of Drug Boxes**

**Mark Bohn explained that pharmacists at Riverside Regional Hospital now want drug boxes cleaned by EMS agencies of biohazardous matter, such as blood, before returning them.**

#### **2. Legislative Action**

**Don Wilson anticipated that "Four for Life" HB-82 would be signed any day by the Governor. He also said that the Funding Task Force would meet on April 23 or 24 at OEMS. Directors would be asked for input.**

#### **3. Prudential Helping Hearts Grant**

**Melissa Doak announced that AED grants are available from Prudential. While the deadline to apply for a Prudential Helping Heart Grant is Tuesday, April 30, 2002, this is an ongoing program. It has been in effect since 1994. Prudential offers grants of \$1,000 to volunteer EMS agencies to help cover the cost of new portable defibrillators. Squads raise the rest of the purchase price themselves. You can download an application form at <http://www.prudential.com/community/hearts/cmhzz1004.html>. Or call 973-802-8888 to have an application mailed to you.**

#### **4. RSAF Grant Review**

**Willard Hicks related that because the grand grading disk had not arrived at the time the Committee met, final grading did not occur. However, the Committee did grade the grant requests with additional short comments about each.**

### **Staff Reports:**

**Jim Masten stated that the Medical Advisors Committee met on March 14, 2002 and made the following protocol changes:**

- 1. The pediatric dose for Adenocard (Adenosine) had a misprint. The correct pediatric dose is 0.1mg/kg not 1mg/kg.**
- 2. A note has been added to the pharmacology page and the Cardiac dysrhythmias SVT ALS protocol for the use of Cardizem (Diltiazem). A maximum for the doses has been added. The first dose is still .25mg/kg but adds that a maximum of 20mg should not be exceeded. The second dose is .35mg/kg not to exceed 25mg.**
- 3. A new section has been added to the protocols. This is a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) section containing protocols that are instituted when a WMD incident is identified.**

**All agencies and providers are encouraged to update their reference guides to reflect these changes. The new changes are in effect immediately.**

**Good of the Order:**

**1. Needleless IV System**

**Kathy Hagood Charge Analyst of the Mary Immaculate ED, announced that the ER has gone to a needleless tubing and adapter intravenous system. They have removed 10-drip and extension tubing with needle ports.**

**2. EMS Party**

**Mark Bohn invited everyone to an EMS party May 24, 2002 at the Ramada Inn on J. Clyde Morris. Identification is required.**

**3. Volunteers for Nominating Committee of Officers**

**Chairman Ronnie Weston asked for three volunteers to serve as a nominating committee for the upcoming election of officers in June. After no response, the Chairman appointed John Cooke, Mark Bohn, and Tracy Hanger to serve. They are to determine candidates for the position of chairman, vice-chairman, and two at-large delegates to the board of directors.**

**4. Relocation**

***Major Diane Lent-Tucker announced with sadness that this would be one of her last meetings. She will be leaving in July for a new post at the Pentagon to assist the Air Force Surgeon General with Homeland Defense. She said the Langley ED diversion letter had been signed. Don Wilson replied that he would distribute the letter to all EMS agencies in the region. Before she leaves, Major Lent-Tucker also wanted to set up a container for EMS equipment outside the Langley ER door. She also would like to begin a process to upgrade Langley ambulances which are 12 to 13 years old.***

***5. New Emergency Department at Careplex***

***SHGH/Careplex ED manager, Margo Finkel, expected that on April 30, 2002, Careplex personnel would be moving to a new Emergency Department. Ambulance parking would move to the back of the Careplex. She also expected all Hampton General departments would move to the new hospital in December 2002 and the old Hampton General would close. Medical offices would also be moving.***

***Following a motion by Chief Barrick and a second by Jim McLean, Chairman Ronnie Weston adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.***

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Patricia E. Heisler***

***Secretary, Peninsula Prehospital Committee***